

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Twelve (12)

The World's Sadness

A man approaches Jesus seeking eternal life. Jesus looked upon him and loved him. "You lack just one thing. Go, sell all you have and come follow me. The man went away sad for he had many possessions." (Mt 10:17-22). Why was the man sad when he still had all his possessions? Because he had missed out. He had made the wrong choice.

The Disciple's Joy

Jesus told two parables about true disciples. "The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. A person finds the treasure and out of joy sells all to buy the field. The Kingdom of heaven is also like a merchant who finds a pearl of great price. He too, sells all and buys that pearl." (Mt 13:44-46). What a contrast! The men in the parables had nothing left, but are filled with joy because they gained the Kingdom.

Sadness

Children experience many moments of sadness because they hope so easily. Although frequently disappointed they quickly get over it. Sadness in adults is more deeply rooted. Disappointments linger. Hopes are destroyed. "Too much water under the bridge" they say. Cynicism, discouragement, and even poor health come from the sadness of having no purpose to life.

Christ's remedy is hope, and Mary scatters the seeds of hope generously in souls who will follow her. Nothing equals a "conversion experience". As Jesus says "you are born again to new life". Look at all your worldly possessions and consider all that you have. Obviously, something is missing, and you have discovered another desire. You want to consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary. You will make this choice. Please, imitate the disciples, not the rich young man.

The decision of Saint Francis of Assisi

As Francis was praying in St. Damian church, Christ spoke to him from the crucifix, "Rebuild my church." He went home and took a few things and sold all of it, and gave the money to the pastor of the church, but he would not take it. His father was angry, and brought Francis before the bishop who ordered him to repay the money. Francis simply gave all the clothes he wore back to his father, and took the cloth of the day laborer. He left the city in joy proclaiming, "I am the Herald of the great King".

The Virtues

There have been points in your life where sadness has ruled over you. You have allowed it to be your best friend and advisor. Sadness teaches you there is no hope. With no hope, there is no faith in anything. Therefore, how can charity build up in you? To truly know God, is to truly know joy and peace. Get up dear child, get up and go to your Mother! Surrender your sadness, and seek daily the heart of charity, Jesus Himself.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. Rejoice, O Christian without any schooling, because you know the secrets of the Kingdom.
2. To possess the Kingdom, we must seek it ardently and be ready to surrender everything.
3. Joyful is the soul where Mary, the tree of life, is planted.
4. God's least servant is richer than any King or emperor.
5. How rich is that servant who has given God everything without condition.

Enter into Daily Common Prayers

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

***P*ayer for Practicing of Virtues**

My Dear Mother, pray for me. Pray that I might not be saddened when I give up what makes me happy. Help me to not be like the young man who walked away from your Son, because he could not let go. Help me to rid myself of my wants, and to put others before me. When I perform any act today, I pray that it pleases you. Remind me, that even with every thought I offer up, it has a real worth and value for my soul. Oh loving Mother, take my sacrifices each day, and offer them to my loving Father. With every virtue I do, may it bring me real happiness, and may all the glory go to you, dear Mother, and to your most glorious Son, our Lord Jesus! Amen.

***O*, Mary!**

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.
Please spread the grace of the Flame of Love over all humanity! Amen.

***C*onsecration**

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Always dear Mother, I am your own, keep me, guard me as your property and possession. Amen.

***C*ome Creator Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit, Creator, come to me come, from Your bright Heavenly throne!
Come, take possession of my soul, and make it all Your own.

You who are called the Paraclete, best gift of God above, the living Spirit, the living fire, sweet unction and true love! You who are sevenfold in Your grace, finger of God's right hand, His promise, teaching little ones to speak and understand! O guide our minds with Your blessed light, with love our hearts enflame, and with Your strength, which never delays, confirm our mortal frame. Far from us drive our hellish foe, true peace unto us bring, and through all perils guide us safely, beneath Your Sacred Wing, through You may we the Father know, through You the eternal Son, and You the Spirit of them both, Three blessed, three in one.

All glory to the Father be, and to the risen Son the same to you, O Paraclete, while endless ages run. Amen.

***T*ransformation Into Christ**

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

O, my Jesus, may our feet journey together,

May our hands gather in unity,

May our hearts beat to the same rhythm,

May our souls be in harmony,

May our thoughts be in unison,

May our ears listen to the silence together,

May our glances melt in one another,

And may our lips beg our Heavenly Father together

To obtain mercy on souls.

Amen.