

Mary Mother of Jesus, Mother of the Church and our Blessed Mother!

“She is the Mother of the Head and of the members - The Holy Mother of God and therefore the provident Mother of the Church”. Pope Paul VI

As Catholic women we have two mothers: our birth / adoptive mothers and Blessed Mary, our Spiritual Mother. Our great devotion to our Blessed Mother is important in our Catholic worship.

Mary is truly "Mother of God", the mother of the eternal Son of God made human. Mary is our model for all mothers on earth and has become the Mother of all believers.

The month of May is dedicated to Mary and is a time to focus on Mary's role in the life of the Church. Although we honour our Blessed Mother every day, we intensify our dedication to her in this month with special devotions and celebrations that honour her role as the Mother of God. A powerful Marian prayer, most of us pray daily is the Rosary, Hail Mary, "full of grace"...

Mary's deep faith was perfect and grace filled. Mary did not hesitate when God asked, her acceptance was immediate. We can imagine her feelings of anxiety, but Mary took a great leap of faith with unfailing faithfulness and great courage.

She demonstrated by her actions how to fully respond to God's call, with total trust even in uncertainty or extreme challenges.



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Our Lady of Good Counsel, one title for Mary, originates from Mary's committed "yes" to God's invitation to participate in the divine plan. Mary nurtured Jesus's life on earth with great love. The image of Our Lady of Good Counsel shows us the warmth and love of Mary, it touches the depths of our spirit. This feeling of love intensifies our adoration to Our Lady.

It is not by chance that the Catholic Women's League of Canada has Our Lady of Good Counsel as Patroness of the League and that we ask for her intercessions in our League prayer.

We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel across the League and Canada on April 26th. This feast honours Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel recognizing her role as our guide and counsellor. We ask for her powerful intercessions to guide us in all we do, in service to God and Country and in our spiritual life.

Mary is women of great hope as She believed in God's promises. During this year of Jubilee and Hope may we strive to be more like Mary on our personal journey of faith and commitment to God for His plan for our lives.

Let us walk in Mary's footsteps in all that we do with the same commitment and courageous, faith-filled **"yes"** of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

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