

May 27

- 1859 *Death of Cardinal Dupont, Archbishop of Bourges.*
1891 *Rome: Father Chevalier has a private audience with Pope Leo XIII at 18.30, for half an hour.*
1979 *Father Pedro Magugat, MSC (PH), appointed auxiliary of Cabanatuan (PH), is ordained Bishop at Rome by Pope John Paul II.*

He was obedient to them (3)

The same is true of the wedding feast at Cana:

Woman, why do you turn to me (Jn 2: 4).

What does it matter to you or to me
if the guests are to be without wine;
that is the responsibility of the bridegroom.

Besides what can we do about it,
my hour has not yet come?

It is the Man-God who speaks here
the supreme Master owing submission to none.

But then the Man-God submits freely.

Mary has asked for nothing;

all she says is: "They have no wine";

but she knows that her Son,
who has absolute right not to do what she wants,
will do it through *condescension*.

She says to the Servants: "Do what he tells you".

And aware of her desires,

Jesus does what his Mother does not ask for.

Mary, creature and mother
asks quite humbly as a creature,
and as a mother obtains her request.

Jesus, Creator and Son,
grants freely as Son

what as Creator he has the right to refuse.

Jesus then changes the water into wine
and performs his first miracle.

May 28

1904 *Paul Fastré, MSC (F), is ordained a priest at Canet de Mar (E). He became "the first apostle of the Fuyughes" in Papua.*

The maternal rights of Mary continue to exist in heaven

God does not withdraw his gifts (*Heb 7: 21*).

Once God has willed to make Mary
the mother of his Son,
and to this end imparted to her
the honour and rights of Motherhood,
this arrangement remains unchanged.

The glorious state of the Saviour
presents no obstacle;
her rights as mother remain,
and consequently also her power,
in heaven as on earth.

Hence all those magnificent titles bestowed on her
by the gratitude and piety of centuries:

She is the Dispenser of every good,
the means by which we find grace,
the safest port for the shipwrecked,
the Mother of true Mercy, etc.

We would not finish
if we were to enumerate all the titles
that doctors of the Church and saints have given her.

"What do all these expressions mean,
if not that Mary can speak as Mother
and that she will always be heard?"[†]

(*OLSH, p. 185*)

[†] Mgr. de La Tour d'Auvergne, Archbishop of Bourges, for the crowning of the statue of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, September 1869.

May 29

- 1836 *First Holy Communion of Jules Chevalier at Richelieu, on Trinity Sunday.*
- 1847 *Jules Chevalier receives the tonsure at Bourges.*
- 1874 *Rome: Fathers Chevalier, Jouët and Vandel celebrate Mass in St. Peter's crypt.*
- 1971 *Erection of the Java Province (RI) of the FDNSC.*

Hope of the hopeless

Saint Bernard exclaims:

"It is to the Blessed Virgin
that has fallen the sublime mission
of speaking for us to the heart of Jesus."

But our century is an extremely difficult case,
a cause almost lost, half hopeless.

The world is rushing to its ruin.

Indifferent to religion, people move away from God.

Error and falsehood are rife,
corruption abounds.

In response Saint Ephrem says:

"It is of no importance that evil seems incurable.

That is precisely why Mary
will take this cause in hand,
if you commit it to her.

You know surely that she is the hope
of those we consider beyond hope;
the hope of those who are losing hope,
and the hope even of those
who here below have lost all hope."

(OLSH, p. 196)