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*of* MILWAUKEE

RENEWAL OF THE CONSECRATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*

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*Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist*  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

# HYMN

Verses 1, 3, 5

## Mary First Among Believers

Delores Dufner, OSB

PLEADING SAVIOR

*Christian Lyre, 1830*



1. Mar - y, first a - mong be - liev - ers, trust - ing  
2. Mar - y, first a - mong the ex - iles, seek - ing  
3. Mar - y, first a - mong dis - ci - ples, lis - t'ning,  
4. Mar - y, first a - mong the suf - f'ring, stand - ing  
5. Mar - y, first a - mong the bless - ed, robed in



in the an - gel's word, you con - sent - ed and, con -  
ref - uge in the night, you left home with spouse and  
learn - ing from your Son, you held dear his words and  
bowed be - neath the cross, you knew all the pain and  
heav - en's beau - ty bright, you re - joice with saints and



ceiv - ing, brought to birth the Son of God.  
In - fant, flee - ing Her - od's sword in fright.  
ac - tions, pon - d'ring each, for - get - ting none.  
an - guish of op - pres - sion, grief, and loss.  
an - gels in your Son's re - splend - ent light.



Moth - er now of all be - liev - ers, give our  
Moth - er now of all the ex - iles, give them  
Moth - er now of all dis - ci - ples, help us  
Moth - er now of all the suf - f'ring, may we  
Moth - er now of all the bless - ed, make your



frag - ile faith in - crease; may we, trust - ing in God's  
 sleep with - out a - larm; give them cloth - ing, food, and  
 lis - ten day by day; o - pen to the Spir - it's  
 show Com - pas - sion's face; may the vic - tims of in -  
 pil - grim peo - ple strong; keep us faith - ful till we

prom - ise, doubts and use - less fears re - lease.  
 shel - ter; keep them safe and free from harm.  
 prompt - ing, help us fol - low Je - sus' way.  
 jus - tice know, through us, God's love and grace.  
 join you, prais - ing God in end - less song.

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## SIGN OF THE CROSS

## INTRODUCTION

## OPENING PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 1: 26-38*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the sixth month,  
 the angel Gabriel was sent from God  
 to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,  
 to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,  
 of the house of David,  
 and the virgin's name was Mary.  
 And coming to her, he said,  
 "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."  
 But she was greatly troubled at what was said  
 and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her,  
    “Do not be afraid, Mary,  
    for you have found favor with God.  
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
    and you shall name him Jesus.  
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,  
    and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,  
    and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,  
    and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

But Mary said to the angel,  
    “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?”  
And the angel said to her in reply,  
    “The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
    and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.  
Therefore the child to be born  
    will be called holy, the Son of God.  
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,  
    has also conceived a son in her old age,  
    and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;  
    for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.”

Then the angel departed from her.

## **HOMILY**

### **DECADE OF THE ROSARY**

#### **2nd Luminous Mystery: The Wedding at Cana**

Jesus, His Mother and disciples were invited to a wedding in Cana.  
During the wedding feast the wine ran short.  
Mary turned to Jesus: “They have no wine.”  
Jesus replied: “What would you have me do? My hour has not yet come.”  
Mary said to the waiters: “Do whatever he tells you.”  
There were six stone water jars, each holding fifteen to twenty gallons.

Jesus bid the waiters to fill the jars with water,  
and then draw some out and take it to the chief steward.  
The chief steward said to the groom: "Every man serves the good wine first...  
but you have saved the good wine until now."  
At Mary's request, Jesus worked His first miracle.

**Our Father**  
**10 Hail Mary's**  
**Glory Be**  
**Fatima Prayer**

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell,  
and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

## **PRAYER OF RENEWAL OF OUR CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*The Archbishop introduces the prayer of renewal of consecration with the words in bold below. Those participating at home may join him by praying the prayer aloud.*

**We now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the  
Virgin Mary's care:**

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,  
you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love;  
you sing of the Father's mercy  
and accompany us with a mother's love.  
In this time of pandemic we come to you,  
our sign of sure hope and comfort.

Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who  
have gone before us.

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid,  
embrace the Archdiocese of Milwaukee,  
which we entrust and consecrate once again to you,  
together with ourselves and our families.

In a special way, we commend to you,  
those especially in need of your motherly love.

Mary, Health of the Sick,  
sign of health, healing, and divine hope for those who are sick,  
we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation,  
who consoles with a mother's love all who turn to you,  
we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians,  
who comes to our rescue in every trial,  
we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.

Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy,  
who embraces all those who call upon your help in their distress,  
we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom,  
who was so wonderfully filled with the light of truth,  
we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel,  
who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ,  
we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother  
the act of consecration that we make today with confidence,  
and help us to be your Son's instruments  
for the healing and salvation of our country and our world.

Mary, Mother of the Church,  
you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand:  
we ask your intercession for the needs of our country,  
that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened,  
that faith may be revived and nourished,  
hope sustained and enlightened,  
and charity awakened and animated;  
guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary our Mother,  
bring everyone under your protection  
and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## INTERCESSIONS

### CONCLUDING PRAYER: *A Prayer for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
in proclaiming your greatness,  
we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the one you chose,  
full of grace, and blessed among all women,  
to become the Mother of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
and Mother of your Church here on earth.

As she received your Word in her Immaculate Heart,  
she was found worthy to conceive Jesus in her virgin womb;  
and, as she gave birth to the Savior,  
she nurtured the beginning of your Church here on earth.

As she stood beside the Cross,  
she received the testament of divine love and took to herself as sons and daughters  
all those who by the Death of Christ are born to new life.

As she joined her prayers with the prayers of the Apostles,  
awaiting the Spirit you had promised,  
she became a model of the Church at prayer.

As she was raised to the glory of heaven,  
she now accompanies your pilgrim Church with a mother's love  
and watches in kindness over the Church's ministry,  
until the day the Lord shall come again in radiant splendor.

Therefore, bestow upon the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the grace of your kindness,  
that we, your supplicant people, O God,  
formed by you, our Creator,  
restored by you, our Redeemer,  
and nurtured by you, our Sustainer,  
may be guided by Mary, our Blessed Mother.  
Through your constant action, may we one day  
share in the glory of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*Regina Caeli*

*Regina Caeli Laetare*

Re - gi - na cae - li,      lae - tá - re,      al - le - lú - ia,  
O Queen of heav-en,      be joy - ful,      al - le - lu - ia,

qui - a quem me - ru - í - sti por - tá - re,      al - le - lú - ia,  
For he whom you have hum-bly borne for us,      al - le - lu - ia,

re - sur - ré - xit si - cut di - xit,      al - le - lú - ia,  
Has a - ris - en, as he prom-ised,      al - le - lu - ia,

O - ra pro no - bis De - um,      al - le - lú - ia.  
Of - fer now our prayer to God,      al - le - lu - ia.

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