

LOVE to the **MAX**



LIVE to the **MAX**



HOLY to the **MAX**



Continuing on the rails of contemplation and action, let us keep our eyes focused on the one who traveled before us, and is now showing us the way: the Immaculata!

What was Mary doing when the angel appeared to her? I can't help but think that God found her there, where she was supposed to be, doing the ordinary little things with great love! God found her there, in a small village, in an unknown town, in the midst of common people! Just a young girl...too normal to be noticed! But, God chooses what is little, unnoticed, despised, to do wondrous things! This means a lot to us. He can do the same with us! He could unexpectedly call us for a mission!

Mary was attentive to the word of God and ready to respond to God's love! She didn't understand everything, but she trusted Him and expressed her joyful desire to collaborate fully with God's design, without counting the cost. Her "yes" became her living faith in action. She gave herself totally and forever to God.

Her total union with the Holy Spirit transformed her "yes" into action. She set out in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was pregnant and in need. This is clearly an act of charity. From her love for God springs forth her love for others. In fact, the two realities are inseparable. As soon as Mary receives Jesus and carries Him in her womb, she brings Him to others. Love is transformed into service. She is the "Servant of the Lord."

As followers of Christ, we are called to imitate her in the events of our everyday life, by saying "yes" to God we become disciples sent to bring Jesus to others. YES God, we want to follow You, with Mary, Our Mother."

CHALLENGE

Be attentive to someone in need...

Say "yes" with a smile...

Be joyful in serving others...

Words Of Wisdom

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"Yes, Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord." Every "yes" is a step toward heaven.

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YOUTH IN ACTION

Hi! My name is Maria Sylvia. I'm seventeen years old. I'm from Olavarria, Argentina. I belong to the MI group here. (I started in 2003, and since then, I've never given up.)

I live my consecration by going to the group at the Fr. Kolbe Missionaries, teaching catechism, playing the guitar, and going to school. (This is my last year!) I study English. I have a big family - 8 brothers - and I have a lot of friends. I spend time with them going out at night, and doing lots of different things.

Some people wonder how I can do so many things. The answer is simple. I pray. I have learned that without a profound life of prayer, communion with God, listening to Him, knowing Him in His word, and renewing my trust in Mary, I will not have the strength, or the necessary joy to go forward in so many activities and relationships. I try (like our Mother Mary) to protect the fruits of my relationship with God. I guard not only my relationship with God, but also with others who see and want to imitate this intimate union with Him.

How do I do it? For example, at school, studying, playing the guitar, washing dishes at home, in the disco with my friends or visiting a family during a mission, I try to do all these things with a smile, showing happiness and enjoyment, although I'm tired. I try to do my best, so that others can see in me a difference, that is nothing more than the joy of knowing that Jesus loves me. My wish is for His life to act in me.

In other words, I try to be a saint in my daily life and to sanctify others, doing my duties in a better way, in union with God. Why don't you try it?

