



Session 3

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Lumen Gentium

Devotion to the Virgin Mary?

- Joined to Christ the Head and in the unity of fellowship with all His saints, *the faithful must in the first place reverence the memory "of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ"*

Lumen Gentium, §52





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The Virgin Mary surpasses all creatures

- “ Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth.”

Lumen Gentium, §53





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The New Eve

- “ The Father of mercies willed that the incarnation should be preceded by the acceptance of her who was predestined to be the mother of His Son, so that just as a woman contributed to death, so also a woman should contribute to life”

Lumen Gentium, §56





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Salvation and Mother Mary

- “Rightly therefore the holy Fathers see her as used by God not merely in a passive way, but as freely cooperating in the work of human salvation through faith and obedience. For, as St. Irenaeus says, she “being obedient, became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race.””

Lumen Gentium, §56

- “ This union of the Mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to His death [...]”

Lumen Gentium, §57





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Mary our Mother

- “ In this singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the work of the Saviour in giving back supernatural life to souls. Wherefore *she is our mother in the order of grace.*”

Lumen Gentium, §61





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Mary our Model

- “ But while in the most holy Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she is without spot or wrinkle, the followers of Christ still strive to increase in holiness by conquering sin. And so they turn their eyes to Mary who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues.”

Lumen Gentium, §65





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Devotion to Mary

- “ Placed by the grace of God, as God's Mother, next to her Son, and exalted above all angels and men, Mary intervened in the mysteries of Christ and *is justly honored by a special cult in the Church.* Clearly from earliest times the Blessed Virgin is honored under the title of Mother of God, under whose protection the faithful took refuge in all their dangers and necessities.”

Lumen Gentium, §66





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Devotion to Mary

- **Latria** – Adoration, Only to the Trinity
- **Hyperdulia** – Special Veneration to the Virgin Mary
- **Dulia** – Veneration (e.g. Of the Saints)





Reminders

- Read Dei Verbum Chapter 2 and 3
- Documents can be found at
http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/
- Or buy the book:
Volume I: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents
Vatican Council II. Austin Flannery, O.P. 2004. Costello Publishing Company.
- Next class – We're back to the double-classroom
Babysitting will be available

