

Jesus Living in Mary

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CONSECRATION & MARY

But why does the Virgin Mary enter in the scene of the consecration? What are our interests with Mary in relation to this consecration?



To answer these questions, let's try to read Montfort's personal intuitions and experiences. It is the *True Devotion* (TD) 158 which reveals to us his conviction, a conviction born of a deep faith on the place and role of Mary in the mystery of Christ and the Church.

Thanks to his personal experience, Montfort is able to convey his convictions with firmness, without the slightest shadow of a doubt. He declares:

« Show me a new road to our Lord, pave it with all the merits of the saints, adorn it with their heroic virtues, illuminate and enhance it with the splendor and beauty of the angels, have all the angels and saints there to guide and protect those who wish to follow it.

Give me such a road and truly, truly, I boldly say - and I am telling the truth - that instead of this road, perfect though it be, I would still choose the immaculate way of Mary.

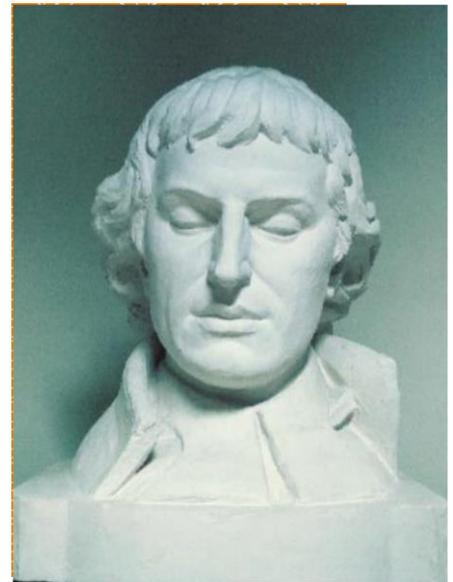
It is a way, a road without stain or spot, without original sin or actual sin, without shadow or darkness. When our loving Jesus comes in glory once again to reign upon earth - as he certainly will - he will choose no other way than the Blessed Virgin, by whom he came so surely and so perfectly the first time.

The difference between his first and his second coming is that the first was secret and hidden, but the second will be glorious and resplendent. Both are perfect because both are through Mary.

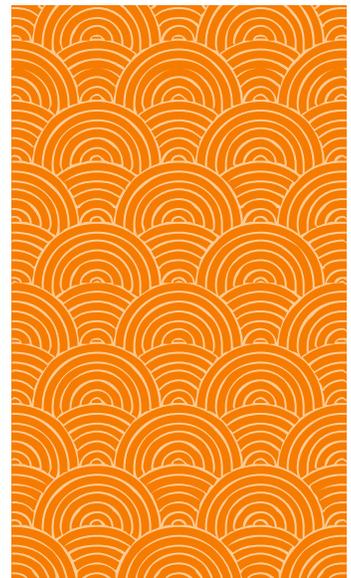
Alas, this is a mystery which we cannot understand, "Here let every tongue be silent."» (TD 158).

Here, Montfort recognizes that there are many other roads "to our Lord" (TD 152, 158). He chose, however, the "Immaculate way of Mary"! Why? Because this way is associated with faith in Jesus Christ who came into the world through Mary, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

In this number 158 of the TD, we can find the purpose/aim, the means and the foundation of Montfort's personal conviction. The goal is to "go to Jesus Christ". The means is "the immaculate way of Mary". The foundation is the incarnation, the mystery



where Mary became the means for the coming of Jesus to the world for the first time.



This personal conviction is very harmonic with the TD 1 which, with the numbers 13, 22, 49, 50, 75, 157, 217 and 262, is the pillar on which Montfort bases his teaching. Precisely, he says in the TD 1: "It was through the Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus came into the world, and it is also through her that he must reign in the world" (TD 1).

In this "statement" we find the same three elements that are offered to us in TD 158. The goal is the kingdom or reign of Jesus Christ. The means is the Blessed Virgin Mary. The foundation is the incarnation, by which Mary is the means of Jesus Christ to come into the world through the work of the Holy Spirit.

