

## Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

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This image of the “Mother of the Eucharist” is a fairly good symbolic representation of the relationship of Our Lady and the Holy Eucharist. First of all, the image of the Dove, representing the Holy Spirit, directs us both to Mary’s Immaculate Conception and to the Incarnation of the Son of God. These divine acts were accomplished by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. The very Body and Blood of Jesus, sacrificed for our salvation on the Cross and given to us sacramentally in the Holy Eucharist for our sanctification, were given to Him by Mary, his Mother. God chose her from among all women to be the source of his sacred humanity. The Son of God dwelled for nine months bodily in her pure womb, and dwells eternally in her Immaculate Heart. He dwells in the hearts of all believers, yet He does so in

a special way in Mary since she is, as the Byzantine Liturgy often proclaims, the tabernacle of the Lord. Yet the rays proceeding from the Holy Eucharist surround and enclose the Blessed Virgin in divine Light, so as the Lord dwells within her, she, in another way, dwells in the glory of the Lord. Upon her head are the seven tongues of fire representing the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, for she has received the fullness of divine grace.

Our Lady told Lucia at Fatima that her Immaculate Heart would be her refuge and way to God, and so if we seek the Lord in Mary we will find Him. For the above reasons, the image depicted here shows the presence of Jesus as a consecrated Host in the Heart of Mary, enveloped by the Holy Spirit. Her mission is to manifest Jesus to us, to draw us to her Heart so that we can love and adore Him perfectly as she does, and thus to rescue souls from the Hell which awaits all those who prefer sin to God. She explicitly told the children of Fatima, after showing them a vision of Hell, that for the sake of preventing sinners from going there, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This becomes all the more clear when we realized that Mary’s Heart is the tabernacle of the Lord par excellence, and so devotion to her and worship of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament go hand in hand.

It is the purpose of this blog to make ever more clear the relationship between Eucharistic communion and worship, and devotion to Our Lady. It is also clear in the life of the Church that where Eucharistic adoration flourishes, so does Marian devotion, and likewise, where there is much love for Our Lady, there is increased attention to Holy Communion and worship of Christ in the Eucharist.