

## Total Consecration Script for Day One Information Meeting

Open with a prayer or song

Welcome and Introductions/Pass out books

Explain Total Consecration: What we know... Jesus relies on us to spread his Gospel.

In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus commissions his disciples to preach about him to all people. God includes us in his great work of salvation, what a great gift and privilege. Among the various roles God has given to his children, there is one that is radically more important than the others: the task he gave to Mary.

We all know that God blessed Mary by choosing her to conceive, bear and nurture Jesus Christ. When Jesus began his public ministry, Jesus brought Mary into his work of salvation, in the most crucial time, the hour of his passion.

Jesus fully revealed Mary's special task shortly before he expired. He looked down from the cross and said to Mary, as she stood by the Apostle John, "*woman behold your son*" and to John "*behold your mother*".

At that moment, Jesus gave us one of his greatest gifts, his mother as our mother: Mary is our spiritual mother! Mary's task is to give spiritual birth to Christians. Helping us to grow in full stature in Christ. In short, Mary's job is to help us grow in holiness. It is her mission to form us into Saints.

So being here tonight is our "Yes", just like Mary said "Yes". Marian consecration basically means giving Mary full permission to complete her motherly task in us. Thus by consecrating ourselves to Mary we are saying: "Mary, I want to be a Saint. I know you want me to be a Saint, so Mary at this moment, on this day, I freely choose to give you my full permission to do your work in me, with the Holy Spirit!"

Explain: Father Michael Gaitley describes consecration to Mary as a glorious new morning, in his walk with Christ and now with Mary! Saint John Paul the 2nd said that "reading Saint Louis De Montfort's book "True devotion" was a turning point in his life. In fact it was so meaningful to him he adopted his papal motto in Montfort's own words "Totus Tuus"- "Totally yours"

Using 33 Days to Morning Glory: Every week we will focus on one of four saints who lived a life consecrated to Jesus through Mary. Each day we will read about them and their Marian spirituality. We will ponder the message as Mary did.

Participants will read a daily excerpt from these saints' writings with a small prayer. Fr. Michael Gaitley, the author of 33 Days to Morning Glory, says since the goal for the next 33 days is to remain in an environment of pondering prayer, we should consider this time of preparation as a form of retreat.

This is a personal decision made by the individual who desires to become closer to Jesus. It is an ultimate act of stewardship, for everything we have belongs to God. In this consecration we will surrender everything, all our sufferings, joys, works, thoughts and words to Mary for her to take them, care for them, and distribute them in accordance with the will of her Son for His greater glory.

It will serve as a renewal of our baptismal vows that our parents made for us, but now we now choose to this commitment with our own free will.

Please know that if you miss a day do not fret. There may be many obstacles a long this next four weeks that may get in our way. Simply try to catch up as soon as you can.

Read day One together

Pray a Rosary-Encourage all to pray daily, set up a prayer space that will support your daily steps to Total Consecration

## Questions and Final thoughts

We will complete our consecration together on the 33rd day on the coinciding feast day.

Vows ceremony details:

When,Where and Time \_\_\_\_\_ Bring your family and friends.

Close in prayer