

## Who is St. Louis de Montfort and Whom in our Catholic Family has Chosen this Marian Consecration to Christ?

St. Louis de Montfort, who dedicated his life to poverty, was ordained a priest in Paris, France in 1700. He was appointed by the pope as an "Apostolic Missionary" so as to give parish missions. He was a charismatic preacher who was immensely popular with the people. St. Louis de Montfort founded the Monfort Order of the Company of Mary (Montfort Missionaries), the Daughters of Wisdom, and the Brothers of St. Gabriel. He is best known for his writings about Our Lady, Mary. Through the ages, his ability to convert people to Mary and Jesus is repeated with almost every new reader of his masterpiece, **True Devotion to Mary**. He lived only sixteen years as a priest. However, with the grace of God and the working of the Holy Spirit, his life's works have been instrumental in the conversion of souls down through the ages. His dream of having the whole

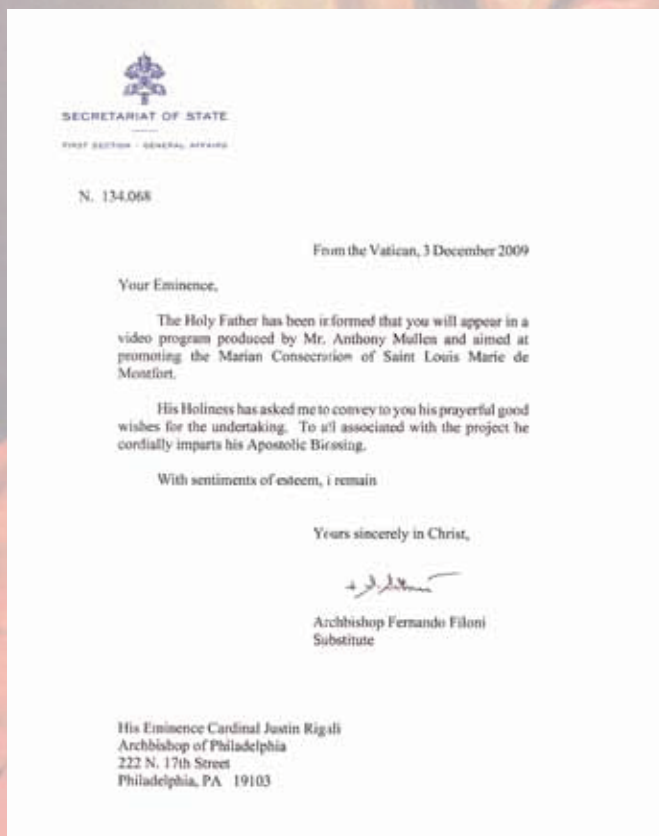
world love Jesus, as Mary loves Jesus, continues to **grow** with each disciple's YES to the Total Consecration.

Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa of Calcutta are just two examples of recent leaders in the Catholic Church who chose this Marian devotion and Consecration as a way of life.

Here is an excerpt from Pope John Paul II's book, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*:

*"At first, it had seemed to me that I should distance myself a bit from the Marian devotion of my childhood in order to focus more on Christ. Thanks to St Louis de Montfort, I came to understand that true devotion to the Mother of God is actually Christocentric; indeed, it is very profoundly rooted in the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, and the mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption."*

Pope John Paul II's proclamation, "*Totus Tuus*" ("I am completely yours, O Mary") is the motto he chose for his papacy.



Pope Benedict XVI has recently issued his Apostolic Blessing (pictured above) on a DVD project aimed at promoting the Marian Consecration of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. This project includes the personal testimony of His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This DVD and audio production will be available in the Summer of 2010. For further information/ordering, please contact Children of the Father Foundation at 610-853-9801 or [www.childrenofthefather.org/](http://www.childrenofthefather.org/)