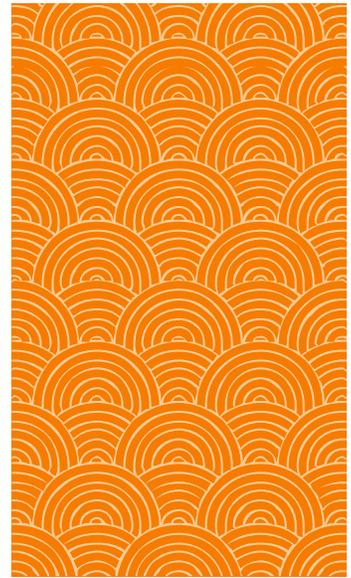
Based on the mystery of the Incarnation, we can conclude that for Montfort:



a. Jesus Christ is our goal. He is the model to which we must conform. We want to meet him, he who is always on the way to find us and meet us. Or with the words of Montfort himself, our goal is "to reach Jesus perfectly, love him tenderly, and serve him faithfully" (TD 62).

b. The consecration to Jesus through the hands of Mary is "a smooth, short, perfect and sure way of attaining union with our Lord, in which Christian perfection consists" (TD 152).

c. It is the Holy Spirit who is working to develop such a change of ourselves in Jesus Christ, our only model. Now, the Holy Spirit who worked with the Virgin Mary in the mystery of Christ at the moment of incarnation (Luke 1: 26-38), continues to work in synergy with the Virgin Mary in the mystery of the Church (SM 12).



As a summary of all this, Montfort proclaims this truth solemnly in an affirmation that is like a syllogism:

« As all perfection consists in our being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus it naturally follows that the most perfect of all devotions is that which conforms, unites, and consecrates us most completely to Jesus. Now of all God's creatures Mary is the most conformed to Jesus. It therefore follows that, of all devotions, devotion to her makes for the most effective consecration and conformity to him. The more one is consecrated to Mary, the more one is consecrated to Jesus.

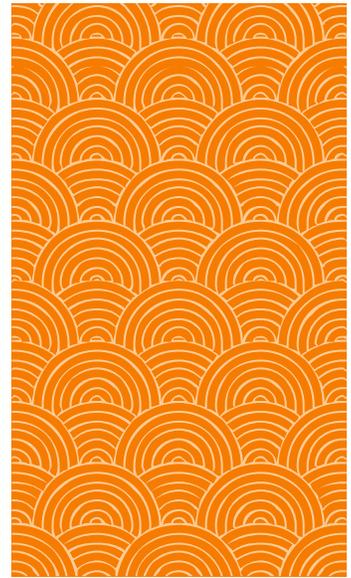
That is why perfect consecration to Jesus is but a perfect and complete consecration of oneself to the Blessed Virgin, which is the devotion I teach; or in other words, it is the perfect renewal of the vows and promises of holy baptism. » (TD 120).

Thus, the "Montfortian consecration" is not a simple devotion to Mary, it is the "perfect practice" of "true devotion" to the Blessed Virgin. It is a very powerful way to achieve "a special perfection". Montfort writes:

« If devotion to the Blessed Virgin is necessary for all men simply to work out their salvation, it is even more necessary for those who are called to a special perfection. I do not believe that anyone can acquire intimate union with our Lord and perfect fidelity to the Holy Spirit without a very close union with the most Blessed Virgin and an absolute dependence on her support » (TD 43).



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GAMO (Grupo Amigos de Montfort) PASSOS, BRAZIL

On Sunday, February 10, 2019, a meeting was held with the members of GAMO (Grupo Amigos de Montfort), which means Group of Montfort's Friends, in the parish of Louis-Marie de Montfort, in Passos, Brazil.



About 50 members, adolescents and adults, were attending this meeting, in which the parish priest was also present.

