

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

INTRODUCTORY NIGHT NOTES

St Louis Marie de Monfort 1673-1716. The vagabond preacher. 43 and poisoned.
Gave all to the poor.

He was raised by God for two reasons:

1. To fight Jansenism which denied that God was a God of Justice, not mercy. That we had no right to appeal to His mercy, we only deserved Justice. And their devotion to Our Lady was false.

2. To be a prophet of a future age in the Church which would be called the “Age of Mary”.

This is that age. When souls would “**Breathe Mary as the body breathes air**”.

He wrote numerous books the best known of which are ‘True devotion to Mary’ & ‘The secret of the Rosary’.

He was canonised by Pope Pius 12th on July 20 1947 and is now under consideration for a Doctor of the Church.

His writings on Mary taught that if we have a **TRUE and TENDER devotion to MARY she will lead us directly to JESUS.**

She is the MEANS. THE BRIDGE that carries us to JESUS.

WHO IS MARY?

The new Eve; reversing the fall of Adam & Eve.

The Mother of God

Our Spiritual Mother.

Remember if Our Lady had said, ‘No’ there would have been no redemption in God’s plan. Jesus was subject to Mary and Joseph for 30 years Luke: 2. Lost for 3 days in the temple.

That He, Jesus, was subject to them, that He honoured them, obeyed them, learnt from them, loved and respected them. For 30 years.

This was **the example Christ gave us**, He wants us to do the same.

How can we possibly think that we can render more glory to God by doing any other than what Our Lord Himself did for 30yrs?

OUR LADY'S POSITION IN THE CHURCH

She was **present at the beginning and at the end of Our Lord's mission of redemption.** His first miracle was done at her request, even though His 'Hour had not yet come'. She knew He would advance that hour because she was asking him and **she trusted totally.**

That is her role in the Church; To point to Jesus and say, 'Do whatever He tells you'.

She is also our Spiritual Mother as given to us from the cross by Jesus Himself.

The first act of redemption was bought by the death of Christ on the cross, His acquisition of graces. Mary is now given the role of distributing those graces to her spiritual children: US. Until the end of time.

St Augustine teaches: *"All the predestinate are in this world hidden in the womb of the Virgin Mary where they are guarded, nourished, brought up and made to grow by that good mother until she has brought them to glory after death".*

**She is 'full of grace'. She is overflowing with grace, all grace for all mankind.
She is the Mediatrix of all God's Graces.**

Drawing on whiteboard re Head, Neck & Body.

If this Mediation is not so then how do we explain how the one who has given us the source and author of all Divine life does not also give us, by that very fact, everything which proceeds from that source.

This is the teaching of the Church and has been for centuries.
Therefore I must go to her for all my needs, whether material or spiritual.

Mary is also **QUEEN. Queen of all Hearts.** She has rights over me and if she asks me I must do it. Just as Jesus did.

TRUTHS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY.

The Church teaches that **a minimum of devotion to Mary is necessary to be saved.** Those who know who Mary is and her place and refuses to give her a minimum of love and respect, **are endangering their eternal salvation.**

We must have a filial devotion toward the Mother of God.

St Louis de Monfort says there are **five fundamental truths** concerning devotion to Mary.

- 1. We belong to Christ** and that he is the ultimate end of all our devotions.
- 2. We belong to Christ as our last end and** we also belong to Mary by the order of grace.
- 3. We need Mary in order** to die to ourselves.
- 4. We need a mediatrix along with the Mediator,** Our Lord. As she is a creature, the most perfect creature she is closer to God than anyone else and in the spiritual order God has made her a necessity for us by making her our spiritual Mother.
- 5. Mary is necessary to help us persevere** in our faith until the end. She was the perfect disciple and the first and greatest of the Saints. She will guide us.

If these are the characteristics of true devotion what are false devotions?

FALSE DEVOTIONS ARE:

- 1. The critical devotee;** those who criticise everything about Our Lady.
- 2. Scrupulous devotees;** those who are afraid to render too much devotion to her lest they cast a shadow on Our Lord. St Maximillian Kolbe's quote.
- 3. External devotee;** those who tend to concentrate purely on the external acts of wearing medals, rosaries but have no real love for Mary from the heart.
- 4. Presumptuous devotees;** those who wear a medal, the scapular and thinks they can get away with anything and still be saved.
- 5; Inconstant devotees;** those who only think of Our Lady at certain times of the year and for the rest they forget her.
- 6. Hypocritical devotees;** who hide their sins under a cloak of devotion to her.
- 7. Interested devotees;** those who only go to her when they need something , otherwise they never think of her.

THE FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY

1. Interior. It is in your heart, on your mind. You love her dearly and devotion to her comes readily because you love her as a Mother.

