

# God's project and the yes of man

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Rom 8,28-30

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Dearest,

Today is the day of the Virgin Mary's birth, and the passage from the letter to the Romans helps us to understand the great mystery of the life of Mary, who was destined to be the mother of the Saviour, to be glorified and taken up into Heaven, in order to live with the Holy Trinity in perfect communion.

Well, this predestination, as we know, is not a mere fact, something necessary that could not have been different.

It was possible because God had prepared a journey for Mary, which she willingly accepted by saying a "continuous" yes.

**Her yes was not said only the day when the Archangel Gabriel told her that she would be the Saviour's mother, but it was a "continuous" yes, a daily acceptance of God's word and of his redeeming project.**

**However, this project is not just for some, as the apostle Saint Paul reminds us, but it is a project for all of us:** Heaven help if it were not so! We would not have to believe anymore.

**So God has prepared a royal road for us, to save us from sin, to grow in his love and communion, to get into Heaven and to enjoy eternal bliss.**

This is why we have to ask in our prayers to be able to understand, to welcome and to put into practice God's advice, and to walk the roads he has set for us.

Praised be Jesus Christ.