



## **The Immaculate Conception – Patroness of the United States**

The Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States. This particular statue was made in Spain between 1900 and 1910. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception, declared in 1858, states that due to a special grace from God, Mary was conceived without original sin and never sinned in her life. Free from sin, Mary loves God perfectly and is the perfect disciple of Jesus. The Immaculate Conception reminds us that Mary is the perfect role model for us, and that she can inspire us on how to faithfully love and serve God.