

# MARY'S DIVINE MATERNITY

## BASIC ERRORS

- DENIAL OF CHRIST'S TRUE HUMANITY
- DENIAL OF CHRIST'S TRUE DIVINITY
- CLAIM THAT CHRIST WAS TWO PERSONS

## CHURCH'S DOGMA

"If anyone does not profess that Emmanuel, is truly God and that consequently the Holy Virgin is the Mother of God... let them be anathema" Ephesus 431.

## EVIDENCE FROM SCRIPTURE

- Christ is declared to be God's Mother
- Mary is declared to be Christ's Mother
- Therefore, Mary is the Mother of God

## EVIDENCE OF TRADITION

- I. EARLY FATHERS
  - IRENEUS, CYPRIAN, HIPPOLYTUS
- II. USE OF TITLE, THEOTOKOS
  - ALEXANDER (319), AMBRUSSE, VINCENT OF LERINS

## EXPLANATION OF DOGMA

Mary gave Christ everything that any mother gives her child. Therefore.

## DIGNITY

- "THE GREATEST AFTER GOD"
- RELATIVELY INFINITE: UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP TO INFINITE GOD
- MARY IS
  - DAUGHTER OF GOD THE FATHER
  - MOTHER OF GOD THE SON
  - SPOUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- HIGHER THAN ORDAINED PRESTHOOD

## CONSEQUENCES

- MARY IS THE MOTHER OF
- THE ANGELS
  - HUMAN BEINGS
  - THE CHURCH

- RESULT OF MARY'S MATERNITY OF CHRIST IS THE HYPOSTATIC UNION
- PRIEST HAS POWER OF CONSECRATION AND ABSOLUTION, BUT MARY CONCEIVED AND BARE THE SON OF GOD, WHO CONFERRED ON PRIESTS THE POWER TO CONSECRATE AND ABSOLVE