

Living tabernacles



The international editorials of our Monthly Prayer Leaflet have provided the opportunity to make us contemplate Mary who carries Jesus, whether he is in her womb or in her arms. She then carries the one who bears everything. Didn't Saint John Paul II like to recall, when he commented on the mystery of the Visitation, that Mary is a *living tabernacle*?

Members of the Rosary Teams, we love the Virgin Mary. She is the one who receives us at home. We ask her with confidence and insistence to lead us to her Son. Perhaps we have a too perfect and truly inaccessible image of her. Indeed, Mary is perfect, but if she is given to us by Jesus himself, it is because she is imitable.

So when she carries the one who carries all, is she really imitable? Yes and no. No, because we know very well that she will be the one and only who will have carried him within her. But in another respect, when she holds him in her hands, against her breast, there, yes, she is obviously imitable.

When at Mass, at the moment of the elevation, the priest shows the consecrated host to the faithful, he tells them that they are *blessed to be invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb*. Let us be very careful: the hands of the priest carry the one who carries everything! The altar where this Eucharist is celebrated becomes the center of the world.

When we receive Communion, in our hands, in our mouths and in our hearts, we will be blessed if we understand, even partially, that we are then carrying the one who carries everything. The Lord comes to rest in us, because he willed it so. He comes to make his home in us.

We then become **living tabernacles**, like the Virgin Mary!

How can we not be overflowing with thanksgiving?

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