

TOTA PULCHRA

O Immaculate Mother,
who are a sign of certain hope
and comfort to everyone,
help us to let ourselves be attracted
by your immaculate purity.

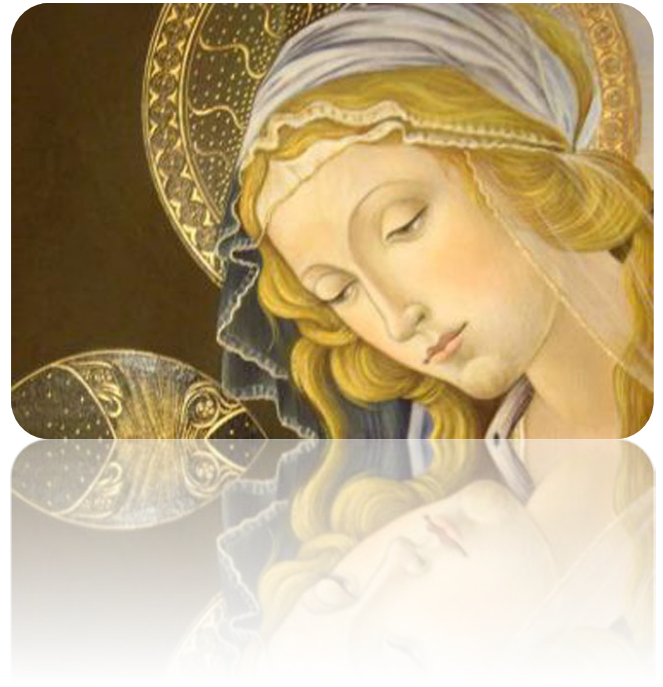
Your beauty *Tota Pulchra*,
as we sing today assures us that
the victory of love is possible;
indeed, that it is certain.

It assures us that grace is stronger than sin,
and that redemption from any form of slavery is therefore possible.

Yes, O Mary, help us to believe with greater trust in good,
to wager on giving freely, on service, on non-violence,
on the power of the truth.

Encourage us to be alert, not to give into the temptation of easy evasions,
to face reality and its problems with courage and responsibility.
This is what you did, a young woman called to stake everything
on the Word of the Lord.

May you be a loving mother for our young people,
so that they may have the courage to be "watchmen of the dawn",
and give this virtue to all Christians so that they may be
the heart of the world in this difficult period of history.
Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and our Mother,
pray for us! Amen.



Benedict XVI