

## LEARNING TO LOVE – GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

### 1<sup>st</sup> glorious mystery: **The resurrection of Jesus.**

The Gospel attests that on Easter morning, the angel proclaimed: "Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised" (*Mark 16, 6*). The resurrection of Jesus-Christ boldly attests that in God's justness good always triumphs over evil, as love and charity over hatred. For this reason, the good we do unto others, even though it goes unnoticed, has a mysterious driving force that is God. Oh Mary, I want to participate to the triumph of Jesus and defeat evil by doing well with goodness, obligingness, joy and patience.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> glorious mystery: **The ascension of Jesus in heaven.**

The Gospel reveals to us that, before ascending into heaven, Jesus entrusted this mission to his Apostles: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (*Matthew, 28, 19-20*). In the context of this mission of the Church, of which I am a member, Christ entrusts a particular mission to me: bare witness to my faith in Him and in His Love. Oh Mary, help me make the right decisions and perform deeds that are associated with my faith so that in this way, I may be a good example.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> glorious mystery: **The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Virgin Mary and the Apostles.**

The book of the Acts of the Apostles tells us that after the ascension of Jesus, his disciples; "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with... Mary the mother of Jesus" in the cenacle of Jerusalem (*acts 1, 14*); the day of the Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon them and so it was the beginning of the Church founded by Jesus (*Acts 2, 3*). Our Lord, uses the Catholic Church to communicate the power of his love. In the sacraments and the teachings of the Church, in the examples of the saints, as well as in the fraternal communion of my Christian community, I find the support I need to live a charitable life. Oh Mary, make me see what I can do to contribute to the expanding of the Church, which is my spiritual family.

### 4<sup>th</sup> glorious mystery: **The assumption of the Virgin Mary in body and soul to heaven.**

At the end of her earthly existence, the Virgin Mary was lifted to heaven by God, not only in her immaculate soul, but also in body. This truth should provoke a cultural revolution in society; our body was created by God, it was assumed by Jesus in his incarnation and its final destiny is immortality in heaven. Sexuality is then part of the sacred dimension of the human person; to use it to commit immoral acts, is to degrade it. Oh Mary, help me to live according to my high dignity as a human being and Christian as per the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, the perfect Man.

### 5<sup>th</sup> glorious mystery: **The coronation of Mary as the Queen of heaven and earth.**

Through the triumph of Mary in heaven, the God's plan for humanity is revealed; the Apostle saint Paul describes this divine plan in this way: our heavenly Father "chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him" (*Ephesians 1, 4*). I am constantly assisted by the Blessed Virgin, to realize God's divine plan in my life. Oh Mary, you who are the Mother of Charity, guide and sustain me on the path to better loving; yes, it is through charity that I find the meaning of my life and that I experience true happiness.