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## Mary in Papal Teaching and Preaching 1963-1967

*The late Dom Frenaud has provided us in Cahiers Marials, 1966, with a list of the teachings of Pope Paul VI on marian doctrine and devotion from the beginning of his pontificate in June, 1963, to February 19, 1966 (letter to the Polish Episcopate). The documentation for 1966 has recently been completed by Fr. Th. Koehler, S. M. (Cahiers Marials, 1970). The present article both recapitulates and supplements the original French publications and then brings the list forward to the end of 1967. To prepare the English edition, the periodical The Pope Speaks was used extensively, in addition to such primary sources as the Acta Apostolicae Sedis, Osservatore Romano and Marianum.*

*The selection, as the titles and explanations should demonstrate, is intended to specify the variety of situations in which the pope spoke or wrote about Mary. In this way, the varying doctrinal importance of the citations can be better understood, as their importance will largely depend on the circumstances in which they were given. Paul VI always speaks as Head of the Church with an acute consciousness of his responsibilities regarding Christian faith and the conversion of all men to Christ. On some occasions, he is the master who seeks to explain revealed truth; on other occasions, however, he is the shepherd who allows his heart to speak. It is useful, moreover, to have knowledge of certain events about which the pope has spoken without presenting new developments in doctrine; in which we see, however, the life of the Church and its devotion to the Mother of God.*

*Photocopies of the documents cited below can be obtained on request through the Marian Library at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio*

1963

- A. 6-30-63 — (AAS 55, 1963, 618-625) *Paul VI's coronation homily* (in Latin, Italian, French, English, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish and Russian). While discussing the papal office, duties, his own resolutions regarding pertinent issues, begs Mary's intercession for the Church. (Ea quae)
- B. 7-13-63 — (OR 7,14,63) *Address* (in French) to the Third International Dominican Congress of the rosary. The rosary and pastoral action; its pastoral value. The rosary as a popular form of Church devotion. (Nous nous adressons)
- C. 7-20-63 — (OR 7,28,63) *Letter* (in Italian) to Bishop Luigi Novarese, Superior of Rome's Center for Volunteers in Suffering. Message for the infirm priests on pilgrimage to Lourdes in which he notes their contribution to the Christian Apostolate. (Il fervore operoso)
- D. 8-14-63 — (OR 8,15,63) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience at Castel Gandolfo. Mary, model of the Christian life, guiding us to Christ. (Diamo a tutti)
- E. 8-15-63 — (OR 8,17-18,63) *Homily* (in Italian) at Castel Gandolfo. The Assumption, outcome of Mary's earthly life, a summons to us in our own earthly journeys. (Questo istante)
- F. 8-15-63 — (OR 8,23,63) *Address* (in Italian) to members of the Pontifical Collegio de Propaganda Fide at Castel Gandolfo. Mary, model and guarantee of consecration to God.
- G. 9-12-63 — (OR 9,13,63) *Address* (in French) to the Fourth International Congress of Marian Congregations. Marian devotion in the congregations. Pedagogical efficacy of marian devotion in the formation of modern Christians. (Nous sommes heureux)
- H. 10-11-63 — (AAS 55, 1963, 872-874) *Address* (in Italian) at St. Mary Major on the first anniversary of the opening of Vatican II in which he entreates Mary's intercession for the Church and the world. (Diremo soltanto perche)
- I. 12-7-63 — (OR 12,9-10,63) *Address* (in Italian) at the Basilica of the Twelve Apostles. Mary and the Council.

