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**Possible Solution ?**

**How do we proclaim this powerful message to the greatest number of Catholics ?**

**Pope Benedict XVI**

**“This is why the Annunciation is a Christological feast as well, because it celebrates a central mystery of Christ: the Incarnation.”** ([ANGELUS on 3-25- 2007](#))

Currently in the Latin Rite the Solemnity of the Annunciation – recognized as a Marian feast – is always pushed to a weekday celebration because it is “outranked” by the Christological feasts of Lent and Easter. However, if we recognize it as the Incarnation as well as the Annunciation its Christological aspect is apparent as Pope Benedict XVI points out above.

A solution for consideration would be to move the celebration to the Sunday closest to March 25. If that happens to be Easter or Passion Sunday then it would be moved to the Sunday after Easter with Divine Mercy being the Sunday after that.

**Proposed new Name for this Solemnity :**

**“The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary and the Conception of Christ”**

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**9 MONTHS BEFORE CHRISTMAS LUKE 1:26-38**

**Annunciation,  
Restoring the  
Liturgy**

This solemnity reveals how Mary is united to Christ and how she is an integral part of God’s plan for our salvation.

**3. Celebrating a Better Lent**

This feast enhances our Lenten celebration by providing us with two perfect examples, Jesus and Mary, who gave up worldly pleasures to give themselves entirely to God the Father and His plan even in the face of much suffering. Mary said “Yes” knowing that it could have led to her stoning. Instead of just giving external things to God, God desires that we give our very selves to Him, in the most loving of relationships.



**4. Celebrating a Better Easter**

This feast offers us a perfect opportunity to reflect on how Jesus’ coming into the world was the turning point in all of human history. It is the perfect opportunity for the catechumens to reflect on the significance of Jesus Christ coming into their world, and into their lives. Regardless of how the Holy Spirit ends up leading the Church in organizing her liturgical calendar, we would do well to emphasize these mysteries of God, the Annunciation and the Incarnation.

# Annunciation, Restoring the Liturgy

How can the Mysteries of the Annunciation and the Incarnation help the Church ?

The Annunciation used to be a holy day of obligation and was celebrated by everyone in the universal Church. The goal of this article is to help restore in the average lay Catholic the active participation and celebration of that all important feast.

## A time to grow

Studying, meditating, and learning about the truths God has revealed should not be looked upon as a burden to be overcome, but rather as opportunity to grow more deeply into what is the most loving relationship possible for us, our relationship with God.

**John 3:16** “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ...”

The mysteries of the Annunciation and Incarnation are like dynamite waiting for us to tap into their awesome power. They offer us the opportunity to grow much more deeply in love with God by meditating on them because they are like spiritual goldmines.

## The Importance of the Solemnity of the Annunciation/Incarnation

**Pope Benedict XVI**

The coming of the Messiah, foretold by the Prophets, is qualitatively the most important event of all history, on which it confers its ultimate and full meaning. It is not historical and political coordinates that condition God’s choice, but on the contrary, the event of the Incarnation that “fills” history with value and meaning.

(Homily of December 31, 2006)

The Incarnation is the turning point of all human history (BC to AD).



**John 8:58**

“Jesus said to them, “... before Abraham came to be, I AM.”

## 1. The Beauty of Life

Christmas is a great time of the year. And probably even more important than the miracle at Bethlehem is the one which took place 9 months before in Nazareth. The Angel Gabriel came to a humble Virgin named Mary. And the Second Person of the Trinity, the One who has lived from all eternity, and who has made all things, came to live in Mary’s womb when He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## 2. Increase the Foundation for Marian Devotion

Some people reject Mary because they have her so far removed and separated from Christ. They misperceive any devotion to her as being opposed to Christ. For them it is, “Jesus **or** Mary.”

However, by celebrating both the Annunciation to Mary and the Incarnation of Christ together we can proclaim the bed-rock upon which Marian devotion is based, that she is united to Christ. All the glory goes to God who in turn manifests His glory in and through the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints. He is the Source while we are called to be channels of that grace to the world. (LG 60, 62)

**Luke 1:26-28**

“Hail, full of grace. The Lord is with you.”

**Luke 1:41-45**

“Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”