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Dedicated to Mary, Mother of God

Salus Animarum Suprema Lex Esto (Canon Law 175)

The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law in the Church

An Actual Photograph **of the Blessed Virgin Mary,** **Mother of God?**

In 1970, a pilgrim visiting the *Shrine of San De Marco*, Italy, had a vision of a woman who told him to take a picture of the setting sun. Having a simple Polaroid camera, he only saw the sunset when he snapped this picture. When the picture was developed, this image of the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared (note the sunset at the lower right of the picture." This image was taken from a home-made Christmas Card, and scanned December 24, 1997. The photographer is unknown. It appears below:



**(This is *not* an artificially created — or manipulated — picture of Mary,
but what is held to be *an actual photograph* of Mary)**



Betrothal

O, my Beloved

How shamelessly

I have presumed to take Thee unto me!

... Because Thou first had taken me to Thee.

If I am speechless, reckless,

in my breathless love ...

Too great, too great!

It sunders bosom, breast,

And takes this heart from out of me!
Lest I should die, seize Thou this shattered heart
Breathe once the whispered knowing of my love.
... I am a fool ... and would you love me still?
Do not tell me, either way lest I
In knowing, surely come to die!

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Our rendering through Photoshop in an effort to remove artifacts and enhance the photograph appears below:



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,

Dominus tecum.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus,

et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.

Sancta Maria,

Mater Dei,

ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

nunc,

et in hora mortis nostrae.

Amen.

Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.
Amen.

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