



The Little Portion

Franciscan Column

“Thomas of Celano, Second Life of Saint Francis, describes the love of Saint Francis for the Mother of Jesus as ‘inexpressible,’ for ‘it was she who made the Lord of majesty our brother.’ This simple litany describes Mary’s role in the plan of salvation and uses many titles that were familiar to the medieval Christians to praise her unique position. Saint Francis clearly presents the Virgin Mary as the model for every Christian who responds to the presence of God in his/her life.

Hail, O Lady,
Hail Queen
Mary, holy mother of God:
You are the virgin made church
and the one chosen by the most holy Father in
Heaven whom He consecrated
With His most holy beloved Son
And with the Holy Spirit the Paraclete.
In whom there was and is
All of the fullness of grace and every good.
Hail, His Palace!
Hail, His Tabernacle!
Hail, His Home!
Hail, His Robe!
Hail, His Servant!
Hail, His Mother!
And, all you holy virtues which through the
Grace and light of the Holy Spirit are poured
Into the hearts of the faithful so that from
Their faithless state you may make them
Faithful to God. Amen.

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