



Saint Louis de Montfort and Total Consecration to Jesus, Through Mary



Who Was Saint Louis de Montfort?

- **Was born in 1673, ordained a priest in 1700, and died in 1716**
- **Loved and trusted in God**
- **Had true and tender devotion to Mary**
- **Loved the poor and saw Christ in them**
- **Was known for his poverty and great charity**
- **Was a brilliant and charismatic preacher**
- **Preached 200 missions in France from 1700 to 1716**
- **Founded the Daughters of Wisdom, today numbering 2,300**
- **Appointed Apostolic Missionary by Pope Clement XI**
- **Canonized a saint in 1948**



Saint Louis de Montfort Taught

- The Mercy of God
- Hope for sinners
- True and tender devotion to Mary

He Was Opposed by the
Jansenists Who Taught

- Fear of God
- Unworthiness to receive frequent communion
- No real tender devotion to Mary



Saint Louis de Montfort Was Raised by God

- To fight Jansenism which was condemned as heresy in 1713
- To be a prophet of a future age of the Church which would be called “The Age of Mary” and to prepare the world for the second coming of Christ

For Union with Christ, Saint Louis de Montfort Taught

- An ardent and sincere desire to possess the wisdom of God
- Continual prayer and all means of grace through the sacraments
- Universal mortification or self denial (dying to ourselves)
- A true and tender devotion to Mary, which will lead us to all the other means of obtaining and possessing Christ

Saint Louis de Montfort's Greatest Work - *True Devotion to Mary*

- Written in 1712 to show us the most perfect way to Christ Crucified
- Hidden during the French Revolution
- Found 126 years later to start the “Age of Mary”

Quote from Pope John Paul II - “Reading this book (St.Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion to Mary*) was to be a turning point in my life.... This Marian devotion ... has since remained a part of me. It is an integral part of my interior life and of my spiritual theology.”

Why Should You Consecrate Yourself?

- According to St. Louis de Montfort, the most effective and excellent way of consecrating ourselves to Jesus is by consecrating ourselves and our families to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He says, "Whoever then wishes to advance along the road to holiness, and be sure of encountering the true Christ, should take up this devotion to Mary." This devotion consists in giving oneself entirely to Mary in order to belong entirely to Jesus through her. This consecration to Jesus through Mary had been the guiding spirituality of Pope John Paul II, as indicated in his personal motto, "Totus Tuus," which means "Totally yours, Mary."

Why Jesus Through Mary?

God's plan for her
redemptive role as

- Our Spiritual Mother
- Mediatrix of all Graces
earned by her Son's
Passion and Death
- Our Queen of all Hearts,
by God's Grace

Quote from Saint Augustine - "All
the predestinate are in this
world hidden in the womb of
the Virgin Mary, where they are
guarded, nourished, brought up
and made to grow by the good
mother until she has brought
them to glory after death."



Catholic Church's Teaching on Mary's Redemptive Role

- For those who know Mary's place in God's plan of salvation, at least a minimum devotion to Mary is necessary to be saved.
- If we know Mary's place in God's plan of redemption and yet refuse to give her at least the minimum devotion, love and respect she deserves, then the person is endangering his eternal salvation.
- Church Canon Law requires that all of the faithful must have a filial devotion towards the Mother of God.

Saint Louis de Montfort's Answer to Our Lady's Functions and Redemptive Role Given to Her by God's Grace in Our Lives

- **Total Consecration** by which a soul fully acknowledges Mary's spiritual Motherhood, her continued and universal mediation, and universal Queenship
- **By Total Consecration**, a soul fully acknowledges Mary's right over it and carries that belief into its everyday life



Total Consecration

- Saint Louis de Montfort teaches that Total Consecration is the perfect form of Devotion to Mary.
- He teaches that it is the perfect renewal of our vows at Baptism.

Quote from Saint Augustine -
“... the greatest of all vows is the one we make at Baptism...by which we renounce Satan and his works, and give ourselves over completely to Christ to follow him the rest of our lives.”



Total Consecration

- Total Consecration is a giving of ourselves back to Christ through the hands of Mary.
- Everything we do is for the greater glory of God through our Total Consecration - the giving of ourselves entirely to Jesus, through Mary.



Total Consecration

What We Must Give:

- Our body with all its senses
- Our soul with all its powers (intelligence and free will)
- Our exterior goods
- Our interior and spiritual goods

Then we should put our
complete trust in
Our Lady and God!



Total Consecration

What We Can Expect:

- Additional graces to help us to resist temptation and avoid sin - more graces than we would receive had we not done the Total Consecration.
- Saint Louis de Montfort said, “Our Lady is never outdone in generosity.... For an egg... she gives an ox.”



Living Our Consecration

- After we give ourselves to Jesus through Mary, we then live our consecration.
- Saint Louis de Montfort said this is how we are to live our Consecration: “You will do all your actions, First through Mary, Secondly with Mary, Thirdly in Mary, and Finally for Mary. This is in order to do them more perfectly, through Jesus, with Jesus, in Jesus and for Jesus.”



Quote from Saint Louis de Montfort

“To go to Jesus, we must go to Mary; she is our Mediatrix of Intercession. To go to God the Father, we must go to Jesus; for he is our Mediator of Redemption.” (T.D. #86)



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