

# Glories of Mary - notes

## Ch. I: Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy

- P. 32 “Each of her prayers is, as it were, an established law for our Lord, that He should show mercy to all for whom she intercedes.” Read bottom quote on this page- St. Bernard
- P.33 people fear to approach kings- not so with her...
- P. 33 Her Mercy- she is all sweetness to those who come to her
- “I am the Queen of Heaven and the MOTHER OF MERCY- no sinner so accursed so as to be deprived of my mercy
- **p. 36 STORY - Mary the sinner**

### Section III: The Greatness of the Love She Bears us (p. 48)

- p. 50 the love of all the angels, saints, fathers, mothers does not equal the love BVM has for single soul
- p. 51-52 Mary did not say a word to Pilate defending her Son because on His death our salvation depended

### Section IV. Mary is the Mother of Penitent Sinners (p. 62)

- she told St. Bridget that she is not only the Mother of the just and innocent but of penitent sinners
- p. 62 though a sinner be obstinate in giving up his sin, if he goes to Mary she will assist him
- **p. 65 prayer of a sinner though without merit, is an act which obtains forgiveness...merits of Jesus Christ... “Everyone that asketh, receiveth.”**
- P. 66 “However much a man sins, I am ready to receive him when he repents.” Our Lady to St. Bridget
- Pp.66-67 Canaanite Woman- “Have mercy on me”

- **P. 70 STORY Ernest leaving monastery- devout/assassin/impure/- BVM loosened rope**

## Ch. II: Our Life, Our Sweetness

- Under her mantle, sinners find salvation and grace “In the morning early, I will watch for Thee, and I shall find Thee.”  
Proverbs

- **P. 79 STORY Ellen the sinner- wore Rosary beads concealed; started saying them; repented & went to Confession; Our Lady appeared to her; she persevered in grace tho’ tempted severely**

Section II: P. 81 Mary is our life- obtains for us perseverance

- Final perseverance is a gift and we cannot merit it; must ask for it every day (Bellarmine)
- All the graces God dispenses pass thru the hands of Mary
- P. 84 St. Germanus- the BVM is the breath of Christians: as body cannot live without breathing, the soul cannot live without recourse to her

- **P. 89 STORY Mary of Egypt- 57 yrs in desert**

Section III: Mary Renders Death sweet to her clients p. 92

- St. Andrew Avellino- 10,000 devils came at his death- he turned to a picture of Our Lady – died smiling
- P. 94 David- “For tho’ I should walk in shadow of death, Thy rod and Thy staff...” Psalm 22- the staff is Mary
- P. 95 when a soul is defended by Mary, the devils do not dare accuse it
- Pp. 95-96 BVM helped son of ST. Bridget, Charles. At moment of death tho’ devils accused BVM of... Our Lord drove devils away. Charles had kept his devotion to her.

- Pp. 97- Fr. Suarez- he would willingly exchange all his learning for the merit of a single Hail Mary.
- Pp. 97-100 Many examples of her help at the hour of death

### Ch. III: Mary Our Hope p. 104

#### • **P. 111 STORY- Husband and Wife- jealous...**

### Section II: Mary is the Hope of Sinners p. 114

- Two lights – sun- Our Lord is the sun of justice/ moon – Our lady is the refuge for sinners
- P. 116 – St. Ephrem- ‘she is the hospital of sinners’
- P. 121 “she would be ready to obtain the grace of Lucifer himself, if only he had humbled himself so far as to seek her aid.” Our Lord to His Mother-St. Bridget heard
- P. 123 “there is not in the world any sinner, however revolting and wicked, who is despised or rejected by Mary...”
- Pp. 124 sinner had a vision of his judgment- Our Lady defended and devil accused him – his sins placed on a scale of divine justice; Our Lady placed her hand on scale
- **Pp. 124-125 STORY** sinner - practice of saluting BVM with an Ave

### Ch. IV: To Thee do we Cry... p. 127

- P. 127 blessed are they who devoutly call on the “comfortess of the world...”
- P. 131 “...the angels constantly guard the clients of the Virgin from the assaults of hell.”
- P. 134 “...Mary has no other office than to compassionate us as Mother of Mercy,...”
- **P. 135 St. Francis de Sales- Memorare**

#### Ch.IV- p.138 Section II Greatness of the Power of Mary- QUEEN OF HELL

- “Not only is the most Blessed Virgin the Queen of heaven and of all saints, but she is also the **QUEEN OF HELL** and all evil spirits for she overcame them valiantly by her virtues.”
- “I will place enmities between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her Seed. She shall crush thy head and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel.” Gen. 3:15
- P. 141 the Blessed Virgin rules the infernal regions

#### Ch. V: To Thee do we sigh...weeping: p. 149

I./II. Mary, our Mediatrix

- P.151 God wills that we should obtain all things through the intercession of the BVM
- **P. 161 STORY Vincent -would not renounce Mary**
- Mary cooperated with our salvation in 3 ways:
  1. By the merit of congruity with the Word Our Lord-  
“...Mary, united to Christ in the work of salvation, merited de congruo for us what Christ merited for us de condigno.” St. Pius X (p. 124 Three Ages, Vol. 1)
  2. By having continually prayed for us while she was living in this world
  3. By having willingly sacrificed her Son to God

#### Ch. VI: O Gracious advocate p.179

- Since Mother should have same dominion as the son- Jesus has placed whole Church under her dominion
- “You never denied me anything on earth, I can never deny thee anything in heaven. “ - St. Bridget heard these words
- P182 Cana
- P. 184 she asks with a certain maternal authority
- 184 Valerius stopped attacking Rome b/c of the intercession of his mother

- P. 185 even St. Dominic said that a single sigh of Our Lady is worth more than all the united suffrages of the saints
- P.187 STORY of John ; his Mother told him to say the Hail Mary everyday...

