
















## The Fifteen Goals - Diocese of Tyler

	#1	Trinity	Recognize God as Trinity
	#2	Relationship with God	Present an understanding of the human need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ based on revelation and faith
	#3	Faith	Illustrate a basic understanding of doctrine and dogma in light of the creed
	#4	Church	Illustrate a basic understanding of Church
	#5	Scripture	Read, understand, interpret and apply Scripture to life
	#6	Creation	Exercise responsibility as caretakers of creation as an expression of our relationship with Jesus Christ
	#7	Sacraments	Demonstrate the importance of sacraments, with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist, in the life of Catholics
	#8	Community of Believers	Demonstrate an understanding of the faith community as a sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Christ
	#9	Human Dignity	Acknowledge and affirm the dignity of the human person and community
	#10	Moral Conscience	Develop a moral conscience grounded in the truth of Jesus Christ
	#11	Discipleship	Examine a variety of Christian vocations as a response to the baptismal call
	#12	Relationship with Others	Apply Catholic principles to interpersonal relations
	#13	Social Justice	Know, critique and apply social justice principles to personal and societal situations
	#14	Christian Service	Engage in service to the community (e.g. family, parish, local, national and global) in response to the Gospel call
	#15	Catholic Tradition of Prayer	Know and participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer in the name of Jesus Christ

*Know these doctrines of our Catholic faith, imitate what they celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross.*

*Bishop Alvaro Corrada del Rio, SJ*

# Holy Mary, Virgin and Mother

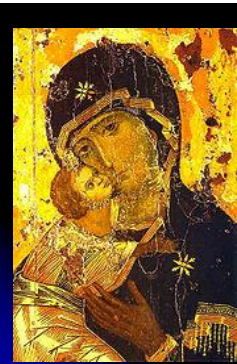
## Appendix - Goal # 16



### The Immaculate Conception

**Dogma: The Immaculate Conception**

**CCC 491:** Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, “full of grace” through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. ... *The most Blessed Virgin Mary was from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.*

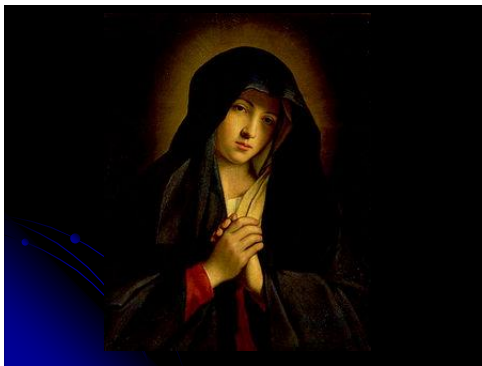


### Mother of God (Theotokos)

Our Lady of Vladimir is the most famous ancient icon of Theotokos

**Dogma: Mother of God**

**CCC 495:** Called in the Gospels the mother of Jesus, Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as “the mother of my Lord.” In fact the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Most Holy Trinity. Hence, the Church confesses that Mary is truly “Mother of God.” (Theotokos)



**Dogma: Perpetual Virginit**

Mary and Joseph preserved her virginity throughout their marriage, choosing to accept the miraculous birth of Jesus as the fruit of their marital love. **CCC 499:** The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary’s real and perpetual virginity even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man. In fact Christ’s birth, ‘did not diminish his mother’s virginal integrity but sanctified it.’ And so the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as *Aeiparthenos*, the “Ever-virgin.”



### Our Lady Of Assumption

**Dogma: Assumption**

**CCC 966:** Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of Lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.