

VIEWING MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS CHRIST



Lutheran Pastor: 'Mary: Model of Humility.'

The image of the Visitation of Mary with Elizabeth, showing the fetal Jesus and John in their mothers' wombs, adorns the video list entry for Trinity Lutheran Church, Warrenton, Va., Pastor Dennis Di Mauro's Jan. 1, 2019 sermon

on "Mary: Model of Humility." The link for the videoed sermon and its compelling graphic appear here with his permission as they likewise did in a Jan. 27, 2022 post on the Facebook page of the *Hail Ecumenical Mary, Mother of All Christians!* group, initiator and sponsor of this *Ecumenical Mary & Jesus Rosary*.

<https://www.trinitylutheranva.org/content.cfm?id=213...>

The Visitation image also appeared in a Jan. 21, 2022 post on our Facebook page as a screen-capture from a YouTube video of Lutherans for Life leader Rev. Dr. Di Mauro speaking at a 2016 *40 Days for Life* event while one of his daughters holds up a poster of the Visitation image that also bears the words, "*Fewer women would have abortions if wombs had windows.*"

The sermon spotlighted here for your attention does not address abortion. Rather it is offered for your consideration as one of the best commentaries this webmaster/Facebook admins has ever heard on Mary's own Magnificat.

Elsewhere our Ecumenical Rosary website explores artists' depictions of fetal Jesus and John going back at least to the medieval era. Also explored elsewhere on this site is the significant contribution by Pastor Di Mauro to

promote ecumenical appreciation of how beaded prayer linked to scriptural meditations can enhance Christian devotional life.

In contrast to his *Ecumenical Miracles Rosary* introduced more than two decades ago, our *Ecumenical Mary & Jesus Rosary* is decidedly Marian. It does not adopt a Marian minimalist or “Marian-lite” approach. Nevertheless, we recognize that by including the words “Ecumenical” and “Rosary” in his beaded prayer arrangement’s title and by his rosary website’s promoting various rosaries across denominational lines, he has helped make group beaded prayer sessions less likely to be viewed as cultist activity and more likely to be considered well within mainline religious devotions.

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