

## *Week 5: Final Preparations for the Consecration*

“I am all Thine and all that I have is Thine, O most loving Jesus through Mary, thy most loving Mother.”

St Louis de Montfort recommends that you write out your act of consecration on a sheet of paper, which you will sign after mass. The consecration will take place before the offertory of the Mass. The tabernacle doors are opened. Everyone kneels and reads aloud the public Act of Consecration of the Institute to the Immaculate Conception.

### *Act of Consecration of the Institute to the Immaculate Conception*

In the presence of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and with heaven and earth as our witness, we prostrate ourselves at thy feet, O Mary, Our Lady. We acknowledge Thee as our Mother, as the Immaculate Conception, living tabernacle of the Divinity, as Queen of angels and of men, as Mother of the Church and of the Catholic priesthood, and as refuge of the afflicted. That is why, small and weak that we are, we wish to consecrate to Thee our Institute, our families, our persons, our works, our future, all that pertains to us and is in us, and which God, in His immeasurable goodness, has entrusted to us for our good use.

We also consecrate to Thee the value of our good actions, past, present, and future, leaving to Thee the entire and full right of disposing of us and all that belongs to us. Mary, be our Mother; sanctify us, purify us, correct us, guide us, pray for us and protect us.

Help us to perfectly fulfill the duties of our state of life. Extinguish in us all self-love, which prevents Thy Divine Son, King and Sovereign Priest, from reigning in and around us.

Cover abundantly with thy maternal protection all the parishes, chapels, schools, works and missions entrusted to the Institute, and mayest Thou forever impede the devil from reigning, in any manner, in this Institute which desires to be entirely Thine for the greater glory of God, the exaltation of our Mother the Holy Catholic Church, and for the conversion of sinners. Amen.

After Holy Communion, everyone renews the Act of Consecration privately and silently, according to the words of St. Louis de Montfort printed in the certificate.

After Mass everyone comes forward to sign their certificate or Act of Consecration (if they have written their own beforehand) in front of Our Lady's statue. It is highly recommended to meditate this week on the very words of the Consecration.

*“It is no longer I that live, but Mary that lives in me”*

## *Certificate of Consecration to Mary<sup>a</sup>*

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.

At \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Priest \_\_\_\_\_