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Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
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My brothers and sisters of Christ, children of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as we continue our celebration of the Nativity of our Lord we come to this feast of Mary the Mother of God. This title of Mary as you well know reminds us of her tremendous dignity. It is impossible to imagine anything greater than to be the Mother of God. But this title does not signify any type of paganism, but rather a great mystery, the mystery of the Incarnation which we celebrate at Christmastime.

God became man to save us but he did not become a superhero, rather he became a weak little baby. And we see in this mystery a new kind of omnipotence. The infinite power of God chose to work in this subtle and tender way in order to win all hearts. He did not want to violently conquer us but rather to gently attract us by this ineffable love. And the Blessed Virgin Mary has an irreplaceable role in this saving plan.

Each of us has our own mother and it is very natural for us to love our mothers in a very profound way for having given us life. So by including the Blessed Virgin Mary in his plan, God is reaching out to even the most cold and hard hearts.

Therefore in our efforts to evangelize those who are far from God and those who do not come to Mass we ought to trust in the intercession of Mary the Mother of God and we ought to ask her to accompany us in all of our paths.