

VIRGINITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MARY'S VIRGINITY

MEANING

MAGISTERIUM

"If anyone does not acknowledge... Mary as really and truly the Mother of God, that she, in the fullness of time and without seed, conceived by the Holy Spirit of God the Word Himself... and without loss of integrity brought Him forth, and after His birth preserved her virginity inviolate, let him be anathema." Pope G. Martin I, 649 A.D.

VIRGINAL CONCEPTION OF CHRIST

B.V.M. was a Virgin up to the Annunciation and carried child by the supernatural power of the H. Sp.
 - SCRIPTURE - NT - TRADITION - ROME - FATHERS

VIRGINAL BIRTH OF CHRIST

Christ was born without separating Mary's body. His birth was miraculous.
 - TRADITION - ROME - FATHERS
 - SS: "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (Is 7:14)

VIRGINITY AFTER CHRIST'S BIRTH

Mary had no carnal relations after giving birth to Christ
 - TRADITION: "the ever-virgin Mary"

IMPLICATIONS

- ① Since Christ was the natural Son of God, it was not proper for Him to have a human Father.
- ② Christ's conception typified our regeneration according to the spirit. We must be born spiritually of the Virgin Church.
- ③ Christ is our perfect pattern. He wanted to teach us the value of sacrifice in His Mother, who would forgo the appearance of carnal intercourse.
- ④ Mary took a vow of virginity, to inspire others even as Christ remained a virgin.
 St. Augustine: "To the angel making the announcement, 'Mary she replied: How shall I be done if I should not physically would herself a virgin to God.'"

knows not man. This she certainly could not say, had she not physically would herself a virgin to God.