

MARIAN CONSECRATION

33 DAYS OF MORNING GLORY

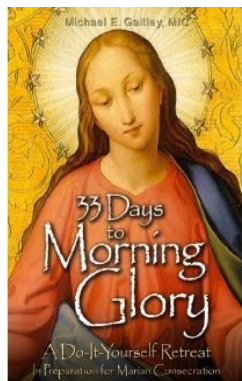
WHAT IS MARIAN CONSECRATION

Marian consecration is a new way of life in Christ for all men and women. Very simply, it's allowing Mary's hand to lead you more closely to her Son. As he was dying for our sins on the cross, Jesus entrusted us to his Blessed Mother Mary. He wants us to "take her into our (spiritual) home" just as the apostle John did. Consecrating yourself to Mary means giving yourself entirely to Our Lady so that you may become closer to her son Jesus THROUGH her. When we consecrate ourselves to Mary, we learn to love her by relying on her intercession, communicate with her from our hearts, let ourselves be led by her, and trust her completely. It means we offer up all of our prayers, our good works, our talents, our gifts, and even our suffering to Mary so that she may augment and purify these gifts and then lay them before her son, Jesus. It also means we give Mary our permission to complete her heavenly mission for us, which is to help us to grow in holiness---to form each one of us into "another Christ". Becoming consecrated to Mary has been described by many as a turning point in their spiritual journey.



HOW DO I CONSECRATE MYSELF TO MARY?

A recommended way is the *33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat, A Do-It Yourself Retreat*, written by Father Michael Gaitley. His own conversion story contains a powerful witness to the many graces of Marian Consecration. The program can be done individually or in a small group. Each week of the retreat focuses on a different Marian "expert"



and how they lived out their consecrations to Mary.

Saint Louis de Montfort, whose great work, "True Devotion to Mary" significantly influenced Church teachings of Mary and was foundational to many popes.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a priest from the World War II Holocaust who was known for his burning desire to understand the meaning of the Immaculate Conception and Mary's profound union with the Holy Spirit.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who explains how Mother Mary was the first to experience Jesus' "thirst" for our love, and in turn pleaded with us to "listen to Jesus' thirst for us."

Blessed John Paul II, whom Fr. Gaitley describes as the "second greatest story ever told" due to the many historical moments in our Church during his life-time, including the consecration of the entire world to Our Lady, which led to the fall of communism; and the establishment of Divine Mercy as a devotion and Church feast day.

The Impact of Consecration



"This Consecration has been so timely in my personal life. It's enabled me to withdraw from the world in many ways and deepen my relationship with God and reliance on Him. For 33 days I've walked with Mary and she has truly become my mother, teacher, guide, protector, and friend. She has entered my life and my heart in a very real way and I feel her presence in all I do."

Linda Bevec

"By entrusting my life and those I love to the motherly care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I am finding a peace that my soul has thirsted for. During this time of reading, pondering, praying and sharing with our group, there were many amazing gifts of affirmation that what we were doing was so right! I pray many others from our parish will want to make this Consecration!"

Chris Pillizzi

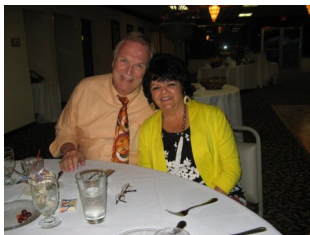


"As I've pondered Mary's role in taking each of us to the foot of the cross, I imagine myself there with her, being splashed with the blood and water and Divine Mercy that flowed from Jesus' pierced side. My sins are covered by Jesus' blood, and my courage is bolstered by Mary's companionship as we look on Him in love, together. Now, as I move forward in my prayer life I take Mary with me, seeking Jesus' Holy Face, and she echoes my prayers, whispering them from her heart and mine right into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I am overwhelmed with their love for each of us. I will try to imitate it and love each of you better, too. May we be filled with the Holy Spirit's power to love more completely!"

LeAnn Rogan

"Through the Consecration to Mary I obtained a deeper understanding and love for Mother Mary's role after Jesus' death and resurrection as well as my Christian responsibility. Watching her child die to save us, Mary's love for her son is so great that she is fulfilling the mission that Jesus started, that he gave up his life for: to bring more souls to experience and live the love of our Lord. Mother Mary continues that mission today and by consecrating my heart to Jesus through her I take on the commitment to help her fulfill that mission as well."

Sheryn Abraham



"I am fulfilling Mary's request at Fatima that we consecrate to her Immaculate Heart. On 6/13/17 Mary told the children "I will never abandon you, my child. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." TO JESUS THROUGH MARY It has been such an amazing journey that will be with me forever!"

Kathy Jalensky

"There is a transformation that has occurred in me; and I found real beauty and support from this group. However, I would urge our congregation to pray for us as the real work begins after our consecration."

