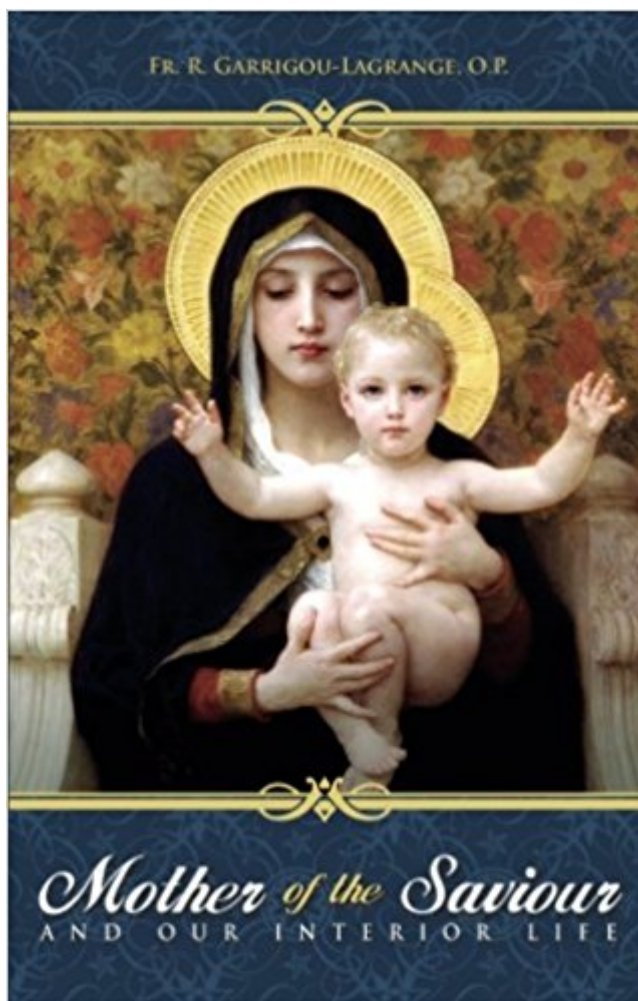


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# The Mother Of The Saviour: And Our Interior Life



## Synopsis

Written by a pre-eminent authority, with brevity, economy and absence of novelty, speculation or merely "metaphorical expressions." Suffused with the spirit of faith and love begotten by sanctity. Not the author's personal opinions, but what the Church actually teaches. Says Mary is greater in grace than all Angels and Saints combined; is the mother of all men and of each individually. A great comprehensive, concise statement of all the Church teaches about Mary!! Impr. 290 pgs, PB

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Father Reginald Garrigou-Lagrance, O.P., was born in 1877 and is held as one of the greatest Catholic theologians of the twentieth century. He focused his writings against the error of Modernism, which denied the objective truth of Divine revelation, as well as on apologetics, including philosophy. In total, he authored over five hundred books and articles, and wrote as a thorough Thomist. Among Father Garrigou-Lagrance's numerous works are *The Three Ages of the Interior Life*, *Christian Perfection and Contemplation*, *Christ the Savior*, and *God, His Existence and Nature*. He died in 1964.

This is a beautiful book, by the late Father Reginald Marie Garrigou-Lagrance OP, for anyone who loves Our Blessed Mother Mary, Mother of God, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity ... I particularly wanted to read Chapter 4, entitled *Mother of Mercy*, (*Mater Misericordiae*). To quote Father Garrigou-Lagrance, "...mercy is the virtue of the powerful and

the good, who are capable of giving real assistance. That is why it is found in God especially...it is one of the greatest manifestations of His power and goodness. St Augustine remarked that it was more glorious for God to obtain good out of evil than to create out of nothing: it is greater to convert a sinner by giving him grace than to make a whole universe, Heaven and earth, out of nothing". Then to continue with quoting from the next page, "Article 2, Principal Manifestations of Mercy", we see the power of the intercessory prayers of Mary : -"Mary manifests herself as Mother of Mercy by being 'Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, Help of Christians.' The gradation of titles here is very beautiful ... Among creatures no one is higher than Mary, and yet no one is more approachable, more helpful and more gentle." The most famous of the students of the noted author of this beautiful book by the late Father Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange OP, was Pope John Paul II. The book is a wonderful read in this Jubilee Year of Mercy which is drawing to a close : The Jubilee Year of Mercy began on December 8th 2015, (Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and will end on November 20th 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.

