
THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

To Be A Saint!

Our beautiful Mother Mary is called the "Queen of All Saints" because she made the most perfect use of the rich treasury of graces given to her by God. She excelled in EVERY SINGLE VIRTUE - more perfectly than all the Saints combined! The great Saint Maximillian Kolbe tells us that Mary, your Heavenly Mother, knows you perfectly because she sees you in the Beatific Vision of God in Heaven. She is not unaware of you...you are very much on her mind, even at this VERY MOMENT! Everything that concerns you is revealed by God to our Blessed Mother. God Himself shares His own knowledge with her so that nothing that her motherly Heart must know about you remains hidden from her. Because Mother Mary knows and loves you and *never stops thinking of you*, you must honor her by frequently thinking of her and returning her love. Now, you cannot love without knowing, and you cannot know without learning. For this reason, you cannot respond to Our Blessed Mother's love for you without making efforts to learn more about her. That is why it is so important to pray often with your Children's Bible, study the lives of the Saints and read Catholic stories. Here is a little Catholic story that will help you learn: *There once was a young girl who wanted to serve the magnificent Queen! On her journey to offer her services to the Queen, she saw many of the Queen's servants at their labors. One was gardening a gigantic fertile field. Another was reaping a grand harvest of delicious fruits. Another was collecting beautiful bouquets of fragrant flowers. When the young girl was presented before the Queen, she cried out, "My Queen! I love you very much! In order to prove my love for you, I beg you to take me as one of your servants." The Queen smiled. "My dearest child, go to the seashore and bring me back 3 oysters."*

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Mary, Most Obedient Consoling Disobedient Eve

*That evening, the young girl presented the Queen with 3 oysters. The next day dawned and with it the same request: "My dearest child, go to the seashore and bring me back 3 oysters." Day after day, it was the same request and day after day, the young girl obeyed. Finally a day came when the young girl found herself sitting on the sand after a long day's work, weeping in sorrow. When she looked up, there stood the Queen! "Why are you weeping, my dearest child?" asked the Queen. "Oh, my Queen!" cried the girl. "I wanted to prove my great love for you by doing mighty and important deeds but instead all I have to give you are 3 ugly, barnacle-encrusted oysters." The Queen proceeded to carefully open the 3 oysters. Each contained an exquisite pearl and on each pearl was engraved a golden letter! The Queen explained, "This golden "D" stands for **diligence**. This golden "P" stands for **patience**. But this golden "O" is the most pleasing to me. For this is the precious pearl of **obedience**."*