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“Accept the Blessed Mother as one’s own mother”. This is the approach taken by the Church towards the mother of the Son of God. The Church has demonstrated this through various prayers, celebrations and pilgrimages to Marian centers. All these are the manifestations of love and honor to the Blessed Mother.

The Mother of Jesus is the one who listens, reflects, meditates and lives according to the Word of God. It is Jesus himself who listened to her intercession at Cana and gave her as our mother at Calvary. That is how Mary became our mother and mediator. This mother has only one thing to say about herself: “I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1,38).

This book has been brought out with the hope that it would help the readers to come to know, love, accept Mary as mother and imitate her. At the same time it gives convincing answers to the questions concerning and accusations against Marian devotion practiced and promoted by the Catholic Church.



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