



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As long as the Queen of heaven and earth is not everywhere praised, you dare not allow yourself a moment's rest.

[Father Jordan, *Spiritual Diary*, II/1]

*And Mary said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

[Luke 1:46]

The Madonna is known by a variety of names. For Salvatorians, she is the Mother of the Savior.
[Fr. Donald Skwor, SDS, *That All May Know My Son*]

... we are obligated to promote the veneration of the Blessed Mother in a special way because of the special purpose of our Society. All this must encourage us to celebrate our May prayers especially well.

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1899 04/28]

Therefore, strive to be true Salvatorians outwardly. Consider Mary. She said little. But through her example, her humility, modesty, etc. she accomplished much. Imitate her so that you also accomplish quite a lot through good example.

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1901 05/10]

Oh Mary, Oh Virgin, Oh Mother of God, Oh Queen of Heaven! Oh holy One! Oh Immaculate One! Oh my Mother and Queen! Oh my help, I hardly know how to praise you. I feel more than words can express!

[Father Jordan's Litany to the Blessed Mother, *Spiritual Diary*, I/196]

O Mother, you know how I love the good,
that happiness your Son taught us to strive for –
You see my will; it would
seek no evil; for I want nothing more
than, with all my heart, to be
dedicated to all that is good unceasingly.

You alone can help me reach
the goal which beckons to me faithfully
from afar. So help me, Mary, teach
me. Alone, I am powerless – But see,
with your help, the power is such
that through you, Mary, I accomplish much!

[Blessed Mary of the Apostles, "To The Mother Of God" (1850), *Poems by Therese*, p. 5]

Reflection Starters

- What is my image of Mary?
- How do I integrate my image of Mary into my Salvatorian life?

For further reading and reflection:

1. Fr. Donald Skwor, SDS, *That All May Know My Son: A Tribute to the Mother of the Savior*.
2. Fr. Luiz Dalmolin Spolti, SDS, "Mary–Mater Salvatoris," in *Dialoguing With Father Jordan*, pp. 91-93.