

## Why Does Our Consecration to Jesus Have to be Through Mary, His Mother?

We, as Catholic Christians, choose to follow the example set forth by our Father in Heaven, when He chose Mary as the vessel through whom He would unite Himself to all humanity. God created Mary, His most perfect masterpiece, to be the Mother of His only Son, Jesus. Through Mary, Jesus, the Savior of all humanity, came into the world. Jesus gave each of us, His beloved disciples, the GIFT of His very mother, as His final act of love for each of us, from the cross. John 19: 26: "When Jesus saw his mother and disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour, the disciple took her into his home."

We do not have to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary, rather we choose to freely, in imitation of Jesus our Lord and Savior. He freely chose her to be the means by which He would unite Himself with us as the God-man. We honor the gift He entrusted to each of us in His Mother as we choose to allow her to be the means through which we become more fully united with Him. We bring glory to the Father by freely choosing Mary, His masterpiece, as the means through which we come into a deeper union with His Son, Jesus.

A deep interior level of humility exists in a disciple of Jesus Christ, who freely exclaims through one's actions, that one is not worthy to approach the King directly. The disciple, instead, chooses to ask His most perfect creature, Mary, His mother, to take us by the hand and lead us on the holy pathway to her only Son, Jesus, our Mediator of Redemption. We give honor to Jesus when we honor His mother. We honor her simply and solely to honor Him all the more perfectly.

As we unite ourselves more deeply with Mary, we unite ourselves more perfectly with Jesus, her Son. Mary's greatest desire is to have each of us know, love, and serve her Son, Jesus Christ, with a true purity of heart, which she herself possessed through the grace of God the Father.

As Jesus trusted in Mary, His Mother, completely without reservation, so do each of us, His disciples, choose to trust in Mary completely without reservation as we choose this holy pathway of consecration to her Son. As an infant, He was TOTALLY dependent on the protection, nourishment, guidance, care, and love of His Mother. Consumed with the desire to give glory to God, His Father, and save the human race, He saw no better or shorter way to do so than by submitting completely to Mary. We give immeasurable glory to God, the Father when we follow the example of Jesus submitting to Mary as our guide to His Son.

The Father gave and still gives His Son Jesus through Mary. The Holy Spirit formed Jesus only through Mary. He continues to form members of the mystical body and dispenses His gifts and His favors through Mary. Jesus chose freely to come into the world for the salvation of mankind through Mary. These examples of the Holy Trinity's choice of Mary should compel us to choose Mary as the way to the Trinity.