

Foreword

I first heard of the ecclesial movement *Vox Populi Mariae Mediatrici* (Voice of the People for Mary Mediatrix) about five years ago concerning their efforts to put forth solid, biblical, theological, patristic, and ecumenical arguments and foundations for the following key objective: to ask, in humility and obedience, His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, to solemnly proclaim as the final Marian Dogma that our Most Holy Mother, the Virgin Mary, is Co-redemptrix, Mediatrix of all graces, and Advocate of God's children. This proposed Marian Dogma would thereby make known the whole truth regarding her unique participation with and under Her Divine Son in the work of Redemption.

Due to my profound love of the Most Holy Virgin, especially under the invocation of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and because of my deep conviction of Her exceptional role in the mystery of our salvation as Queen and Mother of all creation, I composed and sent my own personal petition letter for the Fifth Marian Dogma directly to His Holiness on September 9, 1994.

To my great joy and happiness, I have actively participated in the significant events and advances of the Vox Populi Movement, which is a lay and ecclesial movement that has accomplished and received to date the support of more than 500 cardinals and bishops from all over the world (with an

exceptionally strong response coming from Latin America), and confirmed by petitions made by over 5 million laity.

Now I have the great privilege to present the third volume of *Theological Foundations*, in which are found the most recent theologians, mariologists, journalists, and contemporary commentaries of our time, both Catholics and non-Catholics. These authors continue to draw insight and inspiration from the inexhaustible treasure stemming from the Favored Daughter of the Father, the most Loving Mother of the Son, and the Faithful Spouse of the Spirit.

For it was the One and Triune God who chose Her from all eternity for the unique participation in the salvation of man and history – which is the history of Divine Love, going to encounter His creature and granting Her the greatest of all gifts: to enter and be integrated, as She is now, into the Trinitarian mystery, into eternal happiness, into never-ending glory.

I pray to Our Mother Mary to receive these written works of truth and love, and to the Holy Spirit to illumine the minds and hearts of those who read them, that they may rejoice with Our Lady for the "great things" the Almighty has done for Her. And I plead to the Heavenly Father that He may bestow upon the Virgin Daughter, in the name of Jesus, the Fifth Dogmatic crown. Hail to Our Mother, Queen and Lady!

With my special blessing to the Vox Populi Family and for all people of good will who may penetrate the mysteries here disclosed.

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