



*“If we have love for Jesus and are loved by him, we cannot fail to be deeply loved by the Most Blessed Virgin. Because there is such a very close union between Jesus and his most holy Mother, all those who love Jesus and are specially loved by him greatly honour Mary and are also deeply cherished by this holy Mother of God. Let us make ourselves worthy of this tenderness of the Blessed Virgin to obtain what we desire from her more easily, let us address ourselves to Saint John. As her dear son, in place of Jesus, he will secure for us from her what we cannot obtain by ourselves”.*

MF 88-3.2

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#### Reflection by Sophie Dujarrier - France

St John is often presented in the Gospels as ‘the one Jesus loved’. On the cross, as he was about to leave human life, Jesus entrusted Mary, his mother, to John. It’s a powerful gesture, like a man entrusting his brother with the care of his family.

What better exhortation to brotherhood than this meditation 88?

SJBLS reminds us that Mary is the mother of us all, capable of understanding our human suffering. He also invites us to put this evidence at the forefront of our lives: in the image of the relationship between Saint John and Jesus, we are all called to love one another as brothers.