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Light for my path

John 21: 1-12 :

Apparition on the shores of Lake Tiberias

We are after the resurrection, the Apostles are in the beginning of their life as fishermen. In this passage, Simon Peter is the central figure to whom that Jesus entrusted his Church saying: You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church (Mt 16: 18). So this passage speaks to us about the life of the Church animated by the Risen Lord.



What do we see in this passage? There are several notations here:

a. The boat: It is a biblical symbol of the Church.

Fishing-net: using a net represents the mission of the Apostles: *I will make you become fishers of men* (Marc 1,17).

b. The meal: a sign that Jesus left to these Apostles (you will do this in memory of me, Luc 22, 20).

c. Name Peter: the big space and responsible for Peter.

d. Number- 7: the 7, Apostles a symbol of fullness, of universality.

The Apostles have toiled all night but found no result, this tells that the mission without the realisation of risen Christ is vain and waste. But at dawn (symbol of the resurrection) Jesus is there on the shore and enjoins them to throw the net; their listening and their obedience to the injunction of the master despite fatigue makes everything changed. It is the passage from a night of labour and desolation to a morning of life, of abundance, of resurrection!

«**WHEN THEY CLIMBED OUT ON SHORE, THEY SAW A CHARCOAL FIRE WITH FISH ON IT AND BREAD**»: this fire of embers recalls the one to which Peter during the passion had tried to warm himself (John, 18: 18,25) before his denial. Now, this fire of embers, prepared by the Lord, will warm Peter up and be the place where the Lord will entrust him with his mission again.

«**COME, HAVE BREAKFAST**»: it is at a feast to which the Lord invites his Apostles, only He can give food in abundance; but by mixing the caught fish with those which he had already deposited on the coals. It means that the Lord is waiting for our collaboration as at the multiplication of the loaves.

Pierrette MAIGNÉ,
Member of the Commission for Lay Associates



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It is to the confidence in the Lord always at work in his Church that I am invited, bringing also my collaboration to the mission never completed.

