



Minute of Mercy

CONSECRATION TO MARY

What is a Marian Consecration?

In simplest terms, to consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, “we give ourselves to Mary to be formed into the image of her Son, Jesus.”

(www.divinemeracy.org) Our Blessed Mother Mary was given a special role by God as the human vehicle to bring forth Jesus the Word Incarnate. She birthed Him, fed Him, took care of all of His physical needs and taught Him the ways of the Jewish faith. And although she led a hidden life throughout Jesus’ years of His ministry, her role did not end there. It was at the foot of the Cross that God then expressed His desire to continue her role of nurturing and teaching to all of us.

“Behold, your mother.” (John 19:27)

It is Mary’s special task to be our spiritual Mother. It is by her life we learn total surrender to God. We too are all called by God, with a special role to live out. And we have been given special saints to illuminate our understanding of our Blessed Mother. In St. Louis de Montfort’s book, True Devotion to Mary, he tells us that consecrating your heart to Mary is the shortest, easiest, most secure and perfect way to become a saint. Other saints such as St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. John Paul II have been affected by the teachings of St. Louis de Montfort; and we see what our Heavenly Mother has accomplished in them. Therefore, by consecrating ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, by giving of ourselves to Mary for her direction, consolation, and protection, we can also accomplish this primary goal in life – becoming saints. It is she who formed Christ in her womb, and she will form us into “other Christs.”

Pope Francis has declared October 8th and 9th as a special Marian Jubilee. Consider consecrating or re-consecrating your heart to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The season of Advent will be upon us sooner than we realize, so we can experience a true rebirth of souls in Christ Jesus.

Mercy in Action

This week’s Mercy in Action is for all of St. Peter Parish to consider consecrating your heart to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. See the Year of Mercy table for more information.