

March Virtue:

Obedience

Saying "yes" to the loving will of God and those He has set over us

- obedience to God
- obedience of a spouse or child to a husband/wife or parent respectively
- obedience in school or the workplace
- obedience to laws

-Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, obeyed His Father by becoming man through the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary, later going to His obedience-inspired death on Calvary.

-Our Blessed Lady obeyed the Almighty by consenting to become the Virgin-Mother of the long-awaited Messiah. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Perfection of faith when she answered "Let thy will be done."

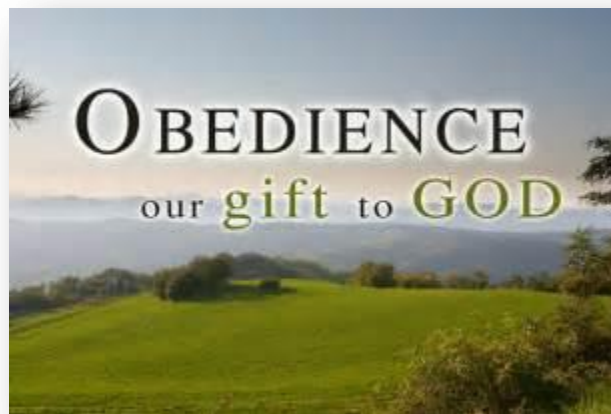
-All baptized Christians are moved by the obedience of faith to listen and submit to the Word of God.

-Children obey, respect and pray for their parents, grateful that God has given their fathers and mothers to them.

-Priests obey their Bishops or Superiors, for example by accepting new assignments from them.

- Catholics obey God and the Church by heeding the Commandments and the Precepts of the Church, for example by attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, following the Church's laws concerning the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, etc.

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Obedience is a virtue that Jesus loves very much! St. Augustine said it is the mother and root of all the virtues and St. Bonaventure says it is a ship in which one sails to heaven. Obedience to God is without limit. Obedience means listening with an open heart to those in authority. Unlike our obedience to God, obedience to human beings is limited. It does not mean acting blindly to whatever those in charge want if it goes against your good conscience or is at odds with God's moral law.