a classic==heavy duty reading but good for the soul. as a lay Dominican it has great spiritual value.

Incredible book to strengthen your knowledge and love for Our Lady and Her Divine Son. Received promptly and in great condition!

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Fr Garrigou-Lagrange does not mince words or waste time with silly introductions. Within the first paragraph of the book, he has already posed the first question that the reader will consider: which of the following was Mary's greater prerogative- her fulness of grace or her being the Mother of God? Naturally, I guessed wrong. Fr G-L goes into detail concerning which theologians through history have held to which opinion, their reasons on both sides for why they held this, and finally what Fr G-L believes is the correct opinion (if there is a correct opinion). This sets a precedent for the entire book. Every section is interested in discussing very important and thought-provoking questions concerning Our Lady, her predestination, and her interior life. The questions are carefully stated, the opinions of those who have come before are given along with their reasons for holding said opinion, and conclusion is given as well. We learn many things about Our Blessed Mother in this book. Her initial grace was greater than that of all the other martyrs combined (though still finite), she had full

use of her cognitive faculties the moment she was conceived, she suffered greater than all the other saints combined, and many many others. Fr G-L also discusses pious devotions, such as the Total Consecration of St de Montfort. This is simply a wonderful book that will get you thinking more deeply about your Marian devotion and love of Mary. True, there are some things that are a bit difficult and technical theologically, but these difficulties should not deter you. In my opinion, there is no reason to ever not be reading G-L. He is by far the theologian that I trust most from the 20th and 21st century.

This is the finest book on Mariology I have seen. Garrigou-Lagrange is very thorough in his Thomistic presentation of Mary the Mother of God. Her dignity as God's greatest creature, surpassing all the angels, is rigorously defended from her Divine Maternity. From this starting point the other Marian doctrines are explained and defended, conceived without sin, the Assumption into heaven, etc. GL covers the key points in Mary's life that were catalysts in her receiving even further grace, which she without any sin, would not impede. Every charitable act that Mary did was worthy of all merit possible, from the daily kiss on the forehead of the child Jesus to her co-suffering in Christ's passion. As the Mother of God, Mary is described by Lagrange as having "suppliant omnipotence" (she gets what she asks for). How could a soul that constantly pleaded for her intercession be lost? As Trent noted, devotion to the Mary is a sign of predestination. Read this and you will be unable to walk away without an increased appreciation for our Blessed Mother.

This is perhaps the finest summation of the Catholic Church's teaching about the Mother of God ever penned. Written by a pre-eminent authority, with brevity, economy and absence of novelty or speculation or "merely metaphorical expressions." The book is suffused with the spirit of faith and inspired by love begotten of sanctity. Shows how Mary is greater in grace than all angels and all men combined. Explains her role in relation to us: How she is the Mother of all men and of each individually; her role as Co-Redemptrix of all men; her power of intercession for us and in the distribution of all graces; her Queenship of Heaven and earth and the honor of hyperdulia we pay her, which is best expressed in true devotion to Mary; why true devotion to Mary is such a certain means of sanctification; and finally, why the human race should be consecrated to Mary for the peace of the world. A comprehensive yet concise statement of all that the Church teaches about Mary. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine that anyone having read this masterpiece of Fr.

Garrigou-Lagrange will ever again question the exalted position of Mary recognized by the Church or ever thereafter denigrate or question her stature in the order of nature or of grace. 290pp. PB.

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