

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share with you a beautiful project we have planned. One of the time honored traditions of the Church is Consecration to Jesus through Mary. St. John Paul II was among those who advocated this method of deepening one's faith.

We will be using the book:

*Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary—Following in the Spirit of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower.* The book seeks to unpack the St. Louis de Montfort Consecration outlined in the classic text, *True Devotion to Mary*, in a way children can understand. This book has received Ecclesiastical approval. It has also received endorsements from many Church leaders.

“I commend this book to parents and teachers, who will find here a solid and ready means to develop the spiritual and devotional life of children, giving them a firm foundation from which to build their relationship with the Lord and his Church.”

—HIS EMINENCE ROBERT CARDINAL SARAH

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—HIS EMINENCE RAYMOND LEO CARDINAL BURKE

“Taking up Blythe Kaufman’s *Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary* reminded me fondly of my own childhood consecration. . . . I encourage every parent, teacher and priest to read this book, quite unique in these times, that accompanies parents as they take up again the devotion of consecrating their children to Jesus through Mary. . . . this story represents a comprehensive Christian allegory that goes on to unfold, day by day through the consecration journey: the panorama of the Scriptures; the wisdom of the Church; its elementary catechesis; its treasury of Holy Mass and the Sacraments; its essential prayers and devotions; its training in virtue, and all in the service of forming characters and personalities in light of the Christian vision of the human person. The realism with which Original Sin and redeeming grace are taken into account has created a quite exceptional manual for leading today’s children safely to Jesus around the pitfalls and temptations that abound in our modern culture. . . . Were I a parent, this would be my number one Marian book for my family.”

—Most Rev. John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley Scotland

Format and outline

The Consecration journey will consist of 33 consecutive days of readings and prayers followed on the 34th day with a Consecration to Jesus through Mary. We plan to do the readings and prayers each day at school. We do humbly ask that parents help their children to do the readings and prayers that fall on days children are not in school. This is an amazing journey for children which has wonderful benefits for a lifetime. Materials are available online at [child.consecration.com](http://child.consecration.com)

On the 34th day of the journey each child will read the Consecration prayer. It is an entrustment of oneself and all he or she has to Jesus Christ through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a beautiful prayer and one that carries a great protection for our young children. Our Blessed Mother stands ready to help guide and protect our children both young and old to her Son Jesus, but she never forces her help on anyone. This Consecration is the request we make to Our Blessed Mother for such assistance.

The readings over the 33 days of preparation will help explain why a person would want to Consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary. If there is a parent who wishes their child not to participate in the final prayer of entrustment on the 34th day of the Journey please let us know.