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PREFACE

The object of this little book is to promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, by giving special prominence to her Divine Maternity and to the fact that it was God Himself who gave us the example to honor her, and thence to the conclusion that all the honor, love and confidence we bestow upon her is entirely in accordance with the will and example of God Himself and is, moreover, the fulfilment of her own prophecy that "henceforth *all generations shall call me blessed*" (Luke 1. 48). All this is found in the explanation of the *Hail Mary*, the best and most beautiful of prayers after the Lord's Prayer. To enhance and corroborate his explanations, the author has added a few "Selections" from Bossuet's Sermons on the Blessed Virgin, Bronchain's Meditations, and the Church Histories of Darras and Rohrbacher. The clients of the Blessed Virgin Mary will find the book well adapted for spiritual reading during the month of May and on her principal Feasts.

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“THE MOTHER OF MY LORD”

ORIGIN OF THE HAIL MARY

Next to the Our Father, which our Lord Jesus Christ Himself taught us, the Hail Mary is the best, the most beautiful and efficacious of prayers. It has also a divine origin, for each of its three parts has been taught by God Himself. The first part, “Hail (Mary), full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women,” was the greeting which the angel Gabriel, God’s special messenger to the virgin Mary, addressed to her (Luke 1. 27, 28). The second part, “Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb (Jesus)” (v. 41, 42), was the reply St. Elizabeth, “filled with the Holy Ghost,” made to Mary’s greeting. And the Catholic Church, “the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3. 15), founded by Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Ghost, “the Spirit of truth” (John 15. 26), has added the third part, “Holy