

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This Feast has a double significance: Mary's blessed departure from this life and the assumption of her body into Heaven.



Today, your Son comes for you, Virgin and Mother:

"Come, my love", I will place you on my throne, the King is captivated by your beauty. I want you with me to consummate my saving mission, you have already prepared your "house" where I am going to celebrate the Marriage of the Lamb:

Mary assumed into heaven, sign of hope and consolation, of our new and redeemed humanity, obtain for us from your Son the grace to be like you, filled with the Holy Spirit, to be faithful to the Word that calls us to be, also like you, sacraments of the Kingdom.

Today, Mary, your "yes", your "Fiat", joins God's "yes" to his creature in the realization of his covenant, in the embrace of a single "yes". Amen.

Dear friends of the ACI Family, dear Sisters: The Assumption is a message of hope that reminds us of the joy of reaching Heaven, the glory of God and the joy of having a Mother who has attained the goal toward which we journey. If Mary is assumed forever, this "Assumption" changes our outlook, and our perspective becomes that of the Living God. May Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, fill us with joy and hope, and may she be the star that leads us to where Jesus is.

## With friendship,

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