

*Meditations in preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph
Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará*

Meditation of Day 6 (February 23)

"Holy Mary"

Pray for us.

"God's pronouncement of the enmity between the Woman and Satan at the beginning of time is very clear: He himself creates enmity that is irreducible. It is not an enmity, by ignorance or some misunderstanding, but it is unique ... formal enmity between Satan and the Woman, between the offspring of Satan and the offspring of the Woman. It is an enmity created by God himself: I will put enmity - he said to the serpent, I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers (Gn 3,15). This proclamation of God is known as the Protogospel. It is fulfilled the moment the Angel Gabriel presents himself to the Blessed Virgin in Nazareth: there he announces from God that she was chosen to be the Mother of the Son of the Most High God, of the Word. There the Blessed Virgin accepts that mission and, by accepting that mission, she becomes the Woman who opposes Satan, and not only Satan, but those who are like him. She accepts, freely in faith, the mission that God had entrusted to her, absolutely unique, unique to give flesh and blood to the second person of the Holy Trinity, to Him who is God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Accordingly, there in Nazareth, there is a real, total, irreversible opposition: It is the Woman who crushes the serpent's head, it is the Woman who has in herself a radical enmity with Satan and with his descendants. "¹

The Virgin Mary is our Mother, because before dying on the cross Jesus said to his Mother: Woman, behold your son (Jn 19:26) turning to John who represented all of us, and Jesus said: son, Behold your Mother (Jn 19:27).

Mary intercedes for us before Jesus and defends us from Satan.

We can repeat as Saint John Paul II who had great devotion to Mary Most Holy: Totus Tuus Maria! I am all yours Mary!

Saint Joseph will increase in us love and devotion to Mary Most Holy.

Let us then ask him for the grace to go to Mary in order to become all for Jesus.

In the attached document you will find the Book of St. Louis Marie Grignion de Monfort, True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

¹ *Las Servidoras* Volume III, EDIVI 2010 Rome, pg. 65