

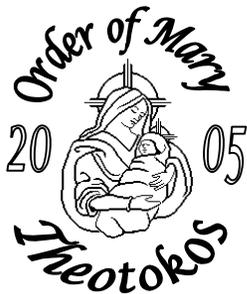
# The Theotokan

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*Order of Mary Theotokos*

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## Order's Name Modified

The official name of the OMT has been changed from "Order of Mary the Theotokos" to "Order of Mary Theotokos".

The "the" in the original name was seen by members at the 2005 Synod as redundant and not reflected in the abbreviation (OMT) which professed members may use behind their names.

## Titles of Mary

**~Mark your Calendar~  
Important dates to  
put on your calendar:**

**Your Profession dates  
because you need to  
remember to request  
First and Final  
Profession documents  
from the Abbot.**

**ECC+USA 2006 Synod  
Will be held at St.  
Meinrad Abbey  
Retreat Center in  
Indiana on September  
8, 9, and 10, 2006. All  
OMT members are  
invited to attend.  
Additional details  
later.**

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*"Mary, Mary, what confidence,  
what sweetness comes to my soul  
when I pronounce thy sacred name  
or even only think of thee."*

*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

While we honor Mary under the particular title of "Theotokos" which means God bearer, there are many other titles which we should consider in our prayers as we ask Mary to intercede for us to Jesus. Here is a list of titles that we may use for our special prayer needs. Just add "Pray for us" and you have the litany in honor of Mary.

Holy Mother of God  
Holy Virgin of virgins,  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of divine grace,  
Mother most pure,  
Mother most chaste,  
Mother inviolate,  
Mother undefiled,  
Mother most amiable,  
Mother most admirable,  
Mother of good counsel,  
Mother of our Creator,  
Mother of our Savior,  
Virgin most prudent,  
Virgin most venerable,  
Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,  
Virgin most merciful,  
Virgin most faithful,  
Mirror of justice,  
Seat of wisdom,  
Cause of our joy,  
Spiritual vessel,  
Vessel of honor,  
Singular vessel of devotion,  
Mystical rose,  
Tower of David,  
Tower of ivory,  
House of gold,  
Ark of the Covenant,  
Gate of Heaven,  
Morning star,  
Health of the sick,  
Refuge of sinners,  
Comforter of the afflicted,  
Help of Christians,  
Queen of angels,  
Queen of patriarchs,  
Queen of prophets,  
Queen of apostles,  
Queen of martyrs,  
Queen of confessors,  
Queen of virgins,  
Queen of all saints,  
Queen conceived without Original Sin,  
Queen assumed into Heaven,  
Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
Queen of peace, *pray for us.*

## The Virtues of a Postulant

Mark your calendar continued...

On the following special feast days of Mary, OMT brothers and sisters are asked to offer their prayer especially for other members of the Order, their special spiritual needs, and for world peace.

Jan 1 - Mary, Mother of God.  
Mar 25 - The Annunciation  
May 31 - the Visitation  
Aug 15 - the Assumption  
Sept 8 - Birth of Mary  
Sept 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows  
Nov 21 - the Presentation  
Dec 8 - the Conception of Mary

The official feast days of the Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA are posted each day on the first page of the Church's website ([www.ecc-usa.org](http://www.ecc-usa.org)). The Church calendar combines feasts from several Catholic Faith traditions

The Order of Mary the Theotokos is a ministry of the Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA.

Professed membership is open to all men and women of faith, married or single, regardless of their denominational affiliation.

The OMT follows the traditional route of formation that has been found in many religious orders for centuries.

There were usually three or four levels of formation based on the candidate's readiness to make a final and lasting profession as a monastic or religious. These levels were: postulant, novice, first profession, and final profession. Each was for a set period of time based on the order's rule.

The movement through the levels of formation were never hurried. The postulancy usually lasted a year, the novitiate two years, first profession three years, and final profession, of course, was for life.

During the postulancy and novitiate, the candidate learned how to be a good religious and contributing member of the Order.

The new brother or sister began the practice of the virtues of religious life. The main virtues, of course, were poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Since the OMT is not a monastic Order and we have married members, we are called to practice the spirit of these virtues within our state in life as married or not, but living in the world.

First, we, as all Christians, are all called to be chaste in

life as a married or single person.

Second, as members of the OMT, we are called to a spirit of poverty that asks us to keep material things in proper perspective and not make them the end-all of our existence. We should be generous in helping those in need.

Third, as members of the OMT, we are called to a spirit of obedience to God's will through the imitation of Mary. We need to practice being open to God's promptings in our lives and respond positively to do his will for us.

And, like Mary, we need to be humble. Humility takes on many faces, everything from not being concerned about the deferences that you receive or not receive because of your job title or financial position in life, to the simple humility involved in saying "thank you" when someone gives you a gift, does a favor for you, or just does the things they should do because of their job but in a friendly and caring manner. When you think about it, there is hardly nothing more humble than saying "thank you". It is a humble behavior we all should learn as religious brothers and sisters.