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Dear Parents,

For some of you, this will be your first Mother's Day as a new mom. How exciting, and what a blessing that is! On the following page is a writing from Erma Bombeck on God creating mothers. It speaks to all that mothers do for their children (and husband!). I wish you all a very happy Mother's Day, and pray that included in your celebration is going to Mass to thank God for all you have been given, and to receive the Body of Christ. Without Mary's "Yes" to being the Mother of God, we would not even have the Eucharist. Imagine that!

During the month of May we honor Mary, the Mother of God, Queen of Heaven. There are a few holy days in May that specifically honor the Blessed Mother:

May 1- Queen of Heaven

May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

May 24 - Mary Help of Christians

May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A popular activity you may want to try if you have older children, or at least toddlers, is to have a May Crowning. Here is a link with some great ideas:

<http://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-plan-a-may-crowning-for-kids/>

Another suggestion is to visit one of the Catholic churches here in the Billerica Collaborative and say a Hail Mary or a decade of the rosary with your children in front of one of the many beautiful statues of Mary you will find (both inside and outside the church!).



It just so happens that our Vacation Bible Camp theme this summer is "Tracking Mary: Mysteries and Messages." For more on the Bible camp and other happenings, please visit our website at

www.BillericaCatholic.org.

Have a wonderful month of May, and don't forget to register your older children for Religious Education!

"When God Created Mothers"

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way."

It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.

One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...."

I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure."

Can it think?"

Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

What's it for?"

It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

You are a genius, " said the angel.

Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."
— **Erma Bombeck**