### Section II: So Tender an Advocate...

- P.192 BVM told a sister that after being called Mother of God, she rejoices in being called the advocate of sinners
- “Mary is always ready to pray for all” Abbot Godfrey
- P. 193 – “She is never weary of defending us.” St. Germanus
- 194 “Hail, O court, putting an end to litigation.”
- 195- never fear to go to her- St. Bernard challenges one to try and find evidence of her severity- impossible
- **P. 197 story – Beatrice** – BVM takes her place at convent b/c Beatrice puts keys at feet of statue

### Section III: Peacemaker Between Sinners and God p. 199

- P. 200 Our Lord has provided a mediator to help restore us to grace (St. Bernard)
- P. 202 calls Mary the dove with the olive branch/ dove brought olive branch to Noah; BVM brings Christ to us
- P. 203 Mary is the rainbow around the throne of God to soften the judgment; Apoc. 4;3)
  - Mary is as the moon between heaven and earth ; between God and sinners
- P. 204 chief office of Mary – raise up souls that had fallen
- P.204 “Feed My goats” (cant i:7) goats on left hand; entrusted to her to change them into sheep
- 206 She was made Mother of God to obtain salvation for sinners more than for the just

- 207 how can sinners despair of pardon "Go than, have recourse to her...thou shalt be saved." St. Bernard
- **209 STORY Benedicta- St. Dominic sought her; she fell in and out of sin; saw place in hell and called on Mary**

### Ch. VII: Turn then Thine Eyes of Nercy Towards Us

- P. 212 Devil spoke thru possessed man and told what Mary did- "She ascends and descends"- constantly bringing graces to men
  - Her eyes are on the just and on sinners- a good Mother prevents her children and calls them back
- P. 216 man not to confession for 55 years- he always saluted her and asked her to not to allow him to die in mortal sin
- **STORY P. 220 fraudulent lawyer – became rich and lived n state of sin; daily prayer to Our Lady; monkey that acted as his valet; priest wanted to see this monkey; monkey would not come...**

### Ch. VIII: And After this our Exile...Blessed fruit of Thy womb Jesus

#### I. Mary Delivers Her Clients From Hell

- P. 224 impossible to be lost if one commends oneself to her
- Pp. 224-225 All those who turn from her will be lost
- P. 226 devil does his utmost to turn sinners from her
- P. 229 opinion of many theologians and even St. Thomas, that for many who have died in mortal sin the BVM has obtained from God a suspension of their sentence and a return to life to do penance
- Footnote p. 229- even cases where she obtains chance for a good confession
- P. 230 a few examples- Emperor heard voice from a skeleton asking for a confessor
- **P. 232 story – Poor Richard**

## II. Mary Helps Souls in Purgatory

- P. 234 She has a certain dominion not only to relieve them but to even deliver them from their pains
- P. 235 To St. Bridget, "I am the Mother of all the souls in purgatory...all the pains...every hour..are in some way mitigated by my prayers."
- p. 236 on day of her Assumption- Purgatory was emptied; (237) on day of Nativity and Resurrection she does same thing
- p. 238 Saturday after death; (239)- help Poor Souls by offering the Rosary for them
- **STORY- Alexandra- head cut off by angry relatives of the 2 men who had killed each other b/c of her; St. Dominic called her forth out of well and heard her confession and gave her communion; she died in mortal sin but she was kept alive by BVM b/c of Rosary she would say**

## III. Mary Leads Her Servants to Heaven

- (244-245) "...those who do not serve Mary will not be saved." St. John Damascene
- (249) "Devotion to Mary is a certain mark of eternal salvation." St. Bernard

## Ch. IX: O Clement, O Pia

- P. 259 she is so compassionate that whoever invokes her- she does not question his merits... St. Bernard
- P. 260 "...as the devil goes about seeking whom he may devour,...Mary goes about seeking whom she may save, and to whom she may give life." St. Bernardine de Bustis
- P. 261 many who deserved to be condemned are saved by this Mother of Mercy

## **Ch. X: O Sweet Virgin Mary p. 265**

- P. 270 when devil hears her name pronounced he flies as if from a burning fire
- Gerard Manley Hopkins poem – “The Blessed Virgin Compared to the Air We Breathe”(not in book-point of interest)
- P. 272 her name gives particular strength to overcome temptations against purity
- P. 274 dying should frequently invoke the names of Jesus and Mary
- **P. 276 STORY girl named Mary on walking home at night called on devil to help her...**



