Act of Consecration to Mary -Militia of the Immaculata Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Consecration means setting vourself aside for service to God. The Church has always advocated consecrating vourself to Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin Mary, the perfect model of discipleship. The Militia of the Immaculata (MI) is a worldwide evangelization movement founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe in 1917. Marian consecration in the MI is a formal act of self-giving that does not stop at Mary but is Christ-directed. It is really consecration to Jesus. The MI motto is "To lead every individual with Mary to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus."

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

-Saint Maximilian Kolbe

How to Bring Consecration to Your Parish

- Select your Consecration date
- Announce your start date and time, Consecration date and time in your parish bulletin
- Purchase Consecration books, Brown Scapulars, and chain bracelets
- Print Consecration Certificates

(\$20-30 per participant should cover supplies)

Information Meeting

At your information meeting:

- Pass out books,
- Open with a Rosary
- Explain Consecration,
- Give a short testimony of your Consecration experience,
- Answer questions,
- Give details for Consecration day

Consecration Day

- Group vows ceremony during or after the Holy Mass
- Religous articles are blessed
- Participants are prayed over
- Group recites the Vow together, signs certificate
- Scapulars and Chains are handed out
- Group picture

Suggest to re-consecrate every year at the same time and to encourage others to walk this beautiful journey to Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

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"We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son."

-Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

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What Is Consecration?

Consecration to Jesus through
Mary is the formal and
spiritual act of devotion,
entrusting oneself to Mary in
order to fully embrace her
Son. Consecration has been
practiced for many centuries.
It holds firm to the belief that
Mary is a sure way to forming
a relationship with Jesus.

Consecration of oneself to
Jesus through Mary is to be
done by a person who is
seeking a more perfect union
with Jesus, serving and loving
Him for faithfully. A deeper
union with Jesus is the
ultimate goal of this devotion.

"Mary is the sure path to our meeting Christ. Devotion to the Mother of the Lord, when it is genuine, is always an impetus to a life guided by the spirit and values of the Gospel."

-Saint John Paul II

A Personal Decision Rooted in Trust

Consecration to Jesus through Mary is a personal decision one makes, prayerfully asking God to open up his or her heart. Consecration is truly an act of stewardship, giving one's entire self to Jesus. Within in this devotion one is given the opportunity to express his or her total trust in Mary's aid in leading the people of God to Jesus.



Methods

Total Consecration to Mary-Saint Louis de Montfort:

Total Consecration Jesus is a 33-day preparation to increase your spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. It was created by St. Louis de Montfort. It is simply affirms that Jesus came into the world through Mary and that for us to always be assured of being close to Jesus, even closer than ever before, we should go through Mary.

33 Days to Morning Glory-

33 Days to Morning Glory was written by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC. It is a 33-day journey to Marian consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. John Paul II. Fr. Michael summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp and simple enough to put into practice.