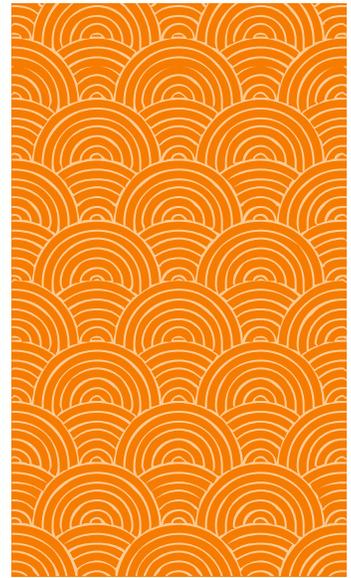
Just a little note: we can say that this parish was built and initiated by the Brothers of St. Gabriel, thanks to them.

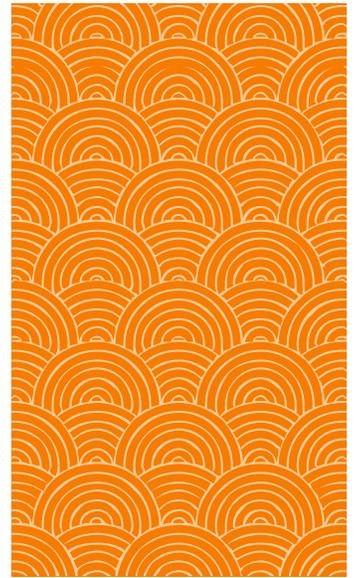
In his address, Fr. Arnold, International Delegate of the Association Mary Queen of All Hearts, explained the name "Friends of Montfort" and its meaning. During Montfort's time his friends were 1) the poor, 2) and also his colleagues-collaborators in the missionary adventure through the mission to the people.



These poor people can mean

- 1) poor people materially, in health and education,
- 2) ignorant people who had no enough knowledge of the Catholic faith or who knew it very badly,
- 3) good Christians eager to grow in holiness and wishing to participate in various charitable missionary works, whatever their economic situation.

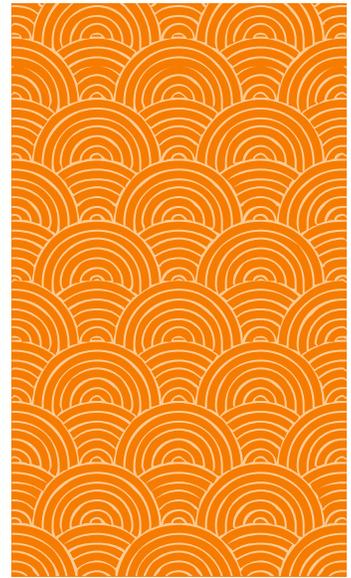




Hopefully, today's members of GAMO will truly become contemporary friends for Louis-Marie.



Prayer Intentions Weeks 05 & 06



1-Saint Louis-Marie, with your intercessions find an occupation and a fine job to my wife, watch over our health and our love. Thank you

2-I entrust to your care lord my uncle one who is sick, heal and protect him, we ask this through the intercession of Father de Montfort and Marie Louise. Thank you

3-Blessed Marie Louise of Jesus, you who shine from the divine Charity, obtain for us pure love. Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, obtain for us your true devotion to Mary. To Jesus through Mary!



4-Saint Louis-Marie, Mother Marie Louise, Marquis of Magnanne, accompany those young people who receive the sacrament of confirmation, may they learn and live the Gospel values. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph touch their hearts and strengthen them with Faith, Hope and Charity so that they may truly be witnesses to Love. Thank you

5-St. Louis Marie, give me courage and strength in my trials and protect my children and my grandchildren. Thank you

6-Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort, Blessed Marie Louise Trichet, through your intercession, I come to entrust to your care my future occupation, the conversion of my family and all my friends, the soul of two friends and that of my grandma and my future Marian growth. Until now I walked alone but I confide in the Lord God Almighty. Amen

7-Help us! Save us! Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, I beg you, obtain for me the conversion of a dear person. I rely on your powerful intercession. Thank you

