



Jesus Living in Mary

The Montfortian Consecration

«The consecration by which a person engages himself or herself in the Association implies the commitment to live, in one's own state of life, in one's own milieu, in one's own work, the spirit and the spirituality left us by Montfort.

The members will seek to make it the heart of their lives, impregnating all their activities and apostolate.

Renewing their consecration each day, members collaborate, according to their possibilities and their own condition, in the apostolate of the *Company of Mary* following the directives of the Director General.» (Statutes, art. 10)

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Where can we find the teaching of Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort (1673-1716) on the "consecration"? To find it, one must go to the sources and works of Montfort. By reading this, especially his three major works: the *Love of Eternal Wisdom* (LEW), the *Secret of Mary* (SM) and the *Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin* (TD).

In the context of Montfort's teaching, the word "consecration" is used first and foremost to describe the Triune God's activity. Here is the meaning: "consecration" is an act of God for us,

it is God who consecrates and sanctifies by communicating to us his holiness. In practice, this happens at baptism, which makes us holy temple of the Holy Trinity. And God continues to do so, without stopping, now and always, by the Holy Spirit. Then, on the human side, the word "consecration" is used by Montfort, in the active-receptive sense, so to say a man who collaborates actively, constantly and interiorly - by the sanctifying grace of God - to live truly in holiness that which exists in him since from his baptism.



So, to facilitate the effectivity of God's work in me, I must "consecrate myself", that I have to "surrender myself" with all that I have, to Jesus Christ through the hands of Mary, as a flexible and shapable or mouldable material, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and truly become a son (or daughter) of the heavenly Father. In the prayer of consecration, we say to the Virgin Mary: "I surrender and consecrate myself to you ..." (LEW 225). As we note, the word "to consecrate" is paralleled by Montfort with the word "surrender". It's the same thing: a total willingness from my part to cooperate with God in order to realize his plan for myself or for others in history.



For this we quote the Secret of Mary (SM 28) that tells us that the perfect practice of true devotion to Mary consists in « surrendering oneself in the manner of a slave to Mary, and to Jesus through her, and then performing all our actions with Mary, in Mary, through Mary, and for Mary ». In this explanation, we find two principal ideas of consecration: the first, "surrendering oneself in the manner of a slave to Mary, and to Jesus through her"; the second, "performing all our actions with Mary, in Mary, through Mary, and for Mary".

If we develop these two dimensions of the consecration, we will join the TD 227-233 which presents the preparation for the consecration with its renewals, then the TD 121 which exposes the list of the things to consecrate and finally the TD 257-265 which contains "some very sanctifying interior practices for those souls who feel called by the Holy Spirit to a high degree of perfection." To be more informed about the "Montfortian consecration", one can read its theological foundation (TD 134-182), its traces in the tradition (TD 159-163); his exterior practices (TD 226-256), interior practices (TD 257-265) and practices in the Holy Communion (VD 266-273) and finally its impressive fruits (TD 213-225).



Arnold SUHARDI SMM

News from Antananarivo

MADAGASCAR

The Association 'Mary Queen of All Hearts' celebrated as one family the feast of the New Year by a fraternal reunion at Montfort House in Andraisoro on Saturday 12 January.

During the exchange of new year greetings between the Montfortian

family of Andraisoro, lay associates and the religious of the Montfort Missionaries, wished and prayed for that this new year to bring more joy, health, happiness and prosperity in brotherhood.



Brother Nirina gave a good speech and in that where he mentioned and emphasized that "we should not forget the poor and we must love them wherever we are". As Montfort loved the poor and we too must love the poor around us.

This first meeting for this new year was very great, pleasant, beautiful and unforgettable. We felt the absence of Brother François, he could not attend this meeting because his cousin has passed away, so he was at his funeral in Fandriana on that date.



Mrs. Haja (yellow dress), Brother Frédéric and Vero (gray polo) are all in joy.



Brother Frédéric expresses his joy by pouring the juice into the glass of Mr. Tamou Jean Louis.

This very day we prepared the entire schedule for next five months, including:

- the exchange of wishes with the associates of Antsobolo on Sunday 03 February 2019
- the renewal of our consecration planned for the month of March 2019
- the preparation of our pilgrimage to Analamalotra, Toamasina, during Ascension in May 2019

"The Associates of Andraisoro, Antananarivo, Madagascar wish a Happy New Year to all the members of the Association Mary Queen of All Hearts worldwide."

Fanja - Madagascar



Prayer Intentions Weeks 01-04

1-Holy Mother of God, Mary Queen of Heaven and Queen of Hearts and of my Heart, on this anniversary of my Consecration to Jesus your Son, through you Mother Mary, I desire you to fulfill everything in me for the Glory of Jesus. I love you, Mother Mary.

2-Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, Blessed Marie-Louise, thank you for protecting throughout this year, in health, comfort and love of our family. Thanks to you, Blessed Virgin Mary, and to your Son, Jesus. We hope to continue in the right direction and start this new year in peace with everyone. Pray for us and protect us.

3-Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort, I come to entrust to you all the intentions that I carry in my heart, you know them and present them to Jesus. I believe in you. We thank you for all graces that we have received. I entrust to you the year 2019 so that the Holy Spirit may fill and guide me every day. Thank you.

4-Saint Louis-Marie and Blessed Marie-Louise, thank you for your support during this year of 2018, for watching over me and all my family. Present all my thanks to the Virgin Mary and the Holy Trinity. Watch over all of us during this year 2019. So that we may fulfill all God's will wherever we are. Thank you so much!

5-Lord, that through the intercession of Father de Montfort, I acquire the grace to be faithful to the true devotion to Mary. I entrust to you my life so that it may be a praise for your glory and a light for my brothers in this world. Thank you

6- Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, I entrust to your care my family, children and grandchildren, protect and be with us, thank you.

7-Saint Louis-Marie, I entrust to you all my intentions and in particular those concerning my health and all the rest, specially spiritual and material. Thank you very much, Saint Louis-Marie and I also entrust to you my family.

8-Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort, pray for the sick and may the peace prevail in them. Thank you.

9-We entrust to you all the priests, Saint Louis-Marie. Thank you for all the graces.

10-Saint Louis-Marie, I entrust to you a young woman suffering from cancer. Thank you.

