



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

St. Louis de Montfort TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY Excerpts



Virgin in the parish church of St. Ulrich in Gröden - Ortisei Val Gardena Italy. painter Josef Moroder-Lusenberg - Photo by Wolfgang Moroder

God the Father has communicated to Mary His fruitfulness, as far as a mere creature was capable of it, in order that He might give her the power to produce His Son, and all the members of His mystical body.

When Mary has struck her roots in a soul, she produces there marvels of grace, which she alone can produce, because she alone is the fruitful Virgin who never has had, and never will have, her equal in purity and in fruitfulness.

In order to rid ourselves of self, we must die ourselves daily. That is to say, we must renounce the operations of the powers of our soul and the senses of our body. We must see as if we saw not,

understand as if we understood not, and make use of the things of this world as if we made no use of them at all (1 Cor. 7:29-31). This is what St. Paul calls dying daily (1 Cor. 15:31). *“Unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground die, itself remaineth alone,”* and bringeth forth no good fruit (Jn. 12:24-25).”

Mary has produced, together with the Holy Ghost, the greatest thing which has been or ever will be - a God-Man; and she will consequently produce the greatest saints that there will be in the end of time.

If, then, we establish solid devotion to our Blessed Lady, it is only to establish more perfectly devotion to Jesus Christ, and to provide an easy and secure means for finding Jesus Christ. If devotion to Our Lady removed us from Jesus Christ, we should have to reject it as an illusion of the devil; but so far from this being the case, devotion to Our Lady is, on the contrary, necessary for us - as I have already shown, and will show still further hereafter - as a means of finding Jesus Christ perfectly, of loving Him tenderly, of serving Him faithfully.

She is not the sun, which by the brightness of its rays blinds us because of our weakness; but she is fair and gentle as the moon (Cant. 6:9), which receives the light of the sun, and tempers it to make it more suitable to our capacity.

Satan, being proud, suffers infinitely more from being beaten and punished by a little and humble handmaid of God, and her humility humbles him more than the Divine power; and, secondly, because God has given Mary such a great power against the devils, that, as they have often been obliged to confess, in spite of themselves, by the mouths of the possessed, they fear one of her sighs for a soul more than the prayers of all the Saints, and one of her menaces against them more than all other torments.

God the Son wishes to form Himself, and, so to speak, to incarnate Himself, every day by His dear Mother in His members, and He has said to her: *“Take Israel for your inheritance.”* It is as if He had said, God the Father has given Me for an inheritance all the nations of the earth, all the men good and bad, predestinate and reprobate. The one I will lead with a rod of gold, and the others with a rod of iron. Of one I will be the Father and the Advocate, the Just Punisher of others, and the Judge of all. But as for you, My dear Mother, - you shall have for your heritage and possession only the predestinate, figured by Israel; and, as their good Mother, you shall bring them forth and maintain them; and, as their sovereign, you shall conduct them, govern and defend them.

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A “founders statue” created by Giacomo Parisini is located in an upper niche of the south nave of St. Peter’s Basilica.



It is an easy way. It is the way which Jesus Christ Himself trod in coming to us, and in which there is no obstacle in reaching Him. It is true that we can attain divine union by other roads; but it is by many more crosses and strange deaths, and with many more difficulties, which we shall find it hard to overcome. We must pass through obscure nights, through combats, through strange agonies, over craggy mountains, through cruel thorns and over frightful deserts. But by the path of Mary we pass more gently and more tranquilly.

There have been some saints, but they have been in small numbers, who have walked upon this sweet path to go to Jesus, because the Holy Ghost, faithful Spouse of Mary, by a singular grace disclosed it to them. Such were St. Ephrem, St. John Damascene, St. Bernard, St. Bernardine, St. Bonaventure, St. Francis de Sales, and others. But the rest of the saints, who are the greater number, although all had devotion to our Blessed Lady, nevertheless have either not at all, or at least very little, entered upon this way. That is why they have had to pass through ruder and more dangerous trials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for generous volunteers to join the team of helpers in the Parish who keep St. Winefride's Church clean and adorned with flowers.

If you are able to participate in the cleaning or flower arranging duties please let Canon Wiener know. Thank you.

✦ Please continue to pray for a speedy and complete recovery of His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, who is recovering from COVID-19.



✦ Please continue to pray for the superiors of the Institute and all canons and seminarians.



Institute of Christ the King GENERAL CHAPTER 2021

SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS
Sun	12 th Sep	12:30 pm	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	PI
Mon	13 th Sep	10:00 am	Votive Mass of the Most Holy Trinity	Gerald Dulston
Tue	14 th Sep	6:30 pm	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Wedding Anniversary of James & Jo
Wed	15 th Sep	10:00 am	Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin	Mary Boase
Thu	16 th Sep	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, martyr St. Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr	Thomas Weissmann
Fri	17 th Sep	10:00 am	Commemoration of the Imprinting of the Sacred Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi	Amelia Rayment
Sat	18 th Sep	10:00 am	St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor	Christine Ann Danilo
Sun	19 th Sep	12:30 pm	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	PI

All Masses (incl. Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday and Thursday) are at St. Winefride's Church, 187 Crowmere Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 5LA.

Note that Adoration and Benediction on Tuesdays and Thursdays start at 5.30 pm before the 6.30 pm Mass.

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