"Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."

Luke 1:38

Typical questions that were NOT asked by St. Mary

1. “How is the Lord with me?”
2. “Do I have to?”
3. “Why me?”
4. “What is in it for me?”
5. “Then what?”
6. “What about….?”

1. "How is the Lord with me?"

- Asked by Gideon:

  "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us?" (Judges 6:13)

- The same meaning by Martha:

  "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21)

2. "Do I have to?" (1)

- God's plans always include man to bring healing, deliverance, and salvation.
- The Passover Lamb
- The healing of Hezekiah: "Now Isaiah had said, 'Let them take a lump of figs, and apply it as a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover." (Isaiah 38:21)

2. "Do I have to?" (2)

- The healing of Naaman the Syrian
- The man born blind
- Moving the stone from Lazarus' tomb
- Feeding the multitude with the five loves and two fish

3. "Why me?"

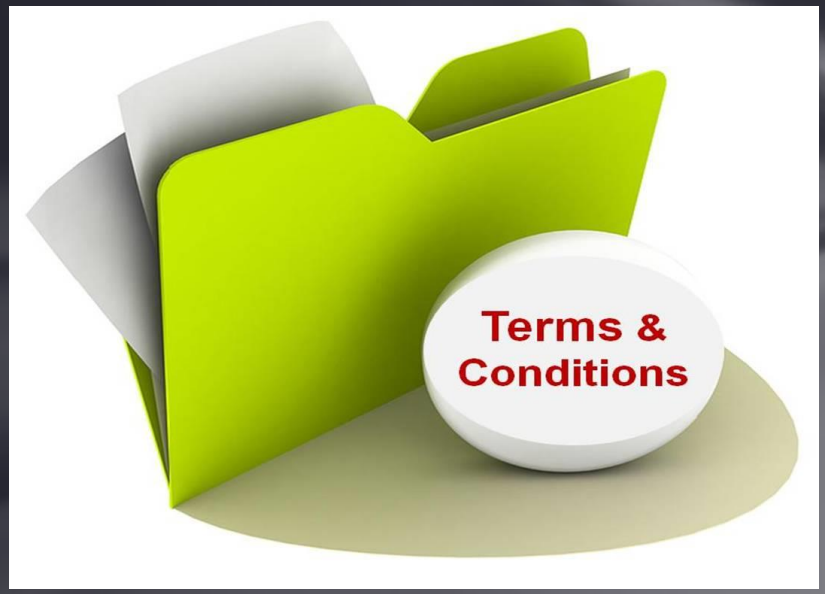
- Between the temptation of pride (Israel) and the grumbling against the task ("O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send." --Exodus 4:13), many fall away.
- A Stewardship mostly ignored: serving other family members

4. “What is in it for me?”

- The Lord Jesus and His mother taught us by example the selfless service.
- The service of the Pharisees, Ananias and Sapphira, and Simon the sorcerer are examples of serving for a dishonest gain.

5. "Then what?"

- Those who work with God know that He does not reveal all of His plans at once.
- The examples of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and Elijah

6. "What about…?"

- These are the questions about convenience and conditions
- A true servant is only mindful of his/her duties and obligations