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Fr. Danny Murphy – Ascension Sunday 2018

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension and today is Mother's day. Well, God forgive me, this morning I'm not going to reflect with you upon the Ascension, but rather, I'm going to talk with you a little bit about Mother's day. One of the great aspects about Mother's day is that it is all inclusive. We all have a mother. So, today, we are all united. And today we all pray for our mother and honor her. Something that perhaps is common to many of us is the way they explain things to their children. If their children question any of her decisions, mom's explanation is always the same: "Because I said so, that's why!" But, all kidding aside, since imitation is the highest form of flattery, let me suggest that now we flatter our mother. Here's what we can do to flatter our mother. If you can think of just one virtue of your mother that you could imitate – one virtue of her

life that you could imitate in your life. Could we take a moment, now, so each of us could do that? (PAUSE) Every year, on Mother's Day I try to honor my mother by singing to her a little song. This is an old, old, schmaltzy song. And my mom knows that I don't sing well, but she also knows that I sing from the heart And from her place in heaven, I think that she likes this. Allow me to suggest that while I sing this little song to my mother, that you are thinking of your mother. "M is for the million things she gave me, O only means she's growing old, T are for the tears she shed to bear me, H is for her heart as pure as gold, E are for her eyes with love-light shining, R, means right and right she'll always be. Put them all together any you have MOTHER, the word that means the world to me." Thank you mom! As I'm thanking my mom, hopefully you are thanking your mom as well. Dear Jesus, thank you for the gift our mother: if she is still living, please grant her all the grace and guidance she needs, if she's deceased please bring her home to heaven, amen!