

OLW Adult Enrichment – October 7, 2019 Session “The Importance of Mary in our Lives”

Deacon Paul

1. Introduction and Opening Prayer

2. Jesus' Path (Jesus' perspective, Mary's perspective, our perspective)

“The way of coming to Christ is to draw near to her.” “It is by her that Jesus Christ came, and it is by her that we must go to him.”

3. Mary, Hidden

4. Mary, Visible (Present and Active)

5. Mary, Our Mother and Mediator

To Jesus (God) through Mary “...is more perfect because it is more humble, not to approach God ourselves, without taking a mediator.”

6. Mary, Powerful (Genesis 3:15)

St. Louis de Montfort “...they [the devil/demons] fear one of her sighs for a soul more than the prayers of all the saints.”

7. Mary, Full of Grace

8. You and Me, Our Part (consolation, invitation, devotion, and consecration)

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“Know, my son, and make all others know, that it is a probable and proximate sigh of eternal damnation to have an aversion, a lukewarmness, or a negligence, in saying the Angelical Salutation, which has repaired the whole world.” Blessed Alan de la Roche.

John 19:26-27

“Receive in trust all which I possess, and keep it for me by you fidelity and power.”

“If you follow her, you cannot wander from the road.” St. Bernard

9. Summary

10. Closing Prayer

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, the children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
lead us home at last
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus:
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.