

How do you consecrate to Mary?

St. Louis de Montfort established a prayer to consecrate to Mary. This entails daily prayer for 33 days leading up to consecration. To consecrate yourself or your family on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, with the diocese you will need to start on November 5. Prayers for consecration can be found on our website www.diokzoo.org/mary and you will find them each day on our Facebook page.

The Mass for the Consecration of the Diocese to the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church will be held on December 8, 2018 at 12:10 p.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral.

Prayer for Consecration on December 8

I, _____, a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in thy hands the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God in time and in eternity.



TRUE DEVOTION TO MARY

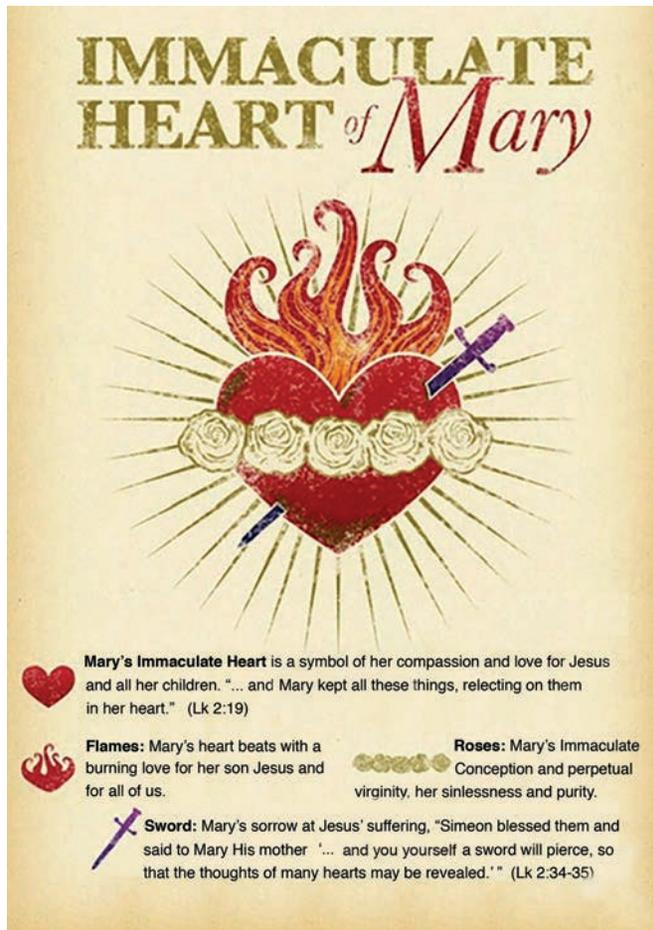


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CONSECRATION TO MARY

A History:

St. Louis de Montfort wrote *True Devotion to Mary* in the 17th century. In his work he suggested that everyone consecrate themselves to Mary. In doing so they entrust their lives to Mary to receive the graces from God and to direct their spiritual lives. When Our Lady appeared to the shepherd children in Fatima she asked for the consecration to her Immaculate Heart. Pope John Paul II actually took his motto, “Totus Tuus” (Totally Yours), I from de Montfort’s writings.



What is Consecration to Mary and why are we doing it?

Consecration is an act toward holiness. To consecrate ourselves is to devote ourselves more fully to the other in a holy way. To consecrate the diocese to Mary is to commit ourselves to renewed faith in God through Mary. We are asking Mary to have special protection for our diocese during our troubling times. Mary is the first evangelist of Jesus. She is the one who said “yes” to God so that Jesus could come into our world. She raised and protected Jesus through childhood and into adulthood. Now, as we look to grow in faith, to be protected from evil, to be guided toward Jesus in all we do, we turn to her and consecrate all we do to her protection and guidance as Mother of the Church.



While we know there is a growing apathy toward faith, it is devotion and commitment to God that will overcome. With this consecration and renewed dedication to going to God through Mary we can engage in this time of need in a spiritual way and be ready to renew the diocese in faith, hope and love. As John Paul II stated: “Consecrating ourselves to Mary means accepting her help to offer ourselves and the whole of mankind to him who is holy, infinitely holy; it means accepting her help – by having recourse to her motherly heart, which beneath the cross was opened to love for every human being” (May 13, 1982). In consecrating our diocese to Mary we remember the words she said at Cana: “Do whatever he tells you.”