

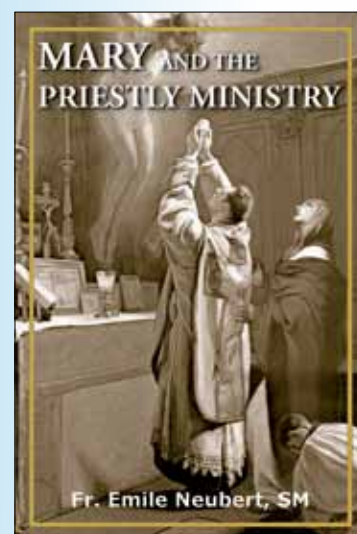
## Mary and the Priestly Ministry

This publication answers a need and an expectation. Pressing contemporary exigencies indicate the necessity of the grace of closeness to Mary for success in the priestly ministry. Is this not the hour of Mary for priests as well as for the faithful?

It is clear to priests that the more deeply the influence of Our Lady penetrates their souls, the more priestly virtues and divine life they will have, and the more supernaturally fruitful their apostolic work for the glory of God will be.

Could we desire anything more? Is anything more urgent? This book—if meditated upon and lived out by many priests—will bring about a renewal of the Catholic priesthood.

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## Devotion to Mary

Throughout this work, Mary is presented especially as Mother: the Mother of God, our Mother, the Mother of all the members of the Mystical Body of Christ. Mary's Motherhood is an image of the maternal character of the Church. For Fr. Neubert, Marian devotion consists not so much in specific practices but, rather, in offering one's life to the Virgin Mary, an offering which has an ecclesial dimension. For St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Marian consecration is a solemn renewal of one's baptismal commitment confided to the Virgin Mother. For Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, Marian consecration is to assist Mary in her apostolic mission: as she gave birth to Christ, "the First-born among many brethren, she cooperates, with a mother's love, in the generation and formation of the faithful" (*Lumen Gentium* 63).

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## Mary's Apostolic Mission and Ours

Did Mary also receive an apostolic mission? Tradition supposes so. God wished to make of her the "New Eve," the Associate of Christ. We would, therefore, also expect her to participate in His apostolic mission.

Is this mission identical to that of the other apostles or to that of her Son? It is identical to neither. But, as we shall see, though her mission is a participated one, it is, for many reasons, more similar to that of Jesus than to that of the other apostles.

The mission conferred by Christ on His apostles includes, in addition to administering Baptism, the double objective of preaching the doctrine of salvation: "Go, teach all nations," and practicing the Christian life, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you!" Mary's apostolic mission embraces both Christian doctrine and Christian living.

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