**The Holy Spirit will come upon you**

**ANNOUNCIATION MARCH 25 (Lk 1, 26-38)**

Who becomes flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the work of the Holy Spirit? Who today is conceived in that very pure womb as a true son of man? The full, unequivocal truth, without gaps, is offered to us by the Apostle John in the Prologue to his Gospel: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him. "(Cf. Jn 1, 1-18).*Who is born of the Virgin Mary is the Only Begotten Son of the Father, his Eternal Word, generated by him in the beginning, always, when nothing existed and not even time. The Word is light from light, God from God, begotten, not created of the same substance as the Father. He became flesh so that we in his flesh could become true children of God, in conversion, in the forgiveness of sins, in the birth of water and the Holy Spirit.

*In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. " But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived**a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God. "Mary said," Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. " Then the angel departed from her.*

Here is a truth that reveals the purpose of the Incarnation of the Word: *"For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. "(Eph 2, 14-18).*Today it is the truth of the Incarnation that is denied, silenced, not preached, not announced. It is Christ the Lord who people are no longer invited to believe in. In doing so, the children of the Church make vain the mystery of humanity's redemption. They abandon the living spring of the water of life to go and quench their thirst in cisterns that contain only mud. It is urgent that the Christian begins to proclaim the truth of Christ Jesus. It is in Jesus’ truth that man finds his truth and it is in Jesus’ life that man comes back to life. The Incarnate Word is not the light of just the Christian, but the light and life of the world. Not to give Christ is to deprive man of light, of life, of truth, of peace. It is a very serious sin.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make the Christian proclaim Christ in the truth.