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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

**FW** *Friends of Wisdom*

. **GA** *God Alone: Collected Writings of*

 *St. Louis Marie de Montfort*

 **GS** *Gaudium et Spes*

**H** *Hymns*

**JLM** *Jesus Living in Mary: Handbook of the Spirituality of*

 *St. Louis Marie de Montfort*

**L** *Letters*

**LEW** *Love of Eternal Wisdom*

**LG** *Lumen Gentium*

**MC** *Marialis Cultus*

**PM** *Prayer for Missionaries (Enflamed Prayer)*

**RMat** *Redemptoris Mater*

 **SM** *The Secret of Mary*

**TD** *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*

**TTJ** *Totus Tuus Journey*

**ABSTRACT**

The process of relational and transformational growth in Christ-Wisdom, as experienced in the Montfortian Consecration, has been actualized in the lives of the Friends of Wisdom through their affirmation ofMontfort’s twofold vocation: 1) to bring forward the presence of the *Divine Feminine* at the heart of the spiritual journey of humankind, especially in a time of material and spiritual crises; and 2) a special way to situate Feminine Wisdom at the center of his inspiration to bring the gospel’s message to the poor and the marginalized. These were evidenced by narratives of the Friends of Wisdom as Legionaries of Mary – in their various parish ministries: catechism, combined with livelihood projects for slum dwellers in the parishes of their apostolate, home and prison visitations, counseling, etc. More importantly, there was clear experience of reinvigorated closeness in their own families, e.g. apostolate of accompaniment to its sick members. These experiences are **progressively deepening moments of growth** starting from **experiences of seeing, to discerning, to acting**.

They **saw** through Montfort’s *The Love of Eternal Wisdom* and *True Devotion to Mary* thatthe link between the devotion to the Virgin Mary and devotion to Divine Wisdom is the Incarnation of Wisdom, which is the experience of dependence and communion: of Jesus on Mary, of Mary on Jesus. It is a deepening experience of union and communion. *“To know Jesus Christ Incarnate Wisdom, is to know all we need.”* (LEW11). They **discerned** the consecration/entrustment to Mary as the sure way leading to consecration to Jesus, especially in times of material and spiritual crisis*.”Mary is a mold capable of forming people into the image of God-man”* (TD 219). They **act** through the Totus Tuus Journey (TTJ) – a consecration spirituality - that present a personal and a communal paths of holiness starting with thirty three (33) *Decisions for Life* building up to making visible in current times the reign of Jesus inour world of today, i.e, building up the kingdom of God, through various apostolate of education to the poor and the needy, health to the sick, and leadership to the talented and the gifted.

Montfortian Consecration is kept alive by the Friends of Wisdom by encountering Christ-Wisdom – the wisdom of a missionary and apostolic person in our times (“apostle of latter times” cf TD 47-59) through exterior and interior practices of True Devotion to Mary in the present-day. This presupposes knowledge of the nature of perfect renewal of the Baptismal promises through the Totus Tuus Journey as an annual program of preparation for Consecration to Jesus through the hands of Mary.

The results of this research suggest the need for developing a program for “deepening” for those who have gone through TTJ, specifically the FW, as they express their desire to deepen their spirituality. They see Montfort’s Consecration to Jesus through Mary as a transformative experience that favors growth in their personal and communal life as they *live, love and proclaim Wisdom* in our world of today.