



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST *In the Diocese of Plymouth*

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14th of August 2022

St Louis de Montfort and Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary



“The chief reason why [the Feast of the Assumption] should arouse a singular fervour in the Christian people is to restore all things in Christ...For who does not know that there is no surer or easier way than through Mary? There is no surer way for uniting all persons with Christ. No surer way than obtaining through Him the perfect adoption of sons. There is no surer way that we may be holy and immaculate in the sight of God!” – Pope St Pius X

St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) had a profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and wrote extensively on the virtues of Our Lady,

what true devotion to her consists in, and how the faithful need to turn to her as the way to her Son, Jesus Christ.

A pious child who was especially devoted to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, de Montfort was ordained a priest in Paris, worked for some time as a hospital chaplain, but soon came to devote his time to preaching – a task for which he was extremely gifted. He went on to found the Daughters of Wisdom -- an Order devoted to hospital work and educating poor girls -- and the Company of Mary (the de Montfort Fathers), a missionary group of priests. It was his devotion to Mary, though, for which he is most remembered.

In his classic writings (*The Secret of Mary*, *The Secret of the Rosary*, and *True Devotion to Mary*) he recommends that the faithful formally consecrate themselves to the Blessed Mother. For this end he developed a specific 33-day program consisting of various prayers and readings to help the faithful to detach themselves from the world and unite themselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This 33-day program can be found in his classic work, *True Devotion to Mary*, which first presents devotion to Our Lady generally, the reasons for her pre-eminence above the saints, the Christ-centred reality of Marian devotion. De Montfort goes on to dispel many myths and detractions about such devotion, outlining the motives which recommend this devotion to us. His work is not only theological, however, and his final part examines the practical exercise of devotion to Our Lady.

This "Total Consecration of Jesus through Mary" consists of an initial 12-day preparation which aims at detaching the soul from worldliness,

followed by a period of three consecutive weeks with each week focussing on a different theme. It is recommended that the Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary be made on a major feast of Our Lady, meaning that the preparation begins 33 days prior.

Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can then be renewed annually with the same degree of preparation or a shortened form depending on one's circumstances. It is important to note that this is a formal consecration to Our Lady, not unlike a vow, that is to be done in a solemn and reverent manner. Through this 33-day program you are giving Mary all of yourself - heart, mind, and soul - in order to bring you to her Son, Jesus Christ. Also that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan - i.e. this consecration allows her the free reign in your life to make you holy (as she assists you, through the Holy Spirit, to conform to her holy virtues) and to use your prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings for the greater glory of God.

The first step is to purchase a copy of St Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion* and to begin reading through the preparations, prayerfully discerning when best to make this consecration. Then you might consider choosing a Marian feast day that is special to you. For example, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, or the Assumption. You would begin the Total Consecration preparation 33 days prior to this feast day (the 34th day is the Marian feast, the day you will make the Act of Consecration).

The Immaculate alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands forceful instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spread of God's kingdom." – St. Maximilian Kolbe

ACT OF CONSECRATION

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary



O ETERNAL and incarnate Wisdom! O sweetest and most adorable Jesus! True God and true man, only Son of the Eternal Father, and of Mary, always virgin! I adore Thee profoundly in the bosom and splendors of Thy Father during eternity; and I adore Thee also in the virginal bosom of Mary, Thy most worthy Mother, in the time of Thine incarnation.

I give Thee thanks for that Thou hast annihilated Thyself, taking the form of a slave in order to rescue me from the cruel slavery of the devil. I praise and glorify Thee for that Thou hast been pleased to submit Thyself to Mary, Thy holy Mother, in all things, in order to make me Thy faithful slave through her.

But, alas! Ungrateful and faithless as I have been, I have not kept the promises which I made so solemnly to Thee in my Baptism; I have not fulfilled my obligations; I do not deserve to be called Thy child, nor yet Thy slave; and as there is nothing in me which does not merit Thine anger and Thy repulse, I dare not come by myself before Thy most holy and august Majesty.

It is on this account that I have recourse to the intercession of Thy most holy Mother, whom Thou hast given me for a mediatrix with Thee. It is through her that I hope to obtain of Thee contrition, the pardon of my sins, and the acquisition and preservation of wisdom.

full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God in time and in eternity.

Receive, O benignant Virgin, this little offering of my slavery, in honor of, and in union with, that subjection which the Eternal Wisdom deigned to have to thy maternity; in homage to the power which both of you have over this poor sinner, and in thanksgiving for the privileges with which the Holy Trinity has favored thee. I declare that I wish henceforth, as thy true slave, to seek thy honor and to obey thee in all things.

O admirable Mother, present me to thy dear Son as His eternal slave, so that as He has redeemed me by thee, by thee He may receive me! O Mother of mercy, grant me the grace to obtain the true Wisdom of God; and for that end receive me among those whom thou lovest and teachest, whom thou leadest, nourishest and protectest as thy children and thy slaves.

O faithful Virgin, make me in all things so perfect a disciple, imitator and slave of the Incarnate Wisdom, Jesus Christ thy Son, that I may attain, by thine intercession and by thine example, to the fullness of His age on earth and of His glory in Heaven. Amen.



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Hail, then, O immaculate Mary, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the Eternal Wisdom willed to be hidden and to be adored by angels and by men! Hail, O Queen of Heaven and earth, to whose empire everything is subject which is under God. Hail, O sure refuge of sinners, whose mercy fails no one. Hear the desires which I have of the Divine Wisdom; and for that end receive the vows and offerings which in my lowliness I present to thee.

I, _____, a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in thy hands the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and

needs through the generous support of the faithful.

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Date	At Lanherne	Canon Tanner
	Mass Offered For:	
14	Novena for Chris & Holly Benefactors	Novena
15	Novena for Chris & Holly	Novena
16	Mora Murphy RIP Anniversary	Novena
17	Gaynor Lowe	Novena
18	Monica & Christopher Powell & Family Private Intention (Parents)	Private Intention
19	Constanse Barry RIP	Clergy of the Institute in England
20	Sr Elisabeth	Stevens Family

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At Lanherne Convent

Sundays:

8.30am Low Mass

10am Sung Mass

Monday through Saturday:

8am Mass

Thursdays:

8am and 6.15pm Mass

Confession: Saturdays at 3pm

Rev. Canon Scott Tanner, Prior

At Holy Angels

Sundays:

9.45 -10.15am Confessions

10.30am Mass

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays &

Fridays:

5pm Adoration (with Confession available)

6pm Mass

Tuesdays & Saturdays:

8.30am Mass

Plymouth: Sundays at 3pm