

## **A Reflection on Mary, Mother of God and Mother of All of Us**



During these unprecedented times in our world, there are so many hidden heroes who are quietly working behind the scenes and literally saving the lives of strangers. These “front line” workers have been called to ... as St. Teresa of Calcutta says “do small things with great love.” Our world has become very aware of the value of these individuals and the work they accomplish each and every day.

Our faith also has a person who shares in the similar qualities of our front line workers. This person is our Blessed Mother Mary. We are invited to think about Mary’s life, as it was during her time on Earth. A young girl who was given the task of

bringing new life into the world and a life that would change the world. Her "YES" to the plan God presented to her not only changed her life, but changed the world.

Imagine this young girl, unaware of how God's plan would be fulfilled. Imagine her fear of the unknown, her own doubts about her ability to succeed and raise her son to be the person God called him to be.

She had to trust in the plan God had for her and she promised to fulfill that plan to its completion. Day after day, our front line workers face the same uncertainty. These men and women have to trust in their own skills that God gave them and, have faith and hope in their own actions while they struggle to save lives.



We also have a plan. We are called to trust in our own abilities to succeed at what we have been asked to do. Many of us are experiencing anxiety, depression and frustration. We long for days to be together again. Like Mary, we are people

who have been called to change our world for the better. Our actions today are altering the course of human history and

years from now, people will look at us to see how we coped with the reality of our human existence.

This week, we can reflect on Mary's life and the lives of our front line workers. These are people of courage who bring hope. These are people of faith who shine light into the darkness. During Education Week, we looked at "igniting hope" in our world. This week, may we challenge one another to keep the flame of hope alive in our hearts, minds, homes and communities.