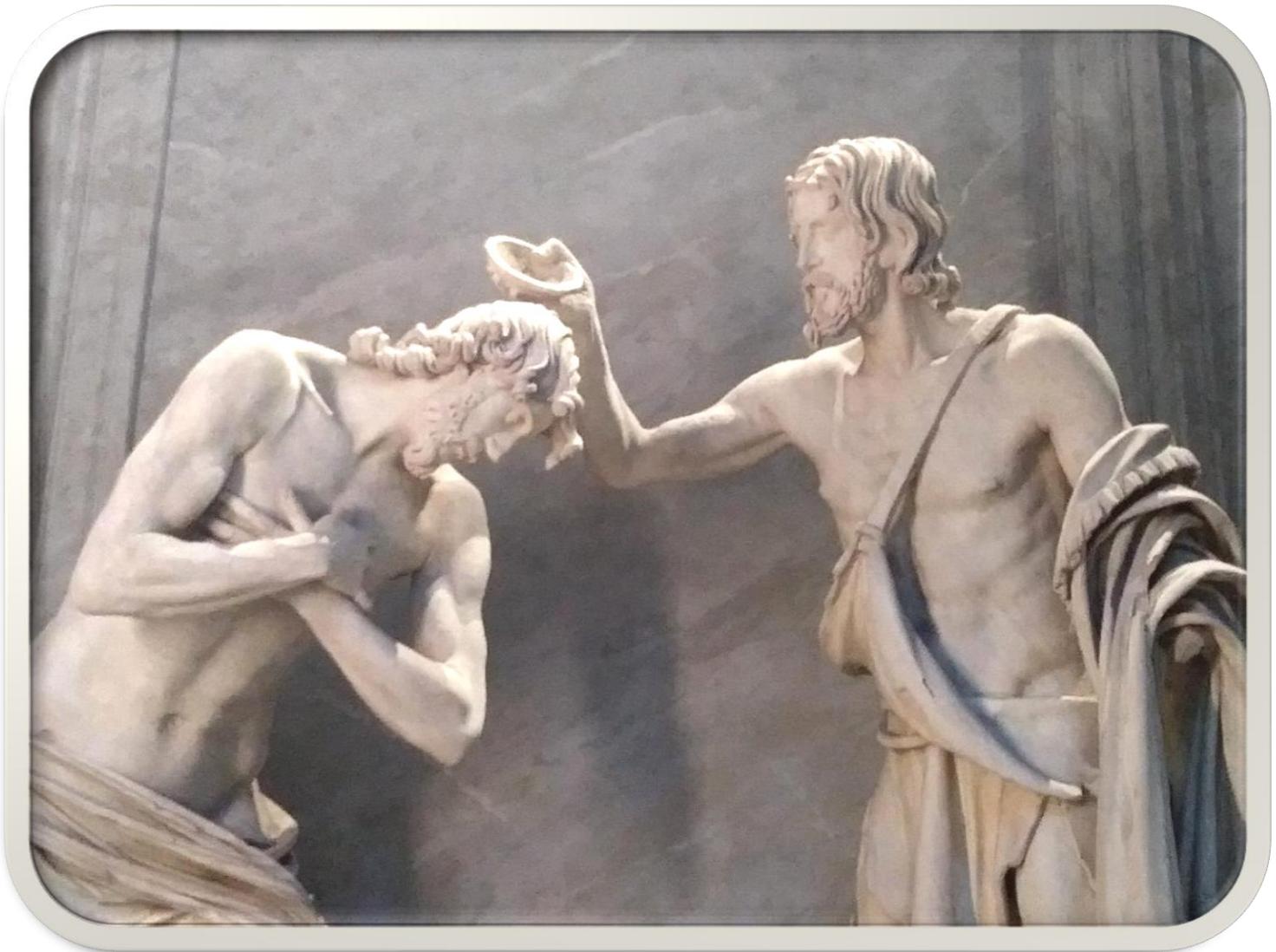


Montfortian Spirituality

CONSECRATION TODAY

Is consecration still valid in the Church and the world of today?

For sure! This "perfect practice" of "true devotion to Mary" in the Christian life under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is still shaping the spiritual life of many people all over the world to this day.



REDEMPTORIS MATER, 48

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(Redemptoris Mater, 48).**

In his encyclical letter, *Redemptoris Mater*, "On the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Pilgrim Church" (25 March 1987), Pope John Paul II mentions the consecration proposed by Father de Montfort as one of the expressions of the "Marian spirituality" in the Church, when he writes: « I would like to recall, among the many witnesses and teachers of this spirituality, the figure of Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort, who proposes consecration to Christ through the hands of Mary, as an effective means for Christians **to live faithfully their baptismal commitments.**» (*Redemptoris Mater*, 48).

This recognition of Pope John Paul II could be considered as "approval" of the Church for this "form of Marian devotion" because it shows that « while the Mother is honoured, the Son, through whom all things have their being (cf. Col. 1: 15-16) and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell (Col. 1: 19) is rightly known, loved and glorified and that all His commands are observed. » (*Lumen Gentium* 66).

In fact, the consecration, with reasonable adaptations, is shared by many other groups such as Legio Mariae, Emmanuel Community, Foyer de Charité, Association Mary Queen of All Hearts, Consecratio Mundi, Sociedad Grignion de Montfort of Barcelona, Militants of Our Lady of Burundi. It is only a question of mentioning a certain number of spiritual-missionary movements in the Church which, in certain respects, live the consecration proposed by Father de Montfort. There are still many other movements, congregations of consecrated life and committed persons who, individually or in small groups, live this same consecration.



At the same time, theologians continue to discuss in order to give better explanations on the role of the Virgin Mary in consecration. They try to better define for example Montfort's use of the words "consecration" and "slavery," the advice to wear small iron chains as a sign of the slavery of love (TD 236-242). It is a role that the Second Vatican Council has entrusted to them when it "exhorts theologians and preachers of the divine word to abstain zealously both from all gross exaggerations as well as from petty narrow-mindedness in considering the singular dignity of the Mother of God." (Lumen Gentium, 67).

The same task was entrusted by Pope John Paul II to the Montfortian Family, in his letter dated June 21, 1997, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the canonization of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort: « Dear brothers and sisters of the great Montfortian Family... Be also a support and a point of reference for the movements which take their inspiration from the message of Grignon de Montfort in order to give to Marian devotion an ever surer authenticity ». (No. 6).

To put into practice this exhortation of Pope John Paul II, the Missionaries of the Company of Mary (Montfort Missionaries), one of the three Montfortian Congregations, set to work. Its Commission for Spirituality is thinking of carrying out some activities that aim to:
a. Make known the Montfortian spirituality within the Company of Mary to help its members in their continuous formation and the mission (e.g. reissue of the Treatise of the True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin, reissue of the Secret of Mary, realization of retreats or workshops on Montfortian spirituality, with the Daughters of Wisdom (DW) and the Montfort Brothers of Saint Gabriel (SG) participating in the Montfortian International Formation (MIF) in Montfortian spirituality).
b. Make known the Montfortian spirituality in the initial formation of the members of the Company of Mary (e.g. the Montfortian month, preparation for the perpetual profession, retreats).
c. Make known Montfortian spirituality to lay associates (e.g. newsletter "Jesus Living in Mary", continental meetings).
d. Spread to a wider public the Montfortian spirituality (e.g. publication of the journal "Spiritualità Monfortana", website).

