

Consecration to Mary: A Pastoral Reflection

This weekend at all our Masses, we will reconsecrate our three parish campuses to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This prayer of consecration will take place after Communion, as we entrust ourselves, our families, and our parish community to her loving care.

For some, this may be a new devotion, so I'd like to briefly reflect on why the Church—and why we—turn to Mary in this special way.

We consecrate ourselves to Mary, first and foremost, to imitate Jesus. He entrusted himself completely to her—from the moment of his Incarnation in her womb through the hidden years of Nazareth under her guidance. If the Son of God found it fitting to give himself so fully to Mary, we can do no better than to follow his example. Just as she formed the humanity of Christ, so too she helps shape us more perfectly into his image.

Our devotion is also rooted in what happened at the foot of the Cross. In his final moments, Jesus gave us one of his greatest gifts: Mary as our Mother. “Behold your mother,” he said to John (Jn 19:27). The Church has always understood this as a gift not only to John, but to all of us. Mary is not just the Mother of Jesus—she is our Mother too: a tender, powerful intercessor who watches over us with a mother’s love.

As we enter a new chapter in our parish life—uniting ministries and deepening collaboration—it is fitting that we do so under Mary’s mantle. She always leads us to her Son. At Cana, she said, “Do whatever he tells you.” (Jn 2:5) She says the same to us now. If we entrust the future of our parishes to her, I have perfect confidence that she will lead us, with a mother’s heart, to a place of unity and peace.

The saints have also walked this path. St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Louis de Montfort, and many others consecrated themselves to Mary and found in her a sure and certain way to Jesus. They trusted her to safely guide them along the path of holiness. It is especially fitting for us to renew this tradition now, as each of our three parish campuses already bears the name of Mary, our Mother.

Today, as we entrust ourselves to her once again, may Mary guide us through this time of change with peace, unity, and joy. May she help us fulfill God’s holy will and draw us ever deeper into the Heart of her Son.