

Of particular note are the promulgations of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, and of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven in 1950. The psychologist C. G. Jung has drawn attention to the implications of these ideas, and it is not without significance that the general movement toward acceptance of the feminine principle in economic, social, and political life expression has been gaining impetus. There is still a long way to go, and the movement is not without its unbalanced adherents who bring disrepute through overstatement, but that is common to all human movements for change.

In 1954 the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin as Queen of Heaven was established as one of the mysteries of the Rosary. This is the ultimate recognition of the principle of form, the Earth itself, being as holy as any so called higher state. In its full implication it is the preparation of the New Jerusalem adorned as a bride.

These are highly metaphysical matters that are beyond the reach of intellectual analysis.

The potential literature for an intellectual study of this is vast. We hope we have provided a few simple pointers on the way. It is however, a "centering in," rather than a wandering in the labyrinthine fields of intellectual speculation, that is the direct way of truth. The rose blooms at the center of the cross. And those who are prepared to contemplate the imagery and take it unto their inmost hearts are the more likely to be met by Beatrice from the triumphal car, and led to places where even the intellectual genius of a Virgil cannot go. To this end we can hardly do better than to survey the body of images that are presented in the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Any of these images will infinitely repay meditation, contemplation, and appropriate acts of symbolic or ritual intention. They may be grouped under the three heads of Mother, Maiden or Virgin, and Queen.

**Mother** of God, of Christ, of divine grace, most pure, most chaste, inviolate, undefiled, most lovable, most wonderful, of good counsel, of the Creator, of the Savior.

**Virgin** most prudent, most venerable, most renowned, most mighty, most merciful, most faithful; Mirror of righteousness, Seat of wisdom, Cause of our joy, Spiritual vessel, Vessel of honor, Wondrous vessel of devotion, Mystical rose, Tower of David, Tower of ivory, House of gold, Ark of the Covenant, Gate of heaven, Star of the morning, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Consoler of the afflicted, Help of Christians.

**Queen** of Angels, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, all Saints; conceived without original sin; taken up into heaven; of the most holy Rosary; Queen of Peace.