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- J. 12-8-63 — (AAS 56, 1964, 54-55) *Radio-message* (in Portuguese) to the people of Brazil on "National Family Day." The rosary in family life. (Este ano, pela)
- 1964
- A. 1-5-64 — (AAS 56, 1964, 166-170) *Homily* (in French) at Nazareth. Homage to Mary. (A Nazareth, Notre)
- B. 2-4-64 — (OR 2,6,64) *Address* (in Italian) to the Italian agency handling travel arrangements for the sick on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Lourdes, center of conversion and marian devotion. (summary),
- C. 2-8-64 — (OR 2,9,64) *Address* (in Italian) at the Pontifical Roman Major Seminary. Marian devotion grounded in tradition, instrumental in priestly formation. The intercession of Mary in the plan of salvation. (Pax huic domui)
- D. 5-3-64 — (OR 5,4-5,64) *Address* (in Italian) at St. Peter's Square. True marian devotion during May. (Diletti figli, vogliamo)
- E. 5-10-64 — (OR 5,11-12,64) *Address* (in Italian) to the Children of the Living Rosary. The rosary, a group prayer, means to an evangelical life. Asks them to pray the rosary for his intentions. (E primi salutati)
- F. 5-20-64 — (AAS 56, 1964, 562-563) *Letter* (in Latin) to Emmanuel Cardinal Gonçalves Cerejeira, legate to a congress of marian studies, on the first centenary of the marian shrine of Sameiro. The role of marian shrines in the lives of Christians: (Lusitania inclita regio)
- G. 5-26-64 — (OR 6,3,64) *Radio-message* (in Latin) to pilgrims at the Polish marian shrine at Piekary. Confidence in Mary. (Nominatum et universe)
- H. 5-27-64 — (AAS 56, 1964, 426-428) *Letter* (in Latin) to Paolo Cardinal Marella, legate to the eighth centennial of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The role of Notre Dame of Paris in the history of France. (Sacrosancta ecclesia Parisiensis)
- I. 5-27-64 — (OR 5,31,64) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience. Mary and the Church—ideal figure of the Church, mother of the Church. (Da-remo in questa)

- J. 5-30-64 — (OR 5,31,64) *Address* (in Italian) on the closing of the month of May.. Begs Mary's intercession in behalf of Christian unity and the needs of mankind. (Summary)
- K. 5-31-64 — (AAS 56, 1964, 598-599) *Letter* (in Spanish) to Jose Maria Cardinal Bueno Monreal, Archbishop of Seville, concerning the crowning of Our Lady of Hope of Macarena, patroness of Seville. Marian devotion and the spiritual life. (Hoy fiesta)
- L. 5-31-64 — (AAS 56, 1964, 591-594) *Radio-message* (in French) to French Catholics on the eighth centennial of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. (A l'occasion du)
- M. 6-7-64 — (AAS 56, 1964, 594-596) *Radio-message* (in Portuguese) to Portuguese Catholics on the closing of Portugal's marian centennial. Mary and Portugal. (Portugal, filho bem)
- N. 7-15-64 — (OR 7,17,64) *Homily* (in Italian) in the Church of Santa Maria in Trastevere, Rome. Homage to Mary. (Summary)
- O. 8-6-64 — (AAS 56, 1964, 609-659) *Encyclical letter*, *Ecclesiam Suam*. Mary, model of human perfection.
- P. 8-15-64 — (OR 8,17-18,64) *Homily* (in Italian) at Castel Gandolfo on the feast of the Assumption. Mary's place in the Church: why we honor her, how we honor her. (Al vangelo)
- Q. 9-8-64 — (OR 9,9,64) *Address* (in Italian) to women religious on the feast of Mary's nativity. Mary in the plan of salvation. (E motivo per Noi)
- R. 10-4-64 — (OR 10,5-6,64) *Address* (in Italian) before the recitation of the Angelus. Devotion to Mary as a way to Christ. (Abbiamo motivo)
- S. 10-7-64 — (OR 10,9,64) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience. Papal devotion to Mary. Theological reasons for marian devotion. (La vostra visita)
- T. 11-15-64 — (OR 11,16-17,64) *Address* (in Italian) before the recitation of the Angelus, asking Mary's help for the Council. (summary)

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- U. 11-18-64 — (OR 11,20,64) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience. The Church as envisioned by the Council. Mary's relation to the Church—mother of Christians, mother of the Church. (Il saluto)
- V. 11-21-64 — (AAS 56, 1964, 1007-1018) *Address* (in Latin) at the closing of the third session of the Council. (Promulgation of the Constitution on the Church) Mary, mother of the Church. The bond between Mary and mankind. Mary, completely dependent upon God, means of union with Christ. (Post duos menses)
- W. 12-5-64 — (AAS 57, 1865, 129) *Address* (in English) at the shrine of Mount Mary to members of the seminary of Bandra, India. Homage to Mary. (We cannot conclude)

