

Study Guide : Marian Doctrines

To study the topic on the Church's teaching about Marian doctrines, consult the paragraphs indicated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). **Note that the "In Brief" sections may help answer the questions below.**

1. What is the Catholic faith's belief about Mary based on? (CCC 487)
2. In 1854 Pope Pius IX proclaimed the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. What scripture backs this up? (CCC 491)
3. What do the Fathers of the Eastern tradition call Mary? (CCC 493)
4. Why does the Church consider Mary as "clearly the mother of the members of Christ?" (CCC 963)
5. Define the Church's position on Mary's Assumption. (CCC 966)
6. Why is the Virgin Mary the Church's model of faith and charity? (CCC 968)

7. Why is the Blessed Mother invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix? (CCC 969)

8. Why do the faithful turn their eyes to Mary? (CCC 829)

9. Why does the “Marian” dimension of the Church precede the “Petrine”? (CCC 773)

10. How does devotion to Mary differ from adoration to the incarnate Word? (CCC 971)