



THIS SON OF MINE, IS ALSO MY GOD

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“Today is the day to remain in awe in front of the Mother of God: God is a little boy in the arms of a woman, who nurtures her Creator. It’s the mystery of today, that spurs infinite wonder: God has bound himself with humanity forever. God and man always together, here is the good news: God isn’t a distant lord that lives alone in the heavens, but the incarnate Love, born like us from a mother to be brother to each one of us, to be near: The God of closeness. He is on the knees of his mother, who is also our mother, and from there bestows on humanity, a new tenderness.” So, Pope Francis expressed in his homily for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

It’s truly a mystery that we never cease to contemplate with awe, with surprise in the heart, in seeing a creature called to generate the creator, to generate God, God on earth. The mystery is truly great: a Mother who generates a son to whom, in reality, she is a daughter as the great poet Dante had expressed in an incomparable way: *“Virgin Mother, daughter of your son, in which her creator didn’t hesitate to become her creation.”*

Saint Maximilian paused with stupor to contemplate this mystery: *“What did you think O Immaculata. When, for the first time you placed the divine Baby Boy in that bit of hay? What feelings washed over your heart while you wrapped him in swaddling clothes, held him to your heart and nursed him at your breast? You well knew who that child was...And now here he is in front of you as a little newborn”* (KW 1236).

And more *“Who can perfectly understand Mary, Mother of God? We know what “Mother” means, but “of God” we can’t understand, with our heard; only God himself knows it perfectly”* (KW 508).

Saint Maximilian reminds us that it wasn’t having become the Mother of God that made Mary great-this was the work of Love-but her yes, her availability to the action of God. *“She is an instrument of God. With full understanding she lets herself be willingly led by God, conformed to his will, wishes only what He wants, works according to his will and therefore in the most perfect way, without the least imperfection, without deviating from her own will from His will”* (KW 132).

Here is the secret of Mary’s greatness, of the sanctity of Saint Maximilian Kolbe who, like Mary, let himself be led up to the cell of death. And how many times he made the light of Love shine in the darkness of that cell, turning to Mary as Mother of God.

When God enters into the life of a creature and finds great availability, he can truly make great things happen.

The Missionaries of Harmese, Poland



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