1965

- A. 1-31-65 — (OR 2,1-2,65) *Address* (in Italian) before the recitation of the Angelus. The Feast of Mary's Purification. (partial text)
- B. 2-2-65 — (AAS 57, 1965, 248-253) *Address* (in Italian) during the ceremony of the candles on the Feast of the Presentation. Marian devotion and teaching as an introduction to the plan of salvation; their Christocentric and ecclesiological orientation. Mary, mother of Christians, mother of unity. (La cerimonia dell'offerta)
- C. 2-2-65 — (AAS 57, 1965, 376-379) *Letter* (in Latin) to Raul Cardinal Silva Henriquez, legate to the International Mariological and Marian Congress in Santo Domingo. Mary's maternity. The practice of marian devotion. (In Dominicana Republica)
- D. 2-21-65 — (OR 2,22-23,65) *Address* (in Italian) before the recitation of the Angelus. A prayer to the Queen of Peace. (partial text)
- E. 3-15-65 — (OR 3,17,65) *Address* (in Italian) to the Roman delegation to the International Mariological and Marian Congress. Fraternal charity and a rigorous scientific method: two indispensable elements in doctrinal research. The importance of following the method given in Chapter VIII of *Lumen Gentium*. Mary's spiritual maternity. (E una gioia)
- F. 3-24-65 — (OR 3,25,65) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience concerning the International Mariological and Marian Congress. The im-

- portance of the eighth chapter of *Lumen Gentium*. Mary, type of the Church, mother of the Church. (Oggi il Nostro pensiero)
- G. 3-25-65 — (AAS 57, 1965, 400-403) *Radio-message* (in Spanish) at the close of the Mariological and Marian Congress in Santo Domingo. Mary's spiritual maternity: comfort for human anguish. Appeal for human brotherhood. (En el mismo lugar)
- H. 3-28-65 — (OR 3,29-30,65) *Address* (in Portuguese) concerning the blessing of the Golden Rose for Fatima. (A' alegria)
- I. 3-28-65 — (OR 3,29-30,65) *Address* (in Italian) before the recitation of the Angelus. Seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. (Abbiamo ora benedetta)
- J. 4-23-65 — (OR 4,24,65) *Address* (in Italian) at the ceremonies concerning the restoration of Our Lady of Pompeii. Devotion to Mary. (Ai cari Fedeli)
- K. 4-23-65 — (OR 4,24,65) — *Address* (in Italian) to the Third Congress of the Italian Federation of Nursing Sisters. Mary, symbol of universal charity in the Church. (Il Nostro paterno saluto)
- L. 4-29-65 — (AAS 57, 1965, 353-358) *Encyclical letter*, *Menise Maio*. Asks Mary's intercession for the Church and for world peace, particularly during the month of May.
- M. 5-13-65 — (ASS 57, 1965, 532-533) *Radio-message* (in Portuguese) to the people of Portugal concerning the presentation of the Golden Rose to the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. (Nesta hora)
- N. 5-31-65 — (OR 6,6,65) *Homily* (in Italian) at the close of May devotions to Mary. (summary)
- O. 8-15-65 — (OR 8,17-18,65) *Homily* (in Italian) at Castel Gandolfo on the Feast of the Assumption. (summary)
- P. 8-15-65 — (OR 8,17-18,65) *Address* (in Italian) at Castel Gandolfo before the recitation of the Angelus. (Noi vorremmo che)
- Q. 9-5-65 — (OR 9,6-7,65) *Address* (in Italian) before the recitation of the Angelus. Mary, consoler of the afflicted. (summary)

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- R. 9-8-65 — (OR 9,9,65) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience. Mary in history, the dawn of humanity. Appeal for her help in understanding and living the Council. (*La vostra venuta*)
- S. 11-18-65 — (AAS 57, 1965, 978-984) *Address* (in Latin) to the Council Fathers at Public Session. (Promulgation of documents on Divine Revelation and the Lay Apostolate). Announces the erection of a church; "Mary, Mother of the Church," in order to perpetuate the memory of Vatican II. (*Publica haec sessio*)
- T. 12-1-65 — (*Marianum* 27, 1965, 422) *Address* (in Italian) to the rectors of marian shrines in Italy. (partial text)—Submitted to *Marianum* by Ioannes Carolus Rocca, SSP, editor of *Madre di Dio*.
- U. 12-8-65 — (AAS 58, 1966, 5-9) *Homily* (in Italian) at the closing of Vatican II. Mary, model of human perfection and spiritual model for post-Conciliar work. (*Ascolterete tra poco*)
- V. 12-23-65 — (OR 12,25,65) *Christmas radio and television message* (in Italian). The Church's role as a messenger of peace. Mary, meeting place between God and man. (*A voi rivolgiamo*)

