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JANUARY brings with it more than the beginning of a new year. Coming on the heels of the holy but often hectic holiday season, long winter days and evenings provide us with a perfect opportunity to begin planning, preparing, and working toward new goals in our lives.

First, we begin to dream of what those goals might be. Perhaps our children dream of new and productive ways to spend spring break. We might look forward to traveling to a place we've never been or dream about changes we want to make in our lives. Regardless of what they are, we all have dreams about our future.

But dreams are not reality. Dreams are expectations of what we would like our future to be, but we do not have any reassurance that our future will actually be as we imagine. Dreams, therefore, can never satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts.

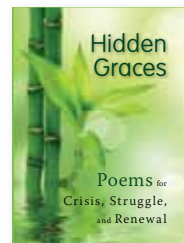
The Virtue of Hope

Hope, on the other hand, is very different from a dream. Hope is an expectation about our future, an ultimate goal that will become a reality. In fact, hope is already becoming our reality in this moment. We are already seeing glimmers of the hope that is to be.

Furthermore, hope is not rooted in objects. Hope has its source in a subject, a person. Saint Gerard's life was directed by the virtue of hope. His hope was in Jesus. And because he hoped in Jesus, Saint Gerard trusted that everything Jesus said was already becoming a reality for him.

Hope gives true meaning to our lives, just as it gave true meaning to Saint Gerard's life. Contrary to dreams, hope can satisfy the longings of our hearts because we can trust in what has been promised by the Person in whom we place our faith and hope, Jesus Christ. Hope, therefore, is the sure expectation of the fulfillment of our ultimate Christian desire to be with God for all eternity. This type of hope gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. And if we

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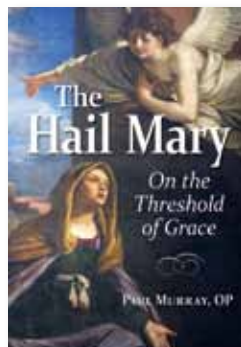
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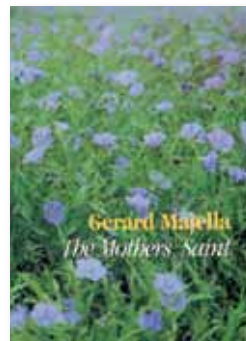
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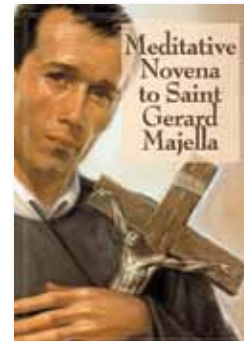
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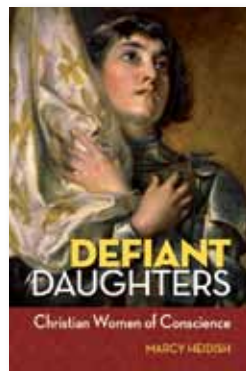
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