

Mary Mother of God 2010

I. Every New Years day the "Washington Post" runs a column on what's "in" and what's "out". Last year the term "pastor" was "out" and "my person" was "in". Sort of reminds you how few things or individuals remain "in" very long. Mary has been one of the few exceptions. From the earliest days of our ancient Church she has been revered as Mother of the Lord and mother of the disciples.

II. Mary reminds us of what is possible when one says "yes" to God. Her "Fiat", the Latin name for "Let it be", to the Angel's message opened the way for God to come ashore in our world. Through her the Word became flesh, sharing our humanity that we might share His Divinity.

III. Over the centuries, Mary has always been "in" as a woman of faith, a woman of hope, a woman of love-always in tune with all that God was asking, ever faithful even though she knew fear, anxiety and the need to ponder what was happening in her life. As Pope Benedict has said "she is our star of hope guiding us along our way; the woman who models love received, love returned." We pray to Mary as Mother of all believers to give us this new year the gift of faith to face what lies ahead with the strong hope that all will be well; with the grace to love God and others as She did and continues to do.