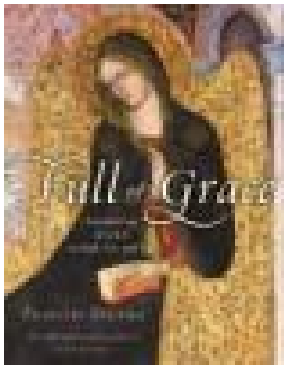


Mary and Humanity's Sin

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In *Full of Grace: Encountering Mary in Faith, Art and Life*, Judith Dupre writes:

Central to the issue of Mary's conception and the controversy that attended it was one of redemption.

If humanity's sin was redeemed through Christ's death, how could Mary, born earlier, be without sin?

As Duns Scotus (ca. 1266-1308) saw it, Mary needed redemption but required a different form of Christ's mediating grace.

Are these serious issues? Or is this theological wordplay?

What is the Marian blog about?



In *The Marian Blog*, *NCR* books editor Arthur Jones invites a discussion on envisioning

Mary, the mother of Jesus, in 21st-century terms.

Jones has been a Catholic journalist since before the Second Vatican Council. This month, Paulist Press releases his latest book, *Mary, a Mother Waiting, Raising the Messiah*. Jones describes his book as an exploration of the mother-son relationship of Mary and Jesus during the "hidden years," until she eases him front and center into his ministry at Cana.

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