Maggie Hodge



"This experience has truly been life changing for me. Sharing the common bond of motherhood with our Lord's mother, Mary, has brought me intimately closer to her son, Jesus. The Morning Glory Consecration Prayer reminds us to be 'a fit instrument in the immaculate and merciful hands for bringing the greatest possible glory to God.' My two sons recently had an assignment to make an instrument for their music class. Both boys created unique and creative sources of sound. It reminded ME to be that unique, creative instrument in the hands of Mary, to become closer to Jesus and share the Good News and "sounds" of our Catholic faith!"

Lisa Craft

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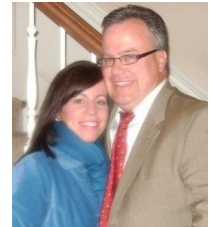


"I have sung the "Ave Maria" for hundreds of weddings, but it is only now that I fully feel her peaceful presence and motherly love with me and my family. After going through this Marian Consecration, this has now truly become a love song for me to our Blessed Mother."

Anna Nuzzo

"I have received this great peace and love in my heart, that I've never felt before. Mother, Love and Mercy is what struck me the most. A *mother's love* for a child that suffers and *mercy* for her child that struggles. Unconditional love, to Jesus through Mother Mary."

Sheri Clark



"One prayer that really stands out in my mind, throughout this Consecration, is asking Mary to 'lend me your Heart, and keep me in your Immaculate Heart.' How can I ask for such an amazing gift? To have a small understanding of what Mary's Immaculate Heart feels when she sees me, my family, friends, and strangers has affected me deeply. Her gentleness, compassion, and generosity are unmatched. For Mary to "lend me her heart" in my day-to-day interactions with my husband and daughters is an amazing and unfathomable gift in of itself. But Mary not only wants to do this for all of us, She, more than anything, wants to bring us to Jesus. I feel so undeserving of her love and guidance, and yet I feel privileged and happy too. I know that Jesus wants me here, doing what I am doing, to grow closer to Him through Mary. Even though I am imperfect and I am a sinner. I pray that I will listen to the Holy Spirit who wants to guide me to live up to my Consecration vow, because I know that I cannot do it alone."

Esther Ficke

"It's been freeing in every sense to entrust myself to Our Lady's care. The grace and peace that come with knowing our Mother is something that up until recently I could only imagine. My greatest hope is that through Mary, I'll be able to have greater trust in our Lord's will, and importantly, that I'll be able to carry out His will in all aspects of my life."

Margie Mandli



"These 33 days of preparation for consecration have been truly transformative for me. I have come to really KNOW Mary and her important role in each one of our lives and to comprehend what a beautiful gift our Lord gave us when he entrusted us to her. Now, it is impossible NOT to talk with her and turn to her in prayer throughout the day. My prayer life has been enriched greatly. I FEEL Our Blessed Mother with me now. I picture her, just as she did for Mother Teresa, standing close behind me---one hand on my shoulder and the other supporting my arm as I reach out for Jesus, giving me the strength and courage to pick up and carry my own daily crosses. Through her, I am moving closer to Jesus every day!"

Kathy Hellwig

"We offer ourselves to Mary not because we are perfect, but because we need all the help she offers." These past 33 days to Consecration were a time of reflection and spiritual sharing; we were all given a gift. A gift that taught us to make time in our busy days to ponder and pray from deep within our hearts to Mary. We rely on Mary's motherly intercession to bring us closer to Christ. TO JESUS THROUGH MARY.

Tracie Kenney



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Key Themes of Study

*St. Louis de
Montfort*

Passion

Baptism

Gift

St. Maximilian

Kolbe

Mystery

Militia

Love

Blessed Mother

Teresa of Calcutta

Thirst

Heart

Covenant

Blessed John Paul

II

Mother

Entrust-ation

Mercy



To Jesus Through Mary

Family Consecration Prayer To The Immaculate Heart Of Mary

We honor you, Blessed Virgin Mary, for you are the Holy Mother of God. You were created pure to be the vessel of the Word of God, our Savior, Jesus Christ. You said "yes" with your heart and your lips and by the Holy Spirit conceived in your womb the One who was obedient to death, even death on a Cross.

Your Immaculate Heart remains one with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You followed Him through suffering, faithful to the end. You have triumphed with Him and now reign as Queen of Heaven. Because Jesus gave you to be our Mother, as your children, we now consecrate ourselves and our entire family to your Immaculate Heart.

Pray for us, Mother, that we too may be a pure vessel of God's Word, trust in His will, and obey even in difficult circumstances. May we too rejoice in the victory of His Resurrection now and at the hour of our death. Amen

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

The following women completed their consecration on October 14, 2012. Their hope in their own journey is to share this opportunity with the parishioners of St. Anne, so that other men and women will share in this moving and transformative journey into the loving heart of our Blessed Mother through their own consecration. We are available to answer questions and share our experiences:

Sheryn Abraham

Sheri Clark

Esther Ficke

Linda Bevec

Lisa Craft

Kathy Hellwig

Maggie Hodge

Tracie Kenney

Anna Nuzzo

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If you'd like to begin your own Marian Consecration, individually or with a group, or for more information, please contact any of the women listed here, or Chris Pillizzi 262-945-6039 or nanapillizzi@hotmail.com.