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Through Mary

Mary is a hidden treasure. 'Hidden' insofar as such a small proportion of the human race would know about her. 'Treasure' insofar as she is so important in God's plans and can do so much for those who call upon her.

Many would ignore her because they are not religiously inclined. Others would ignore her because they fear that any attention given to her will somehow steal attention which should have gone to God.

Genuine devotion to Mary will never steal anything from God, but will in fact magnify our devotion to Him.

St Louis de Montfort and others have been at pains to say that we cannot leave Mary out. She is part of God's plan, and that applies for all time, not just the time around Jesus' birth and early life.

Since then, and still now she plays a major role in the whole salvation story.

She does this firstly by her own worship of God, which is constant and much deeper than any other person could achieve.

Then she turns her attention to her children, the whole human race. She prays for us, and her prayer is powerful, so closely entwined with the will of God.

When we pray to Mary we are asking her to pray for us. She passes on the request to God, and gives it more power in the process.

She would pray for us anyway, even if we do not ask, but it works much better when we do ask, because it shows that we are prepared to make some response to divine generosity.

Mary blends in with God's plans and our hopes and enriches the whole process.

So many miracles have been attributed to her intercession and mediation. We can encourage everyone to 'try it and see'.

If she can do so much without being recognized how much more when she is recognized?

The Legion of Mary has a role here as we explicitly call on Our Lady at every turn. We seek to shed light in the midst of all the misinformation about Mary; to help everyone to a stronger link with her, which will translate into more prayer and more fruits.

One of those fruits will be that we can worship God through Mary's mediation and that will be more pleasing to Him. We do not pray only to get things that we want!

God wants Mary in a central place to keep a strong contact between divine and human. She has been helping the human race for centuries, largely unthanked. We will continue to accept the help, but also to thank her!