

Sister's Spin

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This note was going to begin with my saying that today's feast is a rather new one in the Church as it was established 1954, but I guess that a feast that is 68 years old should probably not be considered new any more. Today is the feast of the Queenship of Mary, and it made me wonder how many queens we have in our world today. There are only 13 women who are reigning as queens or queen consorts in today's world. In our own country the only time the title of queen is given is for someone in a beauty pageant, or someone vying for a special title at a fair or other event. To win that title in many cases, a woman has to undergo various tasks--beauty, interviews, maybe a special project. For Mary, maybe those also qualified her for the title she bears. She certainly is beautiful as described by those who have had visions of her, such as Bernadette or the Fatima Children, but surely she has an inner beauty because of her sinless nature. Those who take part in interviews have to say just the right thing, but in Mary's case, she didn't speak much in the Gospels--her last words that we know are "Do whatever He tells you" and we hear no more from her. As for a special project, I think doing what God asked of her, and especially standing at the foot of the cross, certainly qualified. More than any woman currently on earth, Mary reminds us of the many qualities a real queen has to have and from her place of honor, she certainly takes care of all her subjects--that's us. So, on this feast honoring her as Queen of heaven and earth, it might be good to sit at her feet in the presence of Her Son, and honor her with the words she loves best--Hail, Mary, full of grace...

-Sister Marcianne