2. Tender. Full of confidence and trust in Our Lady... that of a child. Total trust in her love and intercession for us.

3. Holy. Means that your devotion must make you a better person day after day. Year after year. Avoiding all kinds of sin.

4. Constant. Your devotion must be constantly with you, not on and off.

5. Disinterested. It must be because we go to her because she is the Mother of God, not just to get something. We can ask certainly, but we should love her first because of who she is. The most lovable of all mothers.

Therefore this Consecration is as St Louis says, “Nothing but a perfect renewal of the vows of Baptism”.

It is essentially, directly and ultimately a consecration to Jesus through the hands of Mary.

The Mother says, “You belong to me, I am your Mother’.

The child says, Yes I want to belong to you for time and eternity”.

This consecration will transform your entire life.

NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE CONSECRATION AND HOW DO WE LIVE IT.

What does it consist of?

It consists of what we must give and how we must live it.

First; you give your body and all its senses. **Second** you give your soul and all its faculties and powers. **Third,** our exterior goods. **Finally;** our interior and spiritual goods to Mary.

My body and senses are consecrated so that all I do and see and speak is for her.

My soul is consecrated with its free will and intellect are to Jesu through Mary.

My exterior goods are consecrated so that the motive behind the actions of use are directed toward good and serving God and others through Mary.

My interior and spiritual goods are consecrated to Mary.

Through the good actions we do and the prayers we make we receive an increase in sanctifying grace. And it is through this value of satisfying for the sins we have committed which have been forgiven (in confession) that we give to Mary distribute as and how and to whom she wills.

So too with our prayer actions and intentions; they all now go to Mary.

We have nothing left, we rely completely on her, as does a child on its mother. She will never be outdone in generosity.

It does not mean that we have to think of Mary with a special prayer every time or not pray to the Saints etc. She takes all these actions and applies them where she wishes. We have made the consecration, she will do the rest. The same with all other consecrations as well.

De Monfort's consecration is much more than the general consecrations you have made in the past.

TWIF MARY. TWIF JESUS. TWIF GOD THE FATHER.

**Through
With
In
For**

Through Mary: When we approach The Father, Son, Holy Spirit it is through Mary. It is an attitude of soul, not a conscious thought every time. As our Queen and Mother she knows the best way to present our actions to Jesus. Mary our Mediatrix of intercession. Jesus our mediator of Redemption.

With Mary: As Mary is always very close to us in a most exceptional and very beautiful way, we must strive to do all our actions with her. If we perform a good action it merits an increase in sanctifying grace. That grace comes to us from Calvary. How did it come? Through Our Lady's prayers, she 'handed it to' us so to speak. We do all our actions with her.

In Mary: Is to remember Mary is the mold for our actions. Mold - Sculpture comparison. St Augustine said Mary is the mold of God back in the 5th century. The hard way and the easy way, relatively speaking.

For Mary: We do all our actions for Mary, not that Mary is the end of our actions, she always presents them to Our Lord for us as we remember that this consecration is to Jesus through Mary.

FINALLY

This consecration will **confirm us in our faith, grant us perseverance, an increase in sanctifying grace** through the action of making the consecration. And it will make all **our crosses easier** to bear in this life, because Our Mother Mary is with us as she was at the Cross with her Son Jesus.

It will help us on the road to holiness.

We must remember that we have to **work at this continuously throughout** our lives and to renew the consecration annually; either in full or in part.

Our Lady will be with us **at the hour of our death**. She is not deaf!

When we pray the rosary 50 or 150 times a day, "pray for us now and at the hour of our death". She hears us and she will be there with all the graces necessary for our final sanctification, **just as the good Mother**.

Then she will present US to Jesus.

Pat Barrett.

PROGRAMME DATES FOR CONSECRATION FOR 2003

Part 1: 12 Days; Spirit of the World

Thursday Feb 20, 7. 45 pm Christ the King Church. 1 hour.

Part 2: 1st Week; Knowledge of Self

Tuesday March 4, 7. 45 pm Christ the King Church. 1 hour.

Part 3: 2nd Week; Knowledge of Our Lady

Tuesday March 11, 7. 45 pm Christ the King Church. 1 hour.

Part 4: 3rd Week; Knowledge of Our Lord

Tuesday March 18, 7. 45 pm Christ the King Church. 1 hour.

CONSECRATION DAY; Tuesday March 25. 7. 45pm.

Christ the King Church, 40 minutes.

NOTE: The Consecration day obligation includes Holy Mass and Confession in the week prior to the Mass. This is your personal obligation, only the act of consecration and prayers will be made together this final night.

Call Pat on 03 352 2177 for any further help and information.

You will need the small booklet of prayers titled 'Preparation for Total Consecration according to St Louis Marie de Monfort', to complete this commitment at home each night for the 33 days.

This booklet is available from the above contact at the price of \$11. 50 each.