

Mary and the Saints

Chapter 25 Summary

Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will examine how Mary and the saints embody what it means to be holy and how they are examples to us of what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ.
- The participants will explore more about specific saints and people of faith.

Content Summary

1. An angel announced to Mary, a young woman of Nazareth, that she was to be the Mother of the Son of God.
2. Mary consented with faith and trust. By saying yes to the Incarnation, Mary cooperated in all the work that her Son, Jesus, was to accomplish.
3. Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, recognized Mary as the Mother of God, the *Theotokos*.
4. On the cross, Jesus gave Mary to us as our mother. Thus Mary is also titled Mother of the Church.
5. Because of her faithfulness to Jesus and her love, Mary is our model of holiness. She leads us to Jesus.
6. Mary and the saints are our friends in Heaven. They hear our prayers and are one with God in Heaven.
7. We can also ask our own loved ones who have died to bring our needs to God.
8. The saints show us what it is to live a Christian life of holiness and love. Their examples can inspire us to do the same in our own lives.
9. We celebrate the canonized saints on memorials and feasts throughout the year.
10. All of us, both living and dead, make up the Church, the whole Communion of Saints.

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