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For his part, the Superior General of the Montfort Missionaries, **Fr. Luiz Augusto STEFANI SMM**, sent a circular letter on December 8, 2017, to the five continents, to explain that the **Montfort Missionaries are well in the Church, and how we must live the "consecration" in our world today**. In short, the Montfortian Family must be pro-active to dialogue and exchange directly with these groups. But how? It's a real challenge!

Arnold SUHARDI SMM

Sharing



REAWAKENING OF MY FAITH

"Let's go to Jesus, let's go through Mary, it's the divine secret of the elect"

Since my childhood (5/6 years), God, with the help of the Virgin Mary, accompanies my steps. It's natural ... it is much later that I understood.

I got married at age 20 with Frédéric and he was 19 and a half years old. We went to live in Nantes. As I did not know this city well, I asked my husband about any Catholic churches nearby to go and receive the Holy Eucharist. And he replied: "you need not go for mass anymore because I'm with you". I did not agree with him. as I know Frédéric and when we met for the first time he was 17 years old. He seemed to me as sad, aggressive in appearance, violent but, deep in him there is a big sensitive heart that had to be manifested after all these years of suffering. He was disanimated a bit because of his absence from parents, years of hatred towards everyone, as unfortunately many young people of today. this may be because he was alone with his grandparents for 16 years. His absent parents, who did not get along, made him very aggressive. Finally, I was pregnant with "twins", so I could not move too much to Church that I really missed a little more each week the spiritual nourishment.

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Fortunately, my grandmother had offered me her Missal on the day of our wedding saying "you will need it". I prayed it every day. I lived on the "Word of God and on the Gospel ...". It helped me. As soon as we went to the village to see my family there I went to the church to pray, to light the candles. It was always fast ... my husband was not going to the church ... It took me all the patience and forbearance.

I surrender my life to God, like Mary, every day. I pray at home some times I even kneel and cry... when the twins were born, as the first big JOY of my husband. As he is the only son, he stopped in all the villages, among all his friends to shout his joy at having twins, no question of watching over his children, he who had never had his parents. Peace and joy began to be discovered in the family.

We lived seven years in Nantes, I call these years as "my crossing of the desert" to understand better what the LORD, through Mary, wanted to tell me. Beautiful years, a mixture of joy, prayer, suffering. The Eucharist was rare, it was difficult. One day, I got angry, (anger of the Lord?). In me, it was not me anymore for the reason that my husband did not like to see me praying. He was revolting but that day I answered him that he could never withdraw the prayer from me, that I was ready for anything, but that he would never be the master of my heart ... He tried everything. I knew hell especially with his parents who manipulated him and who did not know him. They waited for our wedding to try to recover their son ... hell in all these forms ... the horror. At the bottom of my heart, I had this strength, this LOVE who called me. I did not understand well. At the time I called this as "my two hearts" that beating in me and pushing me to go forward. This "my two hearts, my us" made me feel weird. Finally, there was the baptism of the third son, I started again going to the church on Sundays for the Eucharist.

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We returned to my home village. I started working while taking care of our three children. Hard, hard days, it was necessary to take responsibility in all domains, my husband was more and more sick with his backbone problems... but I was always attracted by a call, a breath, a light, a presence that I did not understand well ... it's always the beat of "my two hearts" in me. One evening after work I went to my parish in Landemont to take the Eucharist. My ancestors had moved in a cart to this village. Very amazing, after the meditated rosary there was the Mass of the day, and the priest spoke of Father de Montfort. Oh ! la la ... it's the reawakening of my faith.

What my grandmother had said to me a long time ago came back in my mind, it is about the cross given to my ancestor grandfather by Father de Montfort himself! « You know that when you were 6-7-8 years old, you forgot this cross that was always with me until my age of 20 years old. », said my grandmother. In fact, I lost that cross when I moved from one place to another. Anyway, my heart "my two hearts" opened that day, then Mary, the Angels, perhaps the saints, directed me to Our Lady of Marillais where there were the Montfort Missionaries.