1966

- A. 2-2-66 — (OR 2,3,66) *Homily* (in Italian) on the feast of the Purification. The fundamental truths of the plan of salvation are manifested in Mary. Her veneration is rooted in Scripture. Mary, our model. (*Salutiamo il corteo*)
- B. 3-20-66 — (OR 3,21-22,66) *Address* (in Spanish) at the time of the blessing of the Golden Rose for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (*Hace tiempo*)
- C. 3-22-66 — (AAS 58, 1966, 475-476) *Letter* (in Latin) to Archbishop Miranda of Mexico City concerning the Golden Rose for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. (*Flores edens*)
- D. 4-30-66 — (AAS 58, 1966, 444) *Telegram* (in Latin) to Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski concerning the ceremonies marking the Polish Christian millennium at the marian shrine of Czestochowa. (*Deipara Poloniae Regina*)



- E. 5-8-66 — (OR 5,9-10,66) *Address* (in Italian) to the crowd in St. Peter's Square, Rome. Devotion to Mary during May. (E' il Mese di maggio)
  
- F. 5-22-66 — (OR 5,23-24,66) *Radio-message* (in Italian) concerning the consecration of a shrine dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Trieste, whose cornerstone was blessed by John XXIII September 19, 1959. Mary, mother of God, type of the Church. Remembrance of Italy's consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (Salutiamo)
  
- G. 5-31-66 — (AAS 58, 1966, 515-516) *Radio-message* (in Spanish) to Mexican Catholics on the presentation of the Golden Rose to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary, model of virtue. (En la fiesta)
  
- H. 7-6-66 — (OR 7,7,66) *Address* to general audience. Mary, mother of the Church.
  
- I. 7-25-66 — (Marianum 29, 1967, 97-98) *Letter* (in Italian) to Bishop Luigi Novarese, Superior of the Center for Volunteers in Suffering, in which the pope blesses the infirm priests on pilgrimage to Lourdes. "Mary chose to voluntarily participate in the sufferings of her son, the Redeemer."
  
- J. 8-15-66 — (OR 8,17-18,66) *Homily* (in Italian) on the Feast of the Assumption at the parish church of Castel Gandolfo. How Mary is presented to us in the exposition of great Christian truths in the light of the Council. She is, in her relationship with Christ and the Church, mother of Christ, mother of the Church, type of the Church, our model.  
  
(same day) *Salutation* addressed (in Italian) to the pilgrims at Castel Gandolfo. (Buona festa)
  
- K. 8-28-66 — (OR 8,29-30,66) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience at Castel Gandolfo before the recitation of the Angelus, recalling the pilgrimage of the Roman diocese to Lourdes. (Il Nostro pensiero)
  
- L. 9-4-66 — (OR 10,21,66) *Letter* (in English) to Mgr. Vincent Brizgys, former auxiliary bishop of Kaunas, Lithuania, titular bishop of Bosra, assigned to European Christian refugees, concerning the consecration of a Lithuanian chapel dedicated to Our Lady in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC. (With paternal joy)

