

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

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Bonitas Veritas Pulchritas

Mother, May I?

Dear Academy Parents,

April 15, 2024

Secular society has entitled the upcoming month of May as Arthritis Awareness Month, Better Sleep Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, National Walking Month and Women's Health Care Month.

As Catholics, we look to the Church to direct our affections and focus for each month. For May, because nature around us proclaims life and beauty, the annual focus is devotion to our life-giving and spotless Blessed Mother.

Why should we have a special place in our hearts and homes for her? God loves Our Lady above all creatures and wants to direct our love to her as well.

He chose three special roles for her. The first role is that He made her His Mother. Only Our Lord was able to choose His Mother. In fact, He created her. Whereas earthly mothers admirably bring forth life, she is the greatest mother because she brought forth He Who is Life! Unlike Eve who passed along death with natural life to all of us, Mary brings forth supernatural life to our souls – “Behold your Mother”! In preparing her for this role, she was preserved from any stain of sin. The Liturgy cannot contain its praise of her - “You are all beautiful, O Mary”.

The second role is that God chose to depend on her. He did not strictly need her (or any other creature). But He wanted to go through her – that Jesus be formed in the most beautiful garden of her womb. As a child is completely dependent on its mother for its life and growth, so He, during that time, chose to receive His life from her. Like all of His works, this way was chosen because it is the most perfect one.

Thirdly, He chose that she be associated in His work of the Redemption. This began initially at the Annunciation, continued at the wedding feast of Cana (when He worked His first miracle), and was consummated on Calvary. He chose her to save us with Him.

During the upcoming month of May, we will honor Our Lady at the Academy in a special way by taking turns bringing her fresh flowers each day (see calendar) and will sing to her each morning. May this devotion be continued in your homes each evening through the recitation of the Rosary.

In Our Lady of the Angels,

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