

Sister's Spin

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August could be known as another month dedicated to Mary. There are two great feast days--the Assumption, and the Queenship of Mary-- as well as feast days of those who had a great devotion to Mary, such as Maximillion Kolbe. There is another saint whose feast is August 20, who while known for his great writings and actions for the Church, also had a great devotion to our Blessed Mother, and that is St. Bernard. Bernard wrote extensively on Mary and invoked her often in his work for the Church. As someone who brought over 30 members of his family into the service of God through religious life, he certainly prayed to Our Lady as he worked to overcome schisms in the Church of his time and encouraged his monks to stay close to Mary as a mother who would always be caring for them. In our day, we, too, should invoke our Lady in the troubles that face our nation and our world, and ask Bernard to assist us in deepening our love for Mary.

-Sister Marcianne

