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What is on?

**21st May Inaugural Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of the Church**

26th May 2018 Annual One Day Retreat

St Bernadette's Church Glendalough.

Theme Youth and the Legion. Keynote speaker. His Grace Archbishop Timothy Costello and guest speaker Anna Krohn

5th – 7th September 48hr Rosary Bouquet in honour of Our Lady's birthday

8th September Mass for the presentation of the 48hr Rosary Bouquet Scroll

13th October Congress

4th November Annual Mass and fellowship

The ALLOCUTIO was given by Fr. Andre Nahas, Comitium Spiritual Director. Taken from JP11 Encyclical (John19:27) "Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary"

The Theology of Personal consecration to Mary was explained by St. John Paul II in Redemptoris Mater where building on John19:27, he stated that the **word** 'home' refers to the spiritual and inner life of believers and 'to take Mary into one's home' signifies a filial entrustment to her as **mother** in every aspect of life. St. John Paul II quotes St. John the Evangelist as an example of how every Christian should respond to the gift of the spiritual motherhood of Mary. But how did the Consecration to Mary come about?

Total Consecration to Mary was introduced by St. Louis Marie De Monfort in the early 18 Century. The heart of Monfort's Classic work "True Devotion to Mary" is a 'formal act of consecration to Mary, so through her, one can be consecrated to Christ. Monfort's concept of Consecration was influenced by Henri

Boudon's book "Dieu Seul: Le esclavage de L'admirable Mere deDieu", (only God, the Holy Slavery of the admirable Mother of God)

For Monfort the goal of Consecration is 'holiness.' In his view people are often unaware that the soul is clouded by sin and self-love. Consecration begins a gradual process of sanctification in which a person's focus turns away from self-love and towards God through Mary. Relying on the assertion that Mary is full of grace and that in order to find grace with God one must first discover Mary. St. John Paul II follower of Monfort, echoed the same sentiment when he stated that as a young seminarian he had read and re read Monfort many times and understood that one could not exclude The Lord's Mother from one's life without neglecting the Will of God in the Trinity.

According to Monfort, 'Consecration to Mary' has seven elements and effects, ie

1. Knowledge of one's unworthiness,
2. The gift of pure love
3. Sharing in Mary's faith
4. Unlimited confidence in God and Mary
5. Communication of the spirit of Mary
6. Transformation into the likeness of Jesus
7. And bringing more glory to Christ.

Practically Monfort's Consecration to Mary has both internal and external components. The internal components focus on surrendering oneself as a slave to Mary and Jesus through her and

performing all actions with Mary, in Mary, through Mary and for Mary.

The voice of the Consecration to Mary from the time of Louis Marie De Monfort sounds clearly in MMP's 'The Blue Book'. Fr. Stefano Cabbi, "The voice of Louis Marie De Monfort" is a very powerful calling. Mary is the voice. Monfort planted and Mary potted the plants of Monfort.

Now Frank Duff has had great understanding of the Consecration based on the apparition at Lourdes. The Legion of Mary is called to devote their life to the Immaculate Conception. Monfort's MMP's Cabbi and Duff are calling for daily renewal of the consecration. Monfort recommends that we formally 'renounce' our spirit and release ourselves into the spirit of Mary. Often during the day an intense union of love between the soul and Mary, between her personality of total fiat (triumph) to God and our weak surrender to infinite love between the woman fully consecrated in the consecrated one, Jesus, and our fearful living of our baptismal consecration.

*Monfort is attempting to describe a habitual state so penetrated with the spirit of Mary that we become one moral person with her, in her. It is in this mold, this womb, all images of the effective influence of Mary
That the soul shall be formed in Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ in it for the Glory of God alone.*

All to Jesus through Mary - vol 3
Allocution no 31-suggested reading by
Bro. Tony Pritchard when thinking
about new office bearers

HUMILITY

When elections are held in Church bodies such as the Legion of Mary it usually happens that nobody wants to be President, Secretary etc and someone has to be coerced into the role.

But in the secular world people put themselves forward for these positions and will tell us why they are the best person for the job.

From a Christian point of view we see that humility is vital at all times. The focus should not be on what I want to be – Pope or Prime Minister, or any sort of title. I should not covet titles but if I must want something let it be the will of God.

If he wants me to have one of these positions then fine, I will serve; but only because He wants it not because I do.

Though I would be willing to take on the role I would also be willing for someone else to take it. And if I were beaten in an election I would rejoice that God's will has been made clear.

This is the sort of humility we have been hearing about in recent weeks from Thomas A Kempis, in his *Imitation of Christ*. Always distrust yourself, think

yourself worse than others – this is a safer policy.

Truthfulness requires recognition of one's talents but also of one's unworthiness.

One can still say, with full sincerity and truthfulness, I am not worthy; but then still do the job because God wants it.

Humility, does not require that we say: I am hopeless; I cannot do anything. But rather: Whatever I can do is possible only by His grace.

God provides abundantly for each of us. How can we be jealous of each other when we all have more than we need or deserve? Not necessarily in material goods but in terms of being loved, forgiven, and promised eternal life.

This is the healthy way, the way of the New Testament. It has been achieved by many but we are a long way from being the dominant attitude the Church, let alone the world.

If we can refer everything, back to God's will it becomes easier. If we let Him have what He wants we in turn will each have more than enough for ourselves, and every organization will run better.

