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MAGISTERIUM

"If anyone does not acknowledge... Mary as really and truly the Mother of God, that she, in the fullness of time, lived without seed, conceived by the Holy Spirit of God the Lord Himself, and without those of integrity born of them, and after her birth preserved by virginity, let him be anathema." Pope G. Martinus I, 649 AD.

B.V.M. was a Virgin up to the Annunciation, and was conceived through the operation of the Holy Spirit from the power of the S.F. - SCRIPTURE - INT. TRADITION - ROME

CHRIST was born without any defilement, new life coming from Mary's body. His birth was miraculous.

TRADITION - ROME - FATHERS

Ps 89: "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son." (Is 7:14)

TRADITION: "the ever-virgin Mary"

1. Since Christ was the natural Son of God, it was not proper for him to have a human Father.
2. Christ's conception was not by natural generation according to the kind. He must be born spiritually as the Virgin Church.
3. Christ is the perfect pattern. He wanted to teach us the value of purity for His Mother, who would forever be an example of marital intercourse.
4. Mary took a vow of virginity to conceive either from or Christ, and with it a virgin.
5. Augustine: "To the world under the impression of virginity, she wrapped Himself in His own Virginity."