

33 Day Consecration to Jesus Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Day Twenty Six (26)

The Risen Jesus Appears

The Gospels do not record all the times that Jesus appeared to his Disciples after the resurrection. For example, St. Paul writes that Jesus appeared to Peter, and also to 500 at once and to James (1 Cor 15:6-7). We also have no Gospel account of Jesus appearing to Mary, but we can certainly presume that He did so.

On the other hand, Mary didn't need a vision. By her total union with Jesus, she would have known of the Resurrection the moment that it happened. Just as St. Benedict knew that his sister, St. Scholastica, had died and gone to heaven.

The Ascension and Pentecost

Certainly, Mary saw Jesus ascend into heaven. Luke writes that the disciples who witnessed the Ascension returned to Jerusalem "together with Mary, the mother of Jesus" (Acts 1:14). They waited in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit came twice and Mary was there both times. At the Annunciation, the Spirit overshadowed her to form the physical body of Jesus in her womb. When He came the second time, at Pentecost, He formed the mystical body of Jesus, the Church. Mary is both the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church.

The Assumption

Archeological evidence shows that, in her final years, Mary lived with the Beloved Disciple at Ephesus. St. Pope John Paul II celebrated holy mass at Her home there, where She was assumed into heaven. In the Book of Revelation, the Beloved Disciple, describes Mary's greatness and Her mission. "God's temple in heaven was opened and the Ark of Covenant could be seen in the temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed in the sun with moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 11:19 ; 12:1).

The story tells of the battle between Mary's children and the "large red dragon". The dragon became angry with the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring "who keep God's commandments and bear witness to Jesus" (12:17)

From these texts you understand that we are all caught up in a war. Without Mary, we lose. With Mary, we conquer. She is the Woman clothed with the sun, the cosmic woman always ready to intervene in our lives. Keep preparing for your Consecration to Her.

The Virtues

Mary does battle for us daily, and the evil one does not like it at all. In this daily battle, you either side with Mother, or you side with him who is the father of lies. Mother is always encouraging you to stay by her side, and she knows the best way to keep you safe. If you leave Her, you're in trouble. A deadly "snake" is always nearby, ready to strike. Please, stop getting bitten by him who truly cares nothing for you, but only for the death of your soul. When you listen to Mom, and battle your vices & temptations with virtue, then nothing will destroy you.

St. Louis de Montfort writes:

1. Mary's saints will attract the world to 'true devotion', gaining them both enemies and victories".
2. True devotes will be purified in fire in God's hands and will be sharp armor in Mary's hands.
3. The Lord will work wonders through those who practice True Devotion.
4. Mary's great saints will accomplish everything by True Devotion.

DAILY COMMON PRAYERS

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

My Mother, pray for me. I know you fight for me everyday. You plead everyday for mercy from my heavenly Father. You stay close to me, saving me from unnecessary pain. And you pray for me constantly, even in my darkest hours. Oh why do I forsake you so many times? Why do I cause you worry? Why do I not love you as I should? My Mother, give me another chance to live the virtues in my life. Give me the graces I need to stand strong, even when the strong pull of temptations come to me. Pick me up again, and hold me. Let me hear your heart. And lead me in the virtuous path, to your Son's most precious heart. 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.