

SOME WRITINGS AND PRAYERS BY BISHOP GIAQUINTA DEDICATED TO MARY, OUR MOTHER

WRITINGS

- I. Mary, Our Lady of Trust, the poor, abandoned woman of openness, quick to accept, teach us this secret of acceptance, and as a consequence, of trustful CONFIDENCE, of abandonment to the mystery of the love of God.
- II. There is no doubt that Our Lady lived with a certain amount of understanding of the mystery of salvation, but she lived by faith. In the mystery of faith, there were many things she did not know. She knew how to accept with love the risk of faith.
- III. Our Blessed Mother thought of herself as a slave of God. We can and must do the same. Look to her for help.
- IV. For our Blessed Mother, the future was an adventure of the Spirit. She knew generally what would happen, but not in detail. Yet she accepted everything. We, too, must be open to the work of the Spirit, ready to accept, if need be, the risk and the pain of our adventure in the Spirit.
- V. Our Blessed Mother was touched by God and conceived the Lord Jesus. We must strive to give birth to Jesus also. On our part, changing depends on our will. Otherwise Jesus can touch us many times and his touch will have no effect. Let us pray to our Blessed Mother to strengthen our wills and deepen our love so that we may change at God's touch.
- VI. Remember our Blessed Mother when she met with Elizabeth. Mary wasn't ashamed or hesitant to admit that she was the Mother of God. We must ask her help to be proud of having been called by God [to be holy] – proud enough to speak of it “from the rooftops.”
- VII. MARY, OUR MOTHER AND OUR MODEL (*Spirituality of the Pro Sanctity Movement, Chapter 6, pp 1-6*)
- VIII. MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH AND OUR MOTHER (*The Cenacle, 2nd Edition, Chapter XV, pp 69-73*)

PRAYERS

- I. We come to you, holy Mary, mother of us who are not yet holy, so that you can give us love for your Son, the joy of the Spirit, a longing for the

perfection of the Father and the hope of reaching you – someday – in the land of the saints.

- II. Our Mother, Mary (*Prayers, 1st English Edition, p 49*)
- III. Mary, Mother of Holiness (*Prayers, 1st English Edition, pp 50-1*)
- IV. “Here I Am,” the Virgin Answers (*Prayers, 1st English Edition, pp52-3*)
- V. Fiat (*Prayers, 1st English Edition, p 54*)
- VI. Our Yes With Mary (*Prayers, 1st English Edition, p 54*)
- VII. Heart of a Mother (*Prayers, 1st English Edition, p 55*)

