**Purpose**

To help souls strive for a perfect imitation of Christ by imitating His Mother.

**Process**

Parish Leaders will help others to make an Entrustment or Consecration to Jesus through a 33 day exercise of prayer (about 10 minutes per day) under His Mother’s care. This process was originally composed by St. Louis de Montfort under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to lead souls to a renewal of their Baptismal commitment and an accelerated growth of transformation into Christ through living out such Consecration through the Rosary and other devotions, the Eucharist and the other Sacraments of the Church.

**Principles**

Parish Leaders will have previously made their Consecration and be in good standing in their Parish. Such individuals will agree to humbly and charitably work with their Pastor’s approval as a volunteer for the good of the Parish and the Universal Church by facilitating Group Consecrations and Individual Consecration at the Parish level (or in pre-approved Groups such as Retreats, Conferences or Gospel Reflection Groups). Parish Leaders will sign a simple statement to commit to the best of their ability to facilitate as many Consecrations as possible without violating their duties in their state of life, and to do so in a spirit of humble submission as Mary did, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit to attract as many as possible to this call of God.

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Role Of The Parish Leader

Step One: Seek the Pastor’s Permission

A. Start with serious prayer. We recommend a nine day novena to “Our Lady of Good Remedy.” Try to have one or more people to do the novena with you.

B. Use the “Suggested Letter to Pastor” enclosed, or adapt it as you are moved by the Holy Spirit after prayer. Include the letter from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and the DVD “Giving God the Love We Should,” which features Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia. Ask for an appointment in the letter to meet in person and deliver the letter to the Rectory.

C. If you do not hear from the Pastor within 10 days, call the Rectory for an appointment. Always be gracious and humble.

D. If the Pastor agrees or at least does not say no, ask for a kick-off date that would start four Sundays prior to the start date which coincides with the desired Consecration day for the parish. This would give the necessary time to build momentum with bulletin inserts and pulpit announcements. Check the Consecration start dates included at the end of this Leader’s Guide on page 6.

E. Seek permission to: (1) show the DVD with Cardinal Rigali 2-3 weeks before the Consecration start date, which we refer to as the “33 day preparation event” on page 3 of the booklet. (2) Seek permission to put a notice in the Parish Bulletin for four consecutive weeks prior to the start date and obtain the name of the person responsible for executing the Parish Bulletin.

F. Give the four Parish Bulletin Inserts to the responsible person and number them such that they run in the order specified.

G. Maintain a master list of all who sign up during the Kick-off period and contact Children of the Father Foundation at raymooney@myconsecration.org with the number of preparation books needed.

The Parish bulletin inserts referenced above can be found online in the resource section at www.myconsecration.org

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**Step Two: Execute the 33 Day Preparation Event**

A. Invite as many Parish Leaders and members of Parish Committees to this Event as possible, even if they have not filled out a form to attend. Most Parishes have a directory of Parish Groups with contact names and numbers. Try to have this showing 2-3 weeks prior to the start date to give yourself time to place your order for books.

B. Show the DVD (you will need a DVD player) then immediately hand out the Consecration Books and the one-page: “Tips on Making One’s Consecration.” You can take questions after handing out the materials. Check off the names of all who attended on your master sheet.

C. If possible, hand deliver the Consecration Books to all who signed up but did not attend. Books could also be available after Masses on the Sunday before the start date or at the rectory.

**Step Three: Encourage Those Who Start to Finish**

A. Call each person, or create a group e-mail if the numbers are too large for phone calls, during the first week (days 3-5) to encourage them to persevere (or start). Leave your phone number and a detailed message if the person does not answer. If utilizing e-mail, weekly encouragement may help the faithful to persevere. Remind them it is ok to miss a day, and tell them to simply make it up as soon as they can.

B. Consider running a second Parish Consecration later in the year, especially in Parishes with over 500 families. However, ask committed Parishioners you see or know (those who attend daily Mass and who are in any Parish Groups who perform spiritual or corporal works of mercy), to make the Consecration at any time of the year on their own. If they are open to it, give them the DVD (ask for it to be returned to you or pass it along to another person when viewed) and the materials. Many will make it on their own, but even if they don’t, they will be more open to it the next year when you redo the Parish Group Consecration.
**Tips On Making Your Consecration**

1. You are not making permanent vows nor committing yourself to something you can’t “break.” You are simply entrusting yourself to God through the special care of His Mother where you promise to the best of your ability to follow her example and grow closer to God, because you have a sincere and serious desire to do so...knowing this is the purpose for which you were created: “to know, love and serve God with all your mind, all your heart and all your strength.”

