

Open Letter to Pope Francis, May 2022

Holy Father:

We thank you, with hearts full of gratitude, for your inspired consecration of the world and especially Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25, 2022. Turning to Mary, Mother of God and “Mother of all”, as you referred to her, in response to the horrific war in Ukraine, manifested your great wisdom, faith, and trust in the unique intercessory power of Our Lady to bring the grace and peace of Jesus Christ to a tragic conflict.

As we look upon the rest of the world, we see other severe signs of conflict, tragedy, and suffering that likewise call for the powerful intercession of Mary. Moral degeneration, family breakdown, extended abortion, widespread poverty, refugee crisis, human trafficking, elderly neglect, nature exploitation, economic inequality, and geopolitical tension tragically affect the present human situation. With you, we strongly believe that first and foremost we are engaged in a spiritual battle, and that human efforts alone cannot solve the extreme challenges of our day. In this spiritual battle, the Lord has entrusted the world to his mother and our mother. As the Woman clothed with the sun, she stands in battle against the Dragon who, more than ever, spreads his evil throughout our world. Now we believe is the time to invoke her in recognition of all the greatness our Lord has given her, in order that she can fully execute her powerful maternal intercession.

In her God-given role as spiritual Mother of all humanity, Mary can bring conversion and healing, justice and peace to nations and peoples in ways far beyond our human understanding. And yet, in respect for our human freedom, she cannot and will not force grace upon her earthly children without our “fiat”, our free human “yes” to this mighty role given her by Jesus from the Cross: “Woman, behold your son...behold your mother” (Jn. 19:26-27).

Holy Father, we, as the People of God, hierarchy and faithful alike, believe that a solemn definition by you that Mary is truly the “Spiritual Mother of All Peoples,” in light of her unique subordinate role with Jesus in redemption and mediation, would constitute an official and universal “yes” to Mary’s role of motherly intercession on behalf of all humanity. This would allow our Mother *to most fully and dynamically intercede for the graces the human family so desperately needs* at this present critical hour. Please, Holy Father, prayerfully consider this papal proclamation, so that the entire world will know it has a Mother!

