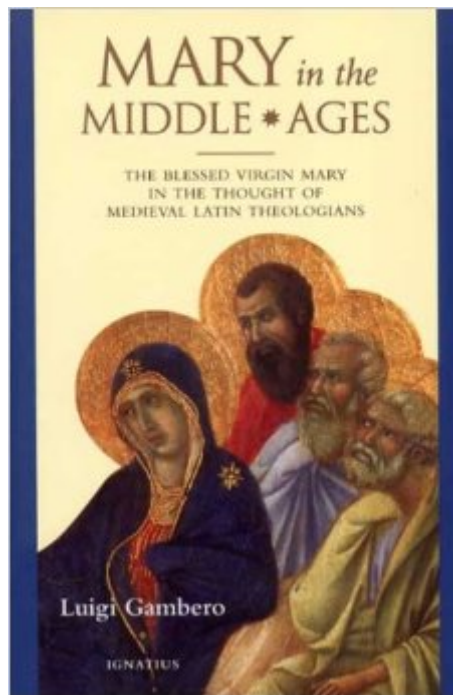


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Mary In The Middle Ages: The Blessed Virgin Mary In The Thought Of Medieval Latin Theologians



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In his book *Mary and the Fathers of the Church*, Fr. Luigi Gambero presented a comprehensive survey of Marian doctrine and devotion during the first eight Christian centuries. *Mary in the Middle Ages* continues this journey up to the end of the fifteenth century, surveying the growth of Marian doctrine and devotion during one of the most important eras of Christian history: the Middle Ages. Fr. Gambero presents the thoughts, words, and prayers of great theologians, bishops, monks, and mystics who witnessed to and promoted the dedication of the Christian people to the Mother of God. Each chapter concludes with readings from the works of these important authors. Many of these texts have never before been translated into English. More than thirty great figures each receive an entire chapter, including such giants as the St. Anselm, St. Bernard, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Bonaventure, St. Albert the Great, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Brigid of Sweden, and Raymond Lull.

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I am in the process of reading, and taking notes on, Fr. Gambero's first-rate efforts. This book is the perfect follow-up to his *Mary and the Fathers of the Church*. Together, these books show the sound, Scriptural and Traditional development of Catholic Mariology; that the noble and exalted marian dogmas were not furtively pulled out of some isolated and obscure tract of the Christian timeline--as many Roman Catholic detractors might (unwittingly) try to lead us to believe. *Mary in the Middle Ages* shows how, by humble, patient and prayerful reflection on the patristic teaching Tradition, the Medieval scholars painstakingly cultivated Mariology to its full flower, alongside a legitimate, "natural" and spiritually edifying devotion to Our Lady. With biographical vignettes of the theologians

in focus, Fr. Gambero also traces this doctrinal development through its fascinating historical context(s), e.g., heretical challenges, geo-political climates, liturgical practices, etc., and shows the Church: her teaching, worship and witness to Christ, at the hub of human history. Together with generous excerpts from the theologians on queue--and with texts made available in English for the first time, the reader experiences a "you are there" thrill of firsthand discovery, and a freshness of examination while re-visiting (often for the "first time") the eloquent and beautiful marian dogmas. If these readings don't ignite a more fervent love of God through true and proper devotion to the Blessed Virgin, you'd better check your Christian pulse--you may not have one! Many thanks to Fr. Gambero for producing this highly informative and inspiring work. Unreservedly recommended!

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