we remember that day after day he lived the selfsame life, without any change or break, that he lived as if he were still within the cloister, we come to realize that St. Vincent was more than an ordinary man, that his life was in the highest degree an extraordinary life, an exemplification of the Dominican ideal to contemplate and to give to others the fruits of contemplation.

—Bro. Alfred Sibila, O. P.

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**THE ANNUNCIATION**

"Hail, spotless maiden, full of grace,
   A message from on high I bear
   To thee, above all women fair.
God would through thee redeem thy race,
Maternity divine would place
   Within thy care (Him born of thee
   The Son of God and thine shall be),
Nor thy virginity efface!

"My soul, indeed, doth magnify the Lord
   Who hath beheld His maid's humility,
To me be done according to Thy word,
   God's power received, His will be done in me."
   The spirit on her soul His graces poured,
   The word Divine assumed humanity.

—Bro. Raymund Grace, O. P.