



Pastor's Message

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Perhaps, you may have asked yourself, “Is there a difference between how I pray to God in comparison to how I pray to a saint?”

According to the Catholic doctrine, the following is recommended.

1. **Dulia**- It a Greek word for “respect.” Dulia is the kind and degree of veneration given to saints and angels.
2. **Hyperdulia**- It is extended praise or veneration given to the Blessed Virgin Mary. More is due to the Blessed Virgin Mary because of her unique place in creation and her significant role in salvation history.
3. **Latria**- It is A Greek word for “service.” It is the highest form of worship. Latria is offered to God alone, since He is the source of all our blessings.

So, what should I do?

-If you have a devotion to a saint, (St. Anthony, St. Joseph, St. Therese of Lisieux, etc.), by all means remain faithful to that devotion. Pray your prayers to them. Venerate the saintly ones who have set an example for us to lead a life of holiness.

-If you have a loving devotion for our Blessed Mother, by all means remain faithful to that loving devotion. Because of all that our God has done for her and the complete cooperation she exercised, without sin, our Blessed Mother should be given praise and veneration.

-And, primarily, we should continue always and everywhere to worship God.

He is the One who unconditionally bestowed blessings on the saints, the Mother of God, and us!

Peace,
Fr. Marc