



## HOW SHOULD A CATHOLIC BELIEVE IN MARY?



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Mary is the Mother of God. She was united with Jesus on earth as no other human being was or could be—in an intimacy that does not cease in heaven. Mary is the Queen of Heaven, and in her motherhood she is quite close to us. Because she committed herself, body and soul, to a divine yet dangerous undertaking, Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. Anyone who lives and believes as Mary did will get to heaven.

## SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

### ST BERNARD

St Bernard was a devout spiritual leader constantly seeking people out and bringing them close to the faith, even his own brothers and sisters converted due to his example and encouragement. He had a great devotion to Mary and wrote about her and prayed often to her. He entrusted his family and friends into her care.



### ST CATHERINE LABOURE

St Catherine Laboure had a deep love for Mary and as a result Mary showed her special favor by appearing to her and asking her to have the Miraculous medal made. For hundreds of years this devotion and closeness to Mary has spread because of St Catherine's work.



### GOSPEL



### ANSWERS

AND STRETCHING OUT HIS HAND TOWARD HIS DISCIPLES, JESUS SAID, "HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS. FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY HEAVENLY FATHER IS MY BROTHER, AND SISTER, AND MOTHER."

— MATTHEW 12:46-50

## ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

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