

Infallibility para. 5 proposed addition

The two examples in recent times of the exercise of ~~papal~~ infallibility without a general council are the Marian definitions of the Immaculate Conception (1854) and the Assumption (1950). They concern Mary, not as an isolated figure, but as ^{member} a model or type of the Church. Thus her Immaculate Conception places Mary in the line of the Old Testament saints who were given grace to fulfil their vocations through the redemption of the coming Christ. Her Assumption, body and soul, into heaven shows that the Church, though still a pilgrim, has already entered into the Resurrection; the life of the world to come has already entered into this world. It is in such senses as these, that devotion to Mary can be said to carry a 'biblical imprint'¹ and Marian doctrines to be expressions of fundamental faith.

¹ Marialis Cultus, 30