Father Bossard and Father Guil were my two spiritual directors and then Father Bertrand. They were my "trinity" to open wide my soul in which thirsted for crazy LOVE, inexplicable LOVE, so DIVINE. Mary has always accompanied me, guided me. Then I

entered the Montfortian Marian Fraternity (MMF) that promotes the consecration.

The monthly or quarterly meeting of MMF, I find it important, it gives us shape, to re-hear, to rediscover the words, the writings of Montfort. We live in a world that becomes hard on Christians. Let us not despair and be true witnesses of true LOVE by our way of living simply where we are. Let us stay in our place with discretion, listening, wisdom, mutual help. Let's distribute what we receive, joy, peace, LOVE.



Mary fashioned Frédéric's heart with joy and patience. His physical suffering was something daily, but the prayer sanctifies the person who lives next to you. I am a witness of it, prayer transforms. Today Frédéric helps me in his own way always happy to receive priests at home. For the sanctuary of Our Lady of Marillais, if I need some flowers he buys when he returns from shopping, he comes with a pretty bouquet for Mary, "for your Church," he tells me? After the death of my sister and my mother in 5 weeks, I was tired, exhausted. It was he who pushed me to go back to the pilgrimage to Lourdes to find my strength. If I am two days without Eucharist, he asks me the question "why did not you go to the Church?".

You know, I really have a good husband. I compare it to Saint Joseph: discreet, voiceless, present at all times. It is necessary to look at the good that which is in the other to stifle the evil which can return or invade us, there is always a sunbeam in every individual even the most cruel. It's up to us to open this ray of light to crush the evil. Let us forgive, forgive, begin again, forgive. Our prayers change them, transform us into peace, forgiveness. Children, grandchildren, are also transformed by prayers. Patience, patience ... I take advantage of everything to launch a word of the Church to my grandchildren and to my children...

We, the consecrated laity, our duty is also to pray a lot for our priests our missionaries, pray tirelessly for them. They are our "oxygen" to advance in the footsteps of Jesus living in Mary, without them, we are lost in a Church without a shepherd, it is the decay assured and it goes very fast ...

For our International Fathers and Brothers ... Mary, I entrust to you all these Montfort Missionaries throughout the world who give themselves entirely to serve the Church of your Divine Son Jesus, do not abandon your people, send, dispatch a multitude of holy priests around the world. Holy Spirit renew the face of the earth. Mary intercede for us.

I am alone, I remain alone in this world, I live only for **GOD ALONE**.

Martine & Frédéric

NEWS

CONSECRATION IN INDONESIA

KSM Malang Zone, East Java Region

The group of Montfortian Associates in Indonesia, inspired by the spirituality of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, is a very precious reality for the progress, growth and diffusion of Montfortian spirituality in Indonesia. This group of associates in Indonesia is called "Kerabat Santo Montfort" (KSM) which literally means "members of Montfort's family". In fact, the presence of KSM in Indonesia, especially in East Java - Malang Zone - is the result of the work and efforts of the Montfort Missionaries to creatively diffuse and translate the spirituality of Father de Montfort into the Indonesian context.



According to existing data or registration, KSM in the East Java region, particularly in the Malang Zone, continues to experience satisfactory growth and development, although since 2014 a slight vacuum has been created. Since the formation of this spiritual group in 2005, 144 people have consecrated themselves following the path indicated by Father de Montfort.

The Montfortian associates are now a group of people who really have a passionate love and even a passion to consecrate themselves to God embracing the spirituality of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort. These are people who are motivated by the Spirit of God to live and spread the spiritual heritage of Father de Montfort in their lives and daily services in the midst of civil society and the ecclesial community.



New members

Of the 144 members of the KSM Malang Zone, East Java region, 8 new members made their first consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary at the chapel of the Montfortian Scholasticate, "Abode of Wisdom", in Malang on March 21, 2019.



The celebration of the consecration was presided by the Rector of the Scholasticate, Fr. Gregorius Pasi accompanied by Fr. Fidelis Wotan and Fr Melkior Jelalu. The celebration began at 5 pm and brought together a number of long-time KSM members, formators and scholastics who form the community. In his homily, Fr. Fidelis, as National Delegate of KSM Indonesia, emphasizes the importance of the spirit of consecration which is a total and sincere gift, manifested in the quality of service. This task can only be properly accomplished if the members of KSM try to conform continuously to the figure of the Virgin Mary, who is faithful to listening and to the realization of the Word of God.

