

The Ultimate Act of Stewardship is Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

What is This?

This is a deeply personal decision, made by an individual who has prayerfully asked God to open up his heart to total consecration of himself to Jesus through His mother Mary. Stewardship is an understanding of the heart that everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others. The Ultimate Act of Stewardship is “total consecration to Jesus through Mary” because it is giving oneself, fully and completely to God, without conditions, without strings, without reservation. We are giving back to God, freely of our own will, the very gift of our life. It is truly our ultimate possession which we recognize fully as a gift from God, our Father. We in turn return this gift, in total surrender to the will of our Father, to be used daily for His purpose. This also includes the surrendering of all of our sufferings, thoughts, words and deeds to Mary so she may take them, care for them, and distribute them in accordance with the will of her Son for His greater glory.

This total consecration of ourselves to Jesus through Mary is the ultimate loving response to the pure gift of love that Jesus gave to us by bringing us into existence.

Total consecration is the renewal of our baptismal vows, which in most cases were made on our behalf by parents and godparents, but instead we now choose to make this commitment of our own free will.

Consecration of oneself, following the writings of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, does not take away from one’s vocation as a father, mother, husband, wife, lay apostle, or consecrated man (priest/bishop) or woman (sister/nun). It is an enrichment of that vocation. Those who choose this pathway of holiness to Jesus through Mary, His mother, follow the example of Christ himself as He, being God, chose her as the perfect means to unite Himself to us and us to Him.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

(1 Peter 4:10 NAB)