

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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Mary

(411) “... Mary, the mother of Christ, the 'new Eve' ... committed no sin of any kind during her whole earthly life.”

(493) “By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.”

(966) “Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthy life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, ...”

(971) “The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship. ... the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of 'Mother of God', to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs.”

(2677) “Holy Mary, Mother of God: ... Mary is Mother of God and our mother; we can entrust all our cares and petitions to her ... 'Mother of Mercy', the All-Holy One. We give ourselves over to her now, in the Today of our lives. And our trust broadens further, already at the present moment, to surrender 'the hour of our death' wholly to her care.”

Salvation

(969) “Taken up to heaven she (Mary) did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation ... the Blessed Virgin is ... Mediatrix.”

(1036) “... so that, when the single course of our earthly life is completed, we may merit to enter with him (the Lord) ... and be numbered among the blessed.”

(1262) “Baptism ... the two principal effects are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit.”

(1277) “Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord's will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the (Catholic) Church herself, which we enter by Baptism.”

(1821) “... each one of us should hope ... to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ.”

(2010) “Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, we can then merit for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification, for the increase of grace and charity, and for the attainment of eternal life.”

(2026) “Charity is the principal source of merit in us before God.”

(2027) “No one can merit the initial grace which is at the origin of conversion. Moved by the Holy Spirit, we can merit for ourselves and for others all the graces needed to attain eternal life, as well as necessary temporal goods.”

Catholic Church

(841) “The (Catholic) Church's relationship with the Muslims. 'The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Muslims; these profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and together with us they adore the one, merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day.’”

(846) “the (Vatican) Council teaches that the (Catholic) Church ... is necessary for salvation ... Hence they could not be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it, or to remain in it.”

(1459) “... the sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: he must 'make satisfaction for' or 'expiate' his sins. This satisfaction is also called 'penance'.”

(1461) “... priests, by virtue of the sacrament of the Holy Orders, have the power to forgive all sins 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’”