

Marian Consecration

for the New Evangelization



“...As at the marriage feast of Cana, when she said ‘Do whatever he tells you’, Mary directs all things to her Son... Thus by dedicating ourselves to the heart of Mary we discover a sure way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, symbol of the merciful love of our Saviour.”

~ Address of Pope John Paul II, 26 September 1986

What is Marian consecration?

A Marian consecration flows from the grace of our Baptism, through which we were originally consecrated, or “set apart,” for Jesus Christ and grafted into His life in the Church. A Marian consecration is a further act of entrustment particularly to the heart of Mary. In this gesture, we ask Mary to dispose us to the will of God as she herself was perfectly disposed.

For the New Evangelization...

The new evangelization is a call to continual conversion in Christ and the work of drawing others into this same life and communion in him. Marian consecration aids this work powerfully because it entrusts our lives and efforts to Mary, who directs everything perfectly to Christ. Through the hands of Mary, the Lord is able to work powerfully through us in drawing others back to himself.

Perfect timing...

As the Bishop recently declared during the Synod on the New Evangelization, ““As stars shine more brightly at night in the desert, so the light of Mary, the Star of the New Evangelization, brightly shines in heaven on our way. To her we confidently entrust ourselves.” (General Message 14)

Suggested Resources

Preparation for Total Consecration, St. Louis de Montfort

Pope John Paul II said that his spiritual life was profoundly influenced by the writings of St. Louis de Montfort. This consecration, “to Jesus through Mary,” has a 33-day preparation program that ends on a Marian feast day. The prayers and meditations can be simplified for parish use.

33 Days to Morning Glory, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

This book presents a 33-day preparation for consecration program based on the spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Blessed Pope John Paul II.

For more information on this program for parish evangelization see: www.allheartsafire.org



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A Simple Program

1. A Marian consecration can be done individually, as a group, or as a parish community under the leadership of the pastor.
2. Individuals or groups can follow the preparation programs found in the Suggested Resources.
3. *A Marian consecration can be as simple or as grand as you like! A simple program follows...*
 - Announce the consecration in the bulletin and make available to parishioners a simple prayer they can pray for a designated period of time prior to the day of consecration (e.g. 9 days, 33 days).
 - You can also make available the *Total Consecration* booklets (St. Louis de Montfort) or the book *33 Days to Morning Glory* (Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC) for parishioners to use. For free materials, see www.myconsecration.org
 - For other ideas about how to introduce a Marian consecration to your parish, see: www.allheartsafire.org*
 - For the designated period of time, parishioners pray the prayer(s) individually in preparation for consecration.
 - On the consecration day (usually a Marian feast), the pastor and his parishioners pray the consecration prayer before or after Mass.
 - A consecration prayer can be found in the suggested resources books or a prayer can be composed (see below).

Consecration to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary (based on the prayer of St. Louis de Montfort)

O most lovable Jesus, only Son of God and son of Mary, I adore you. Thank you for setting me free from sin and inviting me to Heaven through your Life, Death, and Resurrection. I praise you for obeying your Mother Mary in all things. On this day, I want to belong to Mary as you do. Immaculate Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, I offer myself, soul and body, to your Most Immaculate Heart. I consecrate myself to you: all that I have and all that I am. I give to you my past, my present, and my future. Immaculate Heart of Mary, I give you full rights over me, to arrange everything in my life according to God's will. Immaculate Mary, I make myself your servant and I ask you to present me to Jesus and to make me his true follower. Virgin Mother of God, please protect and guide my path to Heaven, and ensure that I will live my life in the state of grace until the hour of my death. Amen.

*Many parishes have already used this program. Please contact the office if you'd like to be in touch with someone who has led this program in their parish.



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