
Second Day

Our Lady is the secure path that always leads to her Son.

Someone will object (and unfortunately it is often said even by Catholics) that devotion to Mary hinders our union with Jesus. Sacred Scripture affirms that in Christ—and in no one else—is there salvation; “There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” (Acts 2: 12).

Jesus is the Son of God. Mary is his creature. When are founded on the Word of God, we are certain that **it is the will of the Son that the Mother is the Mediatrix of each of His saving works.** As Saint John Paul II said, **God wanted Mary to “actively collaborate”** with her merits in the Incarnation, in the birth, in the Presentation at the Temple, in the thirty years of hidden life, and in the death of Jesus. At Cana of Galilee, Jesus obliged himself to carry out his first miraculous sign through the intercession of His Mother, and thus **he fulfilled all his mysteries through Mary.** If the Son of God wanted to submit himself in this way to the Mother: “How highly God is glorified when, to please Him, we submit to Mary, following the example of Jesus Christ, our only model!” exclaims Saint Louis Marie.

Therefore, if we want Christ to reign, there is only one way: **“Jesus Christ began and continued his miracles through Mary and through Mary he will continue them until the end of time.”** St. Augustine said: **“The world was unworthy to receive the Son of God directly from the hands of the Father. He gave it to Mary so that the world would receive Him through her.”**

This is a mystery unknown to many Christians; therefore, St. Louis Marie writes:

*My heart has dictated with special joy all that I have written to show that Mary has been unknown up till now, and **this is one of the reasons why Jesus Christ is still not known as he should be.** If then, as is certain, the knowledge and the kingdom of Jesus Christ must come into the world; it can only be as a necessary consequence of the knowledge and reign of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **She who first gave him to the world will establish his kingdom in the world.** (True Devotion, 13)*

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Today is our final day of introduction, and tomorrow we will begin the meditations. In today's points we summarize **what the consecration consists of and what are the commitments** of this devotion. We will conclude with the **testimony of St. John Paul the Great.**

First, the recipients of the *Treatise* are the humble. The commitments are not many or tiring to follow. We must strive to penetrate the mystery of the Virgin Mary and this does not belong to the "sages" of the time of Saint Louis, but to the **simple and the humble.** Therefore Montfort will use rather simple language.

"Were I speaking to the so-called intellectuals of today, I would prove at great length by quoting the Holy Scripture, the holy Fathers, whose Latin passages I would refer to, and by several solid arguments, that I am now stating so simply...But I am speaking especially to the poor and simple who, being of good will and having more faith than the wise, believe more simply and more meritoriously." (True Devotion, 26)