



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



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HOPE

ARTICLE FOR PARENTS

HOPE By Peter Kreeft

Hope is the forgotten virtue of our time because hope real hope, the theological virtue of hope, as distinct from the vague sentiment of hopefulness, or optimism means something scandalously transcendental, something offensively supernatural, to the modern mind.

That mind dare not raise its eyes to the sky; its nose-to-the-grindstone worldliness cannot understand or respect the otherworldly goal. It can do nothing but invent sneering names for the goal like escapism and pie in the sky by and bye.

The New Testament appeals to heavenly hope on nearly every page. It is continually reminding us that our citizenship is in heaven. Modernity sees this not only as escapism and wishful thinking, but as traitorous: If our citizenship is not in this world, how can we be loyal to it? That is like thinking that if an unborn baby hopes to be born out of the womb, it is a traitor to the womb.

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RESOLUTION

Pray a decade of the rosary at some point during the school day asking our Blessed Mother to strengthen you in the virtue of **HOPE.**

FAMILY RESOLUTION

Pray a decade of the rosary as a family.

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[AQUINAS 101 VIDEO: HOPE](#)

The Thomistic Institute gives a more in-depth explanation of the virtue of HOPE.



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STORY

OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP AND THE MIRACLE OF STOPPING THE FIRE

In America, The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help at Champion covers the peace-filled holy ground deemed 'worthy of belief' by authority of the Catholic Church, that Mary, the mother of Jesus, appeared. Identifying herself as 'The Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners,' Mary appeared in October 1859 to a Belgian immigrant woman, Adele Brise, on the grounds of Champion Shrine, when the town was known as Robinsonville.

These locutions by Our Lady of Good Help became the foundation of a life-long legacy of catechetical mission work by Brise with local families. She traveled on foot in a 50-mile radius around the present-day Shrine to teach and instruct as she was told by Mary. Adele's father later built a chapel on the apparition site where she also began her teaching work.

On October 8, 1871, almost twelve years to the date of Mary's last appearance, a Midwestern drought caused two of the worst fires in America's history – one in Chicago and the other in Peshtigo, Wisconsin. The same drought caused an inferno that began raging through the rural area, threatening the chapel in the town of Robinsonville. Local families who had been involved with Adele Brise as part of her mission work in catechesis traveled during the fire to the chapel on the Shrine's grounds, many with babies, small children and farm animals, to pray the rosary.

On their knees and in procession all night long, as the areas near the Shrine were reduced to ashes, those who gathered at the Shrine prayed the rosary, asking Our Lady of Good Help for her intercession with her Son, Jesus, to save them from the fire. Their prayers were answered when the rains came and extinguished the fire, preserving the chapel and Shrine grounds.

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“Pray, Hope and don’t Worry.

Worry is useless.

God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

- St. Padre Pio

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VICE

RECOGNIZING WARNING SIGNS OF SOMEONE SUFFERING FROM DESPAIR

- Talking about death or suicide
- Pre-occupation with death
- Depression
- Hopelessness
- Low self-esteem
- Relationship break-up
- Changes in behavior
- Self-loathing or self-hatred
- Social isolation
- Self-destructive behavior

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OUR PURPOSE**

God created me

to know Him,
to love Him,
and to serve Him
in this world

and to be happy with Him
forever in the next.

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OCTOBER 7-15

The Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary.

Prayer

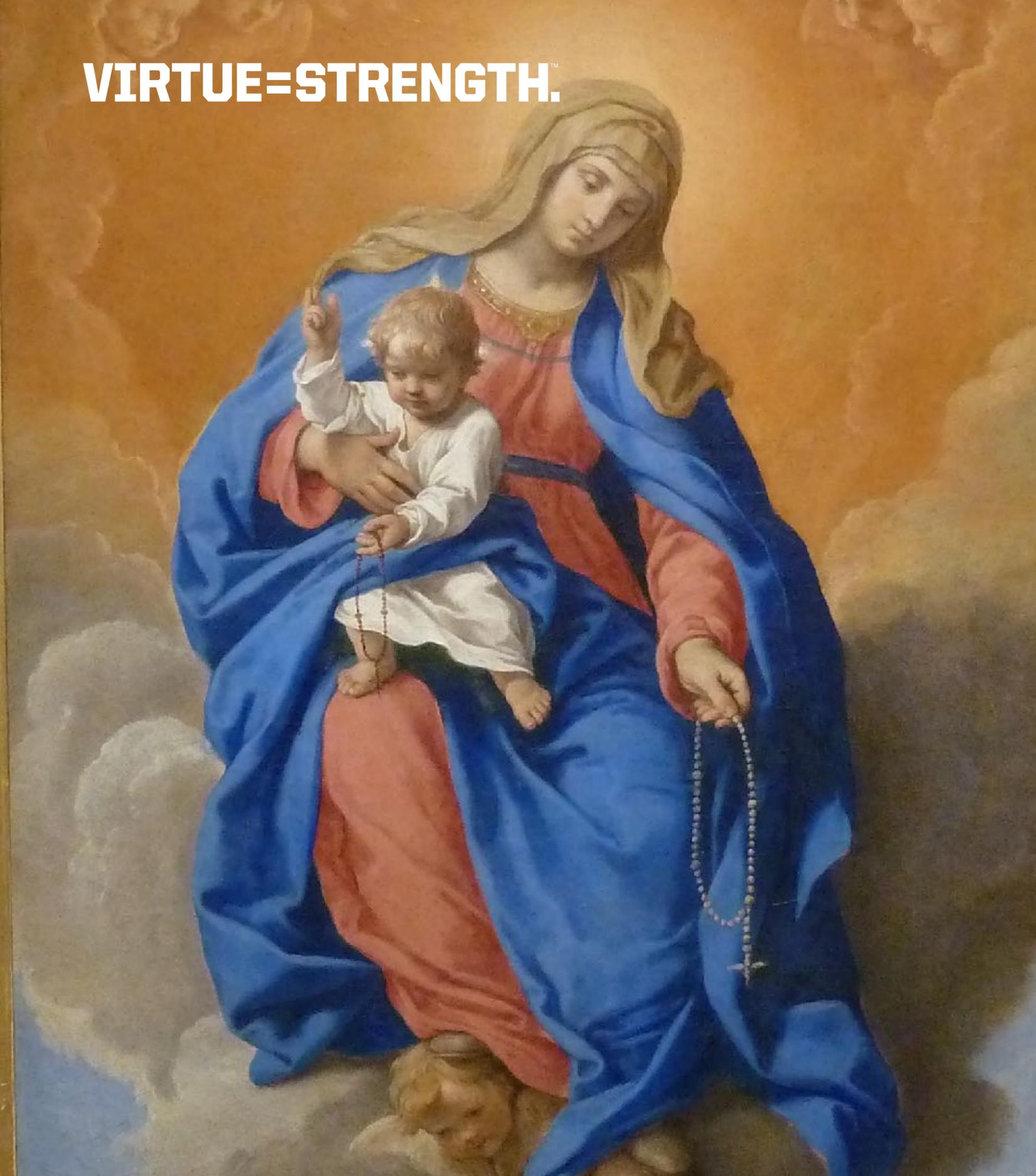
My dearest Mother Mary, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. Accept this prayer, which I offer you in accordance with your requests at Fatima, as a proof of my tender love for you, for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in atonement for the offenses committed against your Immaculate Heart, and for this special favor which I earnestly request: (Mention your request).

I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God's holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul.

I offer you my heart because I love you. I put all my confidence in you, since your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, your loving Son, hear and grant my prayer.

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation.

Amen.





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