

IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1. What did God announce to Mary at the Annunciation?
2. What does Mary's response tell us about her?
3. In a homily called *The Whole World Awaits Mary's Reply*, St. Bernard of Clairvaux wrote to our Blessed Mother about the Annunciation, "Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word." How does this quotation show the awesome nature of this moment?
4. If God called you to do something very challenging, how would you respond?
5. How does the Angel Gabriel address Mary?
6. Who are the only two other people who were created full of grace?
7. Why do you think God preserved Mary from Original Sin?
8. Some non-Catholics mistakenly think that Catholics believe Mary did not need to be redeemed. How would you clarify that mistaken belief?
9. What is the Incarnation?
10. At what moment in Salvation History did the Word become flesh?
11. God could have remained in Heaven, but the Son of God chose to assume a human nature and truly be with us. How does this reveal God's love?
12. What does the Incarnation teach us about how we should love *each other*?