

TWO EXPLANATIONS

I. CHRIST IS THE MERITORIOUS CAUSE OF THE SUPERNATURAL LIFE OF ALL RATIONAL BEINGS.

MARY IS THE MOTHER OF CHRIST. THEREFORE, MARY IS THE SUBORDINATE CAUSE OF THE GRACE OF THE ANGELS

II. ALL CREATION WAS MADE IN VIEW OF THE FORESEEN MERITS OF CHRIST, MAINLY, AND OF MARY, SECONDARILY.

MOTHER OF ANGELS

MOTHER OF HUMAN BEINGS

"MARY, BEARING IN HER WOMB THE SAVIOR, MAY BE SAID TO HAVE BORNE ALSO THOSE WHOSE LIFE WAS CONTAINED IN THE LIFE OF THE SAVIOR. ALL OF US THEREFORE... HAVE COME FORTH FROM THE WOMB OF MARY AS A BODY UNITED TO ITS HEAD. HENCE, IN A SPIRITUAL AND MYSTICAL SENSE, WE ARE CALLED CHILDREN OF MARY, AND SHE IS THE MOTHER OF US ALL" (ST. PIUS I, AD DIEM ILLUM, FEB. 2, 1904).  
"WHEN THE YOUNG MAID AT NAZARETH UTTERED HER FIAT... SHE BECAME THE MOTHER OF ALL WHO, THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, WOULD BE MADE ONE UNDER THE HEADSHIP OF HER SON" (PIUS XII, MARIAN CONGRESS, OTTAWA, JUNE 19, 1947)

MARY, THE MOTHER OF CREATURES

MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

1. MARY IS MOTHER OF CHRIST, WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH
2. MARY JOINED WITH CHRIST IN HIS INTENTIONS FOR THE CHURCH THRO HIS MORTAL LIFE
3. MARY SUFFERED WITH CHRIST, IN HER HEART, UP TO CALVARY.
4. MARY WAS APPOINTED OUR MOTHER BY CHRIST ON CALVARY
5. MARY UNITED HERSELF WITH CHRIST, AS THE CHURCH WAS BORN AT CHRIST'S DEATH
6. MARY WAS WITH CHRIST DURING HIS FORTY DAYS BEFORE THE ASCENSION
7. MARY RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT, WITH THE APOSTLES ON PENTECOST
8. MARY MOTHERED THE YOUNG APOSTOLIC CHURCH FOR YEARS BEFORE THE ASSUMPTION
9. MARY IS NOW IN HEAVEN, NEXT TO HER SON, WHO CONTINUES TO GUIDE AND INSPIRE THE CHURCH MILITANT, ALLEVIATE THE CHURCH SUFFERING AND REIGN OVER THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
10. MARY IS NOW MOTHERING THE CHURCH BY HER SANCTITY, HER INTERCESSION, AND, FOR US, BY THE EXAMPLE OF HER VIRTUES.