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- M. 9-15-66 — (AAS 58, 1966, 745-749) *Encyclical Letter, Christi Matri Rosarii precibus*. October, month of the rosary. Urgent appeal for peace, prayer for peace. Remembrance of the pope's trip to the United Nations. Christ, prince of peace; Mary, queen of peace; mother of the Church, our mother.
- N. 9-21-66 — (OR 9,29,66) *Address* (in Italian) in the Vatican Basilica concerning the encyclical *Christi Matri*, reasserting the importance of prayer for peace during the month of the rosary. (Non vi meravigliate)
- O. 10-9-66 — (AAS 58, 1966, 906-907) *Radio-message* (in French) to the city of Luxembourg on the 300th anniversary of its solemn vow to choose Mary as its patroness under the title "Consoler of the Afflicted." (C'est pour nous)
- P. 11-21-66 — (AAS 58, 1966, 1184-1185) *Radio-message* (in Spanish) to the Christians of El Salvador on the proclamation of Mary as their national patroness. (Reunido, en torno)
- Q. 11-26-66 — (OR 11,27-28,66) *Address* (in Italian) to the Italian Congress of Marian Congregations. Mary proposed by the Council as model for the laity, Queen of the Apostles. Consecration to Mary, pivot and *raison d'être* of the congregations. (La vostra presenza)
- R. 12-8-66 — (AAS 59, 1967, 38-39) *Homily* (in Italian) at the Vatican Basilica for the numerous religious present. Mary, the best model for a Christian spiritual aesthetic. First anniversary of the closing of the Council. (Quanti pensieri)
- S. 12-8-66 — (OR 12,9-10,66) *Address* (in Italian) before the recitation of the Angelus. Devotion to Mary. (Questa volta)
- T. 12-8-66 — (OR 12,9-10,66) *Homily* (in Italian) at St. Mary Major. Honoring Our Lady. (Eccoci ad onorare)
- U. 12-21-66 — (OR 12,22,66) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience. The mystery of the Incarnation. Advent, the most appropriate liturgical season for marian devotion. Mary, the Christ-bearer, the route which takes us to the humanity of Christ. (Questa Udiienza)

1967

- A. 3-5-67 — (AAS 59, 1967, 338-339) *Address* (in Portuguese) concerning the blessing of the Golden Rose for the Marian Shrine of Aparecida, Brazil. (Acabamos de benzer)
- B. 3-5-67 — (AAS 59, 1967, 769-771) *Letter* (in Latin) to Cardinal Carlos de Vasconcellos Motta, Archbishop of Aparecida, concerning the presentation of the Golden Rose to the Shrine of Aparecida, Brazil. (Celsissima Virgo Maria)
- C. 4-15-67 — (AAS 59, 1967, 484-487) *Letter* (in Latin) to the Papal Legate, Jose Cardinal da Costa Nunes, on the 50th anniversary of Fatima. (Gloriosa dicta sunt)
- D. 4-19-67 — (OR 4,20,67) *Address* to GIOIA, an Italian children's organization. Devotion to Mary. (summary)
- E. 5-3-67 — (AAS 59, 1967, 502-505) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience. Announcement of the pope's pilgrimage to Fatima. (Oggi il breve discorso)
- F. 5-10-67 — (AAS 59, 1967, 513-515) *Address* (in Italian) to general audience. Veneration of Mary. (Ai Nostri visitatori)
- G. 5-13-67 — (AAS 59, 1967, 465-475) *Apostolic Exhortation* (in Latin). On renewed consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Signum Magnum)
- H. 5-13-67 — (OR 5,14,67) *Homily* (in Portuguese) at Fatima on the 50th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. (Tão grande e)
- I. 5-13-67 — (OR 5,14,67) *Address* (in French) to a group of non-Catholic Christians at Fatima. (summary)
- J. 5-14-67 — (OR 5,15-16,67) *Address* (in Italian) before the recitation of the Angelus on Pentecost. Honoring the Holy Spirit through Mary. (Reduci da Fatima).
- K. 6-24-67 — (AAS 59, 1967, 675-696) *Encyclical Letter, Sacerdotalis Caelibatus*. Prayer to the Blessed Virgin, mother and model of the Church, for the effulgence of that vocation.

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- L. 7-16-67 — (AAS 59, 1967, 854-856) *Letter* (in Latin) to Emmanuel Cardinal Gonçalves Cerejeira of Lisbon concerning the Fifth International Mariological Congress. Theological study of the Blessed Virgin. (*Publicis pietatis*)
- M. 8-15-67 — (OR 8,20,67) *Homily* (in Italian) on the Feast of the Assumption. Mary, our guide. (partial text)
- N. 8-15-67 — (AAS 59, 1967, 867-869) *Radio-message* (in Spanish) to Paraguay Catholics on the patronal feast of their capitol, Asuncion. (*Se alegran*)
- O. 10-11-67 — (OR 10,12,67) *Address* (in Italian) on the fifth anniversary of the opening of Vatican II. Mary's maternal protection of the Church. (*La vostra visita*)
- P. 12-8-67 — (OR 12,9-10,67) *Address* (in Italian) on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The mystery of Our Lady: (*Salutiamo*)