

Today We Learn to be Guardians of Humanity

Luke 2:16-21

**Mary, for her part,
kept all these things,
pondering them
in her heart**



**Today we learn to be guardians of humanity:
of those near and far, of refugee and citizen,
of the baby in a cradle and the elderly in a wheelchair,
of the one who smiles at you and the one who turns away.**

**The Solemnity of the Mother of God
is the gateway to this year that is beginning,
unique and unrepeatable.**

**It marks the beginning of a new time,
generates the opportunity to say “yes” to the Word,
and teaches us, before all else,
to become silent guardians of the mystery of life.**

**Mary is the teacher of discipleship,
the guarantor that the impossible can be realized,
the assurance that the fulfillment of the Father's plan
is brought to completion in history.**

**This is the true wish for the year now beginning:
let us learn to be guardians,
mothers of the human in ourselves
and in those we encounter.**