Mary, Humble and Glorious Queen, pray for us to live in truth and humility.

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Dear Legionaries,

May the Risen Jesus bless and protect you. I do hope that you were able to participate in the Season ceremonies of your parish. In my parish we were blessed with insightful homilies, prayerful liturgies and large attendances at all the ceremonies.

Thank you to all who attended the ACIES ceremonies and a special thankyou to Fr Greg Carrol who lead us at Sts John and Paul Catholic Church Willetton. I also offer a huge thank you to Our Lady of the Missions Praesidium who undertook the task of hosting the ceremony. I am sure that all ACIES were well attended and from all reports very spiritually rewarding.

Our next function is our One Day Retreat which will be held at St Bernadette's Church Jugan St Glendalough. Archbishop Costelloe will be our first speaker of the day and he will give us an insight into the life and charism of St John Bosco, founder of the Salesian Order and patron saint of Youth. To ensure that we can fit in with His Grace's timetable we will begin at **9am with the Opening Prayers followed by morning tea. We will also have Reconciliation during this time. We will have Mass at 11.00am Lunch at 12noon and begin our afternoon session at 1.15 We look forward to your presence and company.**

I have been in touch with Sr Sue Hyde from Melbourne Senatus and asked for confirmation from Ireland of the inclusion of St Raphael in the concluding prayers. This inclusion can be confirmed if you follow this link.

<https://www.legionofmary.ie/prayers> Here you will see that Concillium have added St Raphael to the prayers. In time as new Tessera etc are required St Raphael will be printed into the prayers. Please include St Raphael in the final prayers.

Monday 21st May, first Monday following Pentecost, Pope Francis has announced that the Solemnity of Mary Mother of the Church will be celebrated. This is a new Solemnity and an optional one to Our Blessed Mother. I am encouraging Legionaries to try and attend a Mass on that day. We as your executive will endeavour to attend the Lunchtime Mass at the Cathedral. I hope that you can join us. Once again thank you to all who attended the ACIES and re consecrated themselves and their work to Our Blessed Mother.

God bless

Rosemary

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF March
Our Lady of the Way, Manning (deferred)

SPECIALS PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

For all who have been on previous lists,. Peggy Knowles, Judy Woodward, Edmund Haywood, Mary Cox, Maureen Staltari, Lyn Harkins, Bernadette Dickens, William Somers, Danica Chiari.

Repose of the Souls: Rev. Sr. Maureen Willans, Tilly D’Souza, Archbishop Paul Bui VanDoc (Saigon), Mary Williams, Patricia Hitchin, Roger May, Tom Corrigan, Martin Mannion, (Ireland) Alan Pomery, Mary Lim.

Special Intentions: D’Souza Family, Christine May and family, Willans family, safe travel for those travelling to the Holy Land over Easter, Fr. Eugene Mc Grath’s 63rd Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

REPORTS

May	June
Albany; Our Lady of Grace	Victoria Park – Our Lady Queen of Patriarchs

VISITATIONS

May	June
Star of the Sea Busselton Our Lady of Lavang Vietnamese Curia	

LEGION OF MARY
ANNUAL ONE DAY RETREAT
26TH MAY 2018



VENUE:
ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH
49 JUGAN ST
GLENDALOUGH WA 6016

TIME:
8.30am Registration
9am - 9.20. Opening prayers.
9.20 - 9.55. Morning Tea
10.15 - 10.45 Archbishop's address
11.00. - 12.00 Mass
12.00 -1.15 Lunch
1.15 - 2.15. Talk by Anna Krohn.
The feminine genius of Edel Quinn.
2.15 - 3.00. Adoration, Reconciliation.
3.00 - 3.15. Divine Mercy
3.15. Benediction, thank you and farewells

MORNING TEA AND A LIGHT SOUP LUNCH WILL BE
AVAILABLE

THE SECRET BAG WILL BE AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION
TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF THE DAY

Pope adds feast of Mary, Mother of the Church to universal calendar

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has decreed that Latin-rite Catholics around the world will mark the feast of "the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" on the Monday after Pentecost each year. This year 21st May 2018.

The Gospel reading for the feast, which technically is called a "memorial," is John 19:25-31, which recounts how from the cross Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children.

The decree announcing the addition to the church calendar was released March 3 by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

Francis approved the decree after "having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety," the decree said.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the congregation, noted in a brief commentary published the same day, that Blessed Paul VI in 1964 had formally bestowed the title of "mother of the church" on Mary, but that recognition of her maternal care for the church and for believers had already spanned centuries.

"The feeling of Christian people through two millennia of history has cultivated the filial bond which inseparably binds the disciples of Christ to his Blessed Mother in various ways," the cardinal said.

The church calendars of Poland, Argentina, St. Peter's Basilica and some religious orders already set aside the Monday after Pentecost as the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Honouring Mary as mother of the church on the day after Pentecost also highlights for Catholics that Mary was present with the disciples on Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended. Sarah said that Mary, "from the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost, has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim church on earth."

Along with the decree and his comments, Sarah also published in Latin the specific liturgical texts for use on the memorial at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Bishops' conferences "will approve the translation of the texts they need and, after receiving their confirmation, will publish them in the liturgical books for their jurisdiction," the cardinal said.

