

Make Up Assignment for Gathering Session on Dec. 7, 2002

Theme: Blessed Virgin Mary as the new Eve...

Watch on FORMED.org the video "Mary & the Saints; Symbolon for Teens"

Instructions: Focus on the 4 Marian Dogmas (Truths of the Faith: revealed in scripture and/or through Divine revelation)

1. Explain the 4 Marian Dogmas.
2. How do these dogmas in the Catholic Church better help Catholics understand why we pray to the Blessed Mother?
3. Which of the dogmas do you find difficult to accept? Why?

Explanation of the virtue of ACCEPTANCE.

During Advent, we reflect on Mary's decision to follow the path God created for her and did not reject it with a "NO" when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her. Acceptance is defined as the act of accepting something or someone. This virtue compliments the virtues of contentment and forgiveness. Practicing acceptance makes it difficult to be a person who rejects God's love. Mary's acceptance of God's will in her life sustained her throughout her life as she *supported* her son's ministry work and ultimately his sacrifice.

Complete the "JOY" & "GIVE" handouts.