2. Each day requires about 10 minutes of reading, prayer and reflection (with reflection on what you learned as you think about it during the day). Most people find that by putting the Consecration prayer book on their dresser, next to a wallet, or something they use every day like deodorant or toothpaste, they are most likely not to miss a day. Set your alarm 10 minutes early if you do your prayers in the morning (highly recommended).

3. If you miss a day, simply make it up as soon as you can (preferably the next day). There is a purpose to the sequence, so you don’t want to get too far away from the normal sequence.

4. Prepare for the day of your Consecration by going to confession. Take the time to write-out in long hand your Consecration pledge on the last day (as opposed to typing it). It is much more personal and rewarding...you will remember it better as well. Your Consecration normally will be a Feast day of Our Lady...but not always.

Thank you for prayerfully considering being a Parish Leader for MyConsecration.org! We are here to help you during this journey of faith.

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Suggested Pastor’s Letter

This Letter Should be Sent Seven Weeks Prior to the Expected Sunday Kick-Off Date

Dear Pastor:

We (I) want to thank you for your ongoing protection and guidance of souls in our Parish. To that specific end of our mutual duty, we would like your blessing on our effort to help those willing Parishioners make and live their Consecration to God through Mary’s Immaculate Heart as taught by St. Louis de Montfort. As you know, both Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope St. John Paul II have urged Catholics to make this Act of Entrustment, which God highlighted at Fatima, with Our Mother’s plea: “God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart and promises Salvation to those who embrace it.” We are participating in a national effort blessed and supported by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia and other Bishops. See letters enclosed, as well as a DVD featuring Cardinal Rigali.

We are not asking for any of your time or any financial contributions (unless of course you would like to lead or help in this effort), but simply request that you allow us to coordinate the effort through bulletin notices for four weeks and then a brief announcement at all the Masses on the kick-off Sunday. (If requesting meeting space make that request here for such specific room space).

We are seeking to launch this first effort on Sunday (insert date), and would be most grateful to hear from you by ___ to insure proper lead time. We want to answer this call and believe this Act of Entrustment is one of the most important ways to fulfill our Baptismal promises and the Call to Holiness and Catholic maturity. We ask that God may richly bless your Priesthood and respectfully and hopefully await your response. I would be most grateful for a short appointment with you to discuss and finalize this effort if it be God’s will.

Yours in Christ,

Sign your Name(s)

(Put both an address and a phone number on or in your letter. Sign and date your letter. Hand deliver it to the Rectory. Keep a note of the day, time and the person to whom it was delivered).

This letter can be downloaded online in the resource section at www.myconsecration.org in the Parish Leader Guide.

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Notes

1. If you are using “33 Days to Morning Glory,” there is an additional DVD series by Father Michael Gaitley that explains the Consecration and the theology and reasoning behind it and can be shown at weekly meetings. If you are interested in more information about the training series, please contact Ray Mooney at raymooney@myconsecration.org. They are not required; they are simply an aid for those who have the time and resources to show them.

2. We have examples of Parishes who have had real success with more ambitious outreach efforts than described earlier for a typical Parish. We will send you those plans if you are interested. We can also provide you with a mentor if you wish. Some Parishes have used the Lenten period with success, as more people are open to “something extra” at this time.

33 Day de Montfort Consecration Schedule

The de Montfort Consecration consists of 33 days of reading and prayers with your Consecration to Jesus through Mary on the 34th day, which is usually a Marian feast day. We have listed 21 Feast Days in this book, but the Consecration may be done on any Marian feast day.

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When he was pope, Benedict XVI issued his Apostolic Blessing (left) on a DVD project aimed at promoting the Marian Consecration of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. This project includes the personal testimony of His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia. For further information and ordering, please contact Children of the Father Foundation at 718-309-6126 or raymooney@MyConsecration.org

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