

# Sister's Spin

August 5, 2021

May and October have always been, in my mind, the months dedicated to our Blessed Mother. But August is becoming a close third. Today the Church celebrates the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, but in the past, this feast was called the feast of Our Lady of the Snows. It is said that a rich childless couple in early Rome wanted to do something to honor God in some way and prayed for a sign as to what they should do. The sign came on August 5 in the form of snow on one of the major hills of Rome--snow which outlined the form of a church which became St. Mary Major, named in honor of Mary as Mother of God, The Council of Ephesus had just proclaimed this great truth and this Church was given the honor of being the largest Church dedicated to Mary in Rome, thus called Mary Major--the greatest. August also contains the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the Queenship of Mary, and feasts of saints who had a great devotion to Mary. More on those later. While I don't expect to see any snowflakes falling this day, I can remember that Mary is always willing to shower down blessings from Her Son and surely will do so on this feast day.

Blessings,  
Sister Marcianne

