



Gifts of Love for Our Queen

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The loving God demands something of us. But what he brings and returns is endlessly more than what we had to do, what we invested. Perhaps under this viewpoint you will understand better the expression “contributions to the capital of grace.” We make contributions. What do the contributions consist of? They are gifts of love. They are gifts of sacrifice. We give them to the dear Blessed Mother. Yes, what does she give in return? I think in this context we understand better what the meaning of the covenant of love is. It is an exchange business. We have often defined what the covenant of love is. A mutual exchange. What kind of exchange? Exchange of hearts, exchange of interests, exchange of gifts. Now you have to see once: As we understand the covenant of love—if we do it correctly and take it seriously, are we then good money changers? Previously, I discussed this with you in detail.

Exchange of gifts! What do *we* give to the Blessed Mother? Assume that we would give her everything - that is what we all want to do through the covenant of love. What do we give to her if we want to make a total covenant of love? She shall get the merits of our good works³. Yes, what do we give to her? Our spiritual faculties, the body and all the powers of the body.

³ The merits of our good works are “gifts of God’s kindness” which we can “merit” for ourselves and for others through our free

You see, therefore: My Queen, my Mother, I give myself *entirely* to you. And then: And to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you - now the individual senses are listed - eyes, ears, heart, mouth, everything we are and have.

Now you may not overlook: what do we receive in return? Everything which the Blessed Mother possesses. Now you have to see this in a new light under the viewpoint: we want to be good money changers. Yes, are we really good money changers? What do we now receive in return? Everything she possesses. And what does she possess... Think of the beautiful image: the Child in her arms... Even more: She has an almighty arm. Not only the Child, but because she carries the Child in her arms, she herself has also an almighty arm. Look, I give her my powerlessness; she gives me her omnipotence in return. Therefore it echoes very strongly in our ears: *Mater perfectam habebit curam*.⁴ She takes care. Why? It is an exchange business.

Questions:

- ❖ How did God lead me to the arms of the MTA?
- ❖ Who do I pray to remain in the arms of the MTA?
- ❖ What do I bring to the MTA this May?

cooperation with grace. See: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2008 ff.