



Immaculate Virgin Mary, you were pleasing in the sight of God from the first moment of your conception in the womb of your mother, St. Anne. You were chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I believe the teaching of holy Mother the Church, that in the first instant of your conception, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human and beloved Son, you were preserved from all stain of original sin. I thank God for this wonderful privilege and grace he bestowed upon you as I honor your Immaculate Conception.

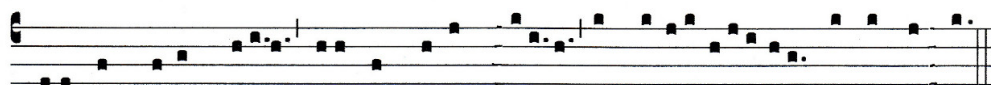
Look graciously upon me as I implore this special favor: *(mention your request)*.

Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from your throne in heaven turn your eyes of pity upon me. Filled with confidence in your goodness and power, I beg you to help me in this journey of life which is so full of dangers for my soul. I entrust myself entirely to you, that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but may always live a humble and pure life. I consecrate myself to you forever, for my only desire is to love your divine Son Jesus. Mary, since none of your devout servants has perished, May I too be saved. Amen.

30 NOVEMBER
TO
8 DECEMBER

Novena in preparation
for the Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception

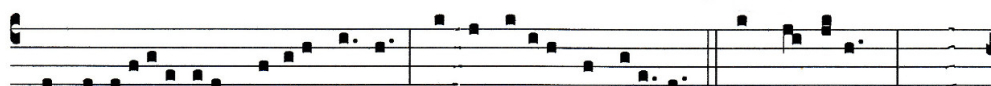
TOTA PULCHRA ES MARIA



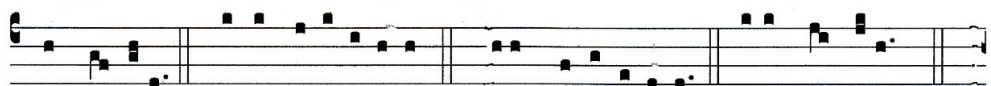
Tota pulchra es Mari-a. Tota pulchra es Mari-a. Et macula originalis non est in te.



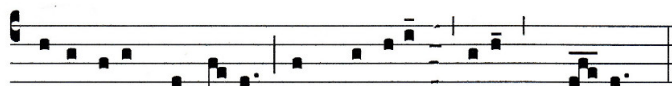
Et macula originalis non est in te. Tu glori-a Jerusalem. Tu laeti-ti-a I-sra-el.



Tu honorificenti-a populi nostri. Tu advocata peccato-rum. O Ma-ri-a,



O Ma-ri-a. Virgo prudentissima. Mater clementissima. Ora pro nobis.



Intercede pro no-bis ad Dominum Jesum Chri-stum.



The hymn *Tota pulchra es Maria* was written in the fourth century and is one of the antiphons for the Second Vespers of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The hymn is inspired by texts from the Scriptural books of Judith and the Canticle of Canticles.

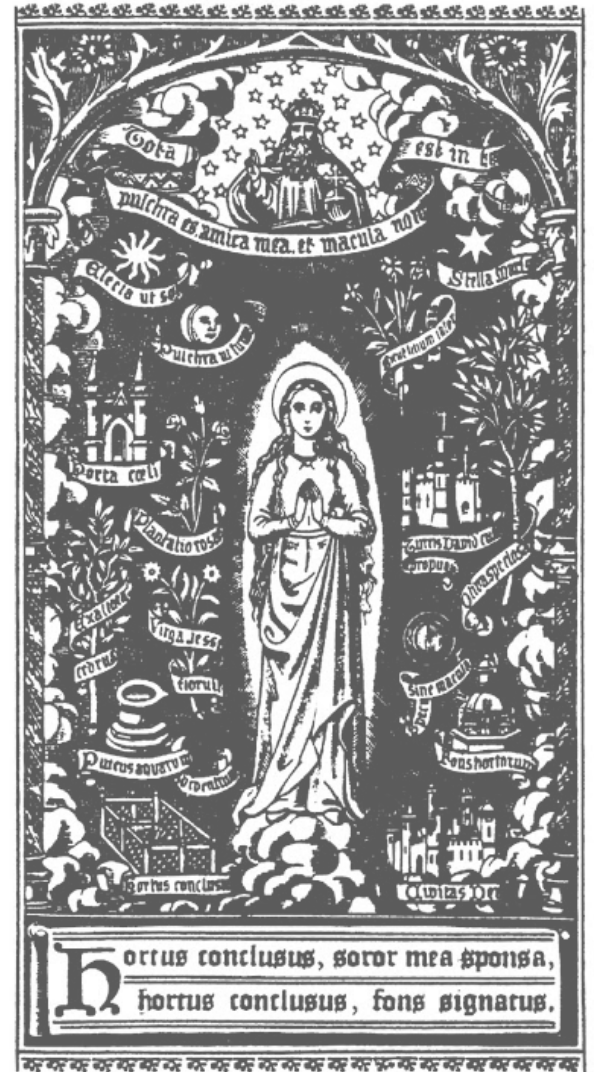
YOU ARE ALL
BEAUTIFUL, O MARY,
AND THE
ORIGINAL STAIN OF SIN
IS NOT IN YOU.

YOUR CLOTHING IS AS
WHITE AS SNOW,
AND YOUR FACE IS LIKE
THE SUN.

YOU ARE ALL
BEAUTIFUL, O MARY,
AND THE
ORIGINAL STAIN OF SIN
IS NOT IN YOU.

YOU ARE THE GLORY OF
JERUSALEM,
YOU ARE THE JOY OF
ISRAEL,
YOU GIVE HONOR TO
OUR PEOPLE.

YOU ARE ALL
BEAUTIFUL, O MARY.



Now if you who are an imperfect being and who have not the most delicate conception of all that is fine in life would have wished for the loveliest of mothers, do you think that our Blessed Lord, who not only pre-existed His own mother but who had an infinite power to make her just what He chose, would in virtue of all the infinite delicacy of His spirit make her any less pure and loving and beautiful than you would have made your own mother? If you who hate selfishness would have made her selfless and you who hate ugliness would have made her beautiful, do you not think that the Son of God, who hates sin, would have made His own mother sinless and He who hates moral ugliness would have made her immaculately beautiful?

– Bishop Fulton Sheen –



