



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

The Queen of the Apostles proved to be our mother. She defended our welfare, protected and preserved our work!

[Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1893/12/08]

*They went to the upper room where they were staying,
Peter and John and James and Andrew ... and Mary the mother of Jesus. ...
When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together.*

[Acts of the Apostles 1:13-14; 2:1]



Mary, Queen of the Apostles

This **symbol** of Mary Queen of the Apostles is probably more significantly and specifically Salvatorian and apostolic than the Immaculate Conception and the Sorrowful Mother. ... This Mary Queen of the Apostles is seen as a model and patron for Salvatorians in the apostolate. ... Pentecost was considered, moreover, at the beginning as our principal feast, emphasizing the apostolate.

[Fr. Peter van Meijl, SDS & Fr. Thomas Novak, SDS, "SDS Signs and Symbols," *Contributions on Salvatorian History, Charism, and Spirituality*, Vol. 8, pp. 244-45]

Fr. Jordan knew and felt that along with his followers he was in a line with the apostles after Pentecost. Together with Mary, the Queen of the Apostles, they had to proclaim and set the whole world on fire with the message of Jesus. Yes, kindle it. Yes, make it known. Yes, proclaim it. ... The theme of Pentecost had a very special and significant place for Jordan—he pictured it and imaged it simply and concretely in symbols that words could not adequately express—Mary, Queen of the Apostles, the apostles themselves, the dove, the heavenly patrons (all were early, basic myths or symbols used by Jordan to project his unique purposes.)

[Fr. Peter van Meijl, SDS, "A Question of Horizons: Matters of the Heart," *Contributions on Salvatorian History, Charism, and Spirituality*, Vol 8, p. 266]

I, Sister Mary Therese of the Holy Apostles, trusting in the mercy of God, One and Triune, and in the help of the glorious Queen of the Apostles and all the patron saints of the Catholic Teaching Society, consecrate myself today as a religious of the said Society for my entire life.

[Blessed Mary of the Apostles, St. Barbara Institute, May 31, 1883, quoted in *Letter Dialogue*, p. 9]

Reflection Starters

- How does the model of Mary, as Queen of the Apostles, strengthen or challenge my personal devotion to Mary?
- How does the model of Mary, as Queen of the Apostles, strengthen or challenge my commitment to apostolic ministry as a Salvatorian?

For Further Reading

Father Jordan, *Jordan Talks*, 1893/12/08.