In addition to the 8 people who made the consecration at the Scholastica's Chapel, a few months ago, on November 21, 2018, KSM of the Flores region welcomed 17 new members. At that time Fr. Ariston, regional delegate of KSM Flores (in Manggarai) received the brothers and sisters associates in an official celebration of the "consecration". At the celebration of this consecration, members of the KSM officially and organically entered into communion with the Company of Mary and now take part in the Mission of the Montfort Missionaries in the Church and in the world: "Preparing the Kingdom of Jesus through Mary".

Fr. Fidelis Wotan, SMM

CONSECRATION IN ANDRAISORO, MADAGASCAR



As Motfortian Associates of Andraisoro, we thank God, for having made performed our consecration ceremony on Sunday, March 10, 2019, in the chapel of Andraisoro. It was as follows:

- Two members pronounced their first consecration.
- Eight members renewed their consecration
- Four people came to join and strengthen this small

community, and they were received very solemnly.

Before this consecration, we were well prepared spiritually and materially during 30 days within each family, thanks to the animation of Brother François smm, It was before the spiritual retreat. During this long preparation, we were invited to meditate every day some

passages from the True Devotion of Louis-Marie de Montfort, as well as from biblical passages. In spite of our unworthiness and our spiritual poverty as servants, this preparation made us indeed win the good desire of Jesus, the divine eternal Wisdom, thanks to our holy Baptism expressed in our efforts in permanent prayer and asceticism.

The last three days of this thirty days of preparation were indeed consecrated to retreat; during which we meditated together on three very specific and important themes:

The First day: on Thursday, March 07, 2019, we were accompanied by Brother François, we meditate on the theme: "Be perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect", Mt 5, 43-48; Mt 5, 1-16.

The Second day: on Friday, 08 March 2019, we focused on the theme: "Prayer", with Brother Nirina, smm.

The third day: on Saturday, March 09, 2019, was especially lived for a pilgrimage to a small hill of Carmel in Ambohimangakely, during which we recited and contemplated the ways of the cross of Jesus meditating on the mystery of his Passion.



Sunday was the expected day when we celebrated our consecration and its renewal ceremony; and besides, the theme of this first Lent Sunday coincided occasionally with our consecration.

The Mass of celebration took place in the chapel of the Montfort Missionaries in Andraisoro and was presided over by Father Provincial of the Company of Mary in Madagascar, Father Bruno KIKY. There were also four other Montfort Missionaries. Our associates from Antsobolo who were to pronounce their first consecration came with their family.

After the Eucharist, we shared our lunch with joy with the Montfort Missionaries of Andraisoro without exception, although some

of them could not attend Mass with us because of their pastoral activities in the local parish.

Now that we have received this grace, we engage more and more continually in our life of

consecration. We would like to thank all the Montfort Missionaries and the Montfortian Associates who made this holy event possible. All honour and glory to God, through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fanja, Andraisoro, Madagascar

CONSECRATION IN SAINT LAURENT-SUR-SÈVRE, FRANCE



On Saturday, March 23rd, we were about fifty to meet again to renew our Consecration. Camille, Christelle, Marie-Noëlle made it for the first time. The participants were able to share how Mary transforms everyone's life, in a very concrete way, in her collaboration with the Holy Spirit. It was an important moment, of wonder, very rich in shares. Here are some testimonials.

"... It was a friendly meal with Montfortian Marian Fraternity (in French: Fraternité Mariale Montfortaine - F.M.M.) composed of very simple people putting themselves within the reach of all. ... The procession with our candles was very praying...." **Yvette**



« What a beautiful day! Father Paulin's explanation on the consecration with the questions was a great support

to us ... The procession in the cloister was for me a very beautiful step. Continue the road holding the hand of Mary, to go to Jesus, listening to His Word... Our candles lit, the light ... Yes, His Word is a light on my way. During the picnic, the testimonies were very deep. Before this day, I confided to Mary my joys, my worries, my children... But Father Paulin invited us to "give" our joys, our sorrows, our children, our husband, our wife... To have nothing more to possess and to be All to God! ... This day has really been for us a blast of confidence and hope! » **Françoise et Michel**

« This consecration for me was a logical continuation of my return to faith... The Virgin Mary appears to me as a natural guide for a long time, even though I did not always realize it in the past. This celebration on March 23, could, during the listening of the different testimonies, make me understand what can be the importance of the influence of the Blessed Virgin, not always perceptible in a "physical" way, but how much real in our everyday lives ... And since Mary is the way to her Son, well, just follow her, and walk blithely to our pace with confidence in this Marian way... » **Camille.**

To Jesus through Mary
Marie-Line et Claude Tignon (deacon)
Fraternité Mariale Montfortaine (FMM) of Saint Laurent sur Sèvre.

ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER TO YOU!