



New book anticipates the 50th anniversary of the Feast of the Queenship of Mary

“In this study, we have taken an important step. . . . We have returned to the biblical sources and allowed the scriptural view of the queenship and the kingdom to guide our understanding of Mary’s role in the kingdom of Christ.”
—Edward Sri, S.T.D.

March 22, 2005, STEUBENVILLE, OH—The release of *Queen Mother: A Biblical Theology of Mary’s Queenship* by Dr. Edward Sri anticipates the fifty-year anniversary of the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on August 22, 2005. *Queen Mother* sets out to explain the firm foundation of this dogma in Scripture and Tradition. As Pope Pius VII writes in *Ad Caeli Reginam*, in which he instituted the first Feast of the Queenship in October 1954: “The arguments on which Mary’s queenly dignity is based have already been clearly set forth, and are to be found in ancient documents of the Church and in the books of the sacred liturgy.”

Based on Dr. Sri’s doctoral dissertation, *Queen Mother* explores the role of the queen mother in the Davidic kingdom, examining the ways in which this theme sheds light on Mary’s role as heavenly Queen and Mother of the Church. As he proceeds through the New Testament, Dr. Sri demonstrates the ultimate convergence of the queen-mother theme in the Gospels and the Book of Revelation.

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