



BY DIVINE ORDER, POP TV PICKS UP *MOTHER MARY* PILOT

Project Hails from CBS Television Studios and Executive Produced By Emmy® and Golden Globe® Winner Rachel Bloom



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Betsy Sodaro

Los Angeles, CA – January 13, 2020 – #Blessed. Pop TV today announced that it has ordered the miraculous new comedy pilot *MOTHER MARY*, a modern twist on one of the famous stories ever told. The project is conceived by CBS Television Studios, written by Casey Feigh (*What We Do in the Shadows*), Dan Gregor (*How I Met Your Mother*) and Betsy Sodaro (*Disjointed*) and executive produced by Emmy® and Golden Globe® winner Rachel Bloom (*Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*) along with Tony Hernandez and Brooke Posch of Jax Media (*Broad City*, *Russian Doll*, *FLORIDA GIRLS*), and Feigh, Gregor and Sodaro. The pilot joins the Network's slate of bold comedies with a point of view including *SCHITT'S CREEK*, *ONE DAY AT A TIME* and *FLORIDA GIRLS*.

MOTHER MARY asks: What would happen in today's world if the most irresponsible and lazy human on Earth was impregnated by immaculate conception? Betsy Sodaro, who developed the character, will star as a reimagined version of Mary, and Rachel Bloom is set to grace the pilot with her talents in the role of "Christa Anton" ... aka the Mother of the Antichrist. The pilot is set to shoot in February, with Dan Gregor directing.

"The overall production deal we have with the Devil hasn't born any fruit to date, but when he pitched this show with Rachel Bloom attached, we just couldn't say no," said Justin Rosenblatt, Executive Vice President, Original Programming and Development, Pop TV. "We think *MOTHER MARY* is a clever comedy that offers a lot of life lessons that are filled with heart through smart storytelling imparted through Betsy's hilarious and irreverent sense of humor."

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