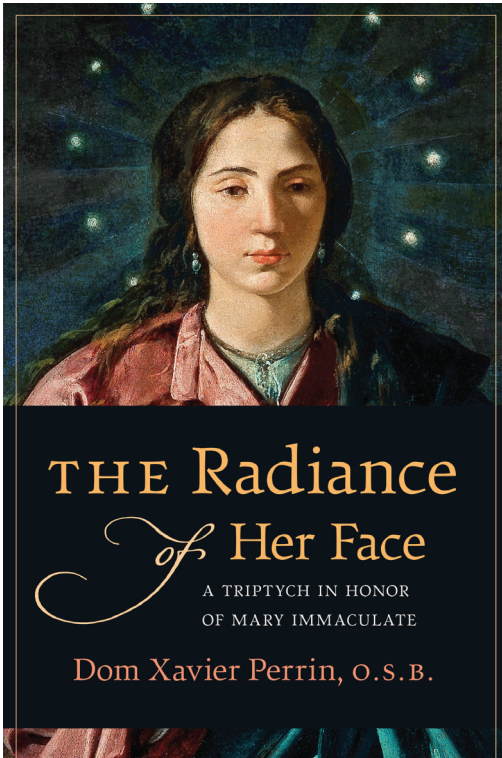




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## The Radiance of Her Face

*A Triptych in Honor of Mary Immaculate*

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