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Dearest friends!

As I am about to write these notes, I still have in my heart the echoes of the beautiful liturgy of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. To look at the horizons of heaven through the gaze of Mary is to contemplate them through the filter of our own humanity; The Incarnation of Jesus marks the entrance of God into history and into the most intimate folds of our reality; in the same way, his glorious Resurrection introduces into the glory of Heaven this miserable humanity of ours assumed by him. The diaphragm separating earth from Heaven has dissolved; Christ became a bridge to reunite two shores so far apart, and he did so through the humanity of the Virgin in whom we can now see in some way anticipated the fulfillment of our salvation. The great devotion that our venerable Founders always had for *“beloved Mother Mary”* thus has an extraordinary foundation in the mystery that is at the heart of our faith. ***I think it is beautiful therefore to let ourselves to be guided by Fr. Anthony and Fr. Mark Cavanis to a love for the Blessed Virgin that is solidly founded on the rock of Scripture and in the fruitful path of our spirituality and tradition. We also ask Our Lady to accompany and bless the renewal efforts of our Fraternity.***

To all of you a big hug in the Lord!



A Assunção da Virgem,
pintada por Murillo.



**From the Holy Gospel according to
Saint Luke (Lk 11, 27-28)**

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"



***From: "THE BELOVED MOTHER MARY" IN THE LIFE
AND WORK OF Fr. ANTHONY AND Fr. MARK
CAVANIS, by Fr. Giovanni De Biasio***

"O BELOVED MOTHER MARY": This is the Marian prayer left to us by our fathers. Our congregation says it every evening at the end of the liturgy of Vespers. With the whole church, the religious Cavanis thank the Lord with the Canticle of the Virgin Mary, and with the Founders renew their trust "in the sweetest love and the patronage of their dear Mother". Our fundamental Marian icon is therefore that of Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the disciples. The Founders have always felt and loved, invoked and preached her in this way. So, for this icon we turn to the Gospel of St. John, who being



the dearest to Jesus, the disciple he loved, perhaps he also felt most reverent affection and love for mother of Jesus. Mary is on Calvary, at the foot of the Cross on which they confined her Son. The dying Jesus "*seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."* Then he said to the disciple, "*Here is your mother*". And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home." (Jn. 19:26-27).

Fr. Anthony observes, "He leaves us Mary for Mother, if we are willing to be disciples," if we are willing to take her into our home, a participant and support of our consecrated life and apostolate. Dependent on this fundamental icon, we find other images of Mary for the three parts into which the prayer in which our Fathers taught us to ask daily and insistently is divided:

1. ***Holiness for us and for all;***
2. ***That our Institute may grow and be strengthened to the glory of God and for the good of the "abandoned" youth;***
3. ***The victory over evil, with the help of the Immaculata, and a blessing on all sacrifices and educational commitments intended to "gather, watch and lead the youth to the heavenly home".***



LET US PRAY

Beloved mother Mary, do not look at our unworthiness, but rather on your most gentle maternal love, and implore for us the great grace to see our devout Congregation grow up with renewed strength, to the greater glory of God and the salvation of many helpless young people.

Beloved mother Mary, you are so terrible against evil repress with your power the dreadful slaughter the devil is doing of poor children lacking in education and support by your protection the efforts we made to gather them, watch over them and lead them to our heavenly home.

