



## **Rosa Mystica Reflection**

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### **Comfort in Marian Art: A Reminder to Keep Going**

Images of Mary are an important feature of Catholic identity. The goal of such artistry is to evoke a personal experience in the viewer for Mary's life story. In doing so, the viewer can find a sense of comfort in remembering how she persisted as an ordinary person in the face of an extraordinary challenge. That she kept going without having any certainty as to what would happen next. It is a powerful message that can help us today as the pandemic, economic instability, and social unrest can make us feel paralyzed.

But more importantly, the tradition of visual theology in Marian art reveals to us a deeper and more inspiring part of our humanity. That through our imagination, we can change the physical world for the greater good, making it a more beautiful and livable place. As a tradition, it offers everyone a window into a better and more comforting view of our humanity, one we can all use right now.