

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

I was recently asked by someone if I watched TV. I said that no, I don't. Then they asked me, "Well, how do you find out stuff that is going on in the world?" I replied, "I don't see why it is important for me to know things I can do nothing about. It seems like a good way for me to waste time to think about things I can't change and have nothing to do with my mission." Then they said, "But, Father, if you listened to the news you would know what you needed to pray for." I said, "I have a very unique solution to that. I entrust all my prayers to Mary and she gives them to who she knows needs them the most. So I don't have to worry about the problems of the world now because I let Mary look after all of them."

A long time ago I entrusted myself to the Blessed Virgin Mary. St Louis De Montfort said that it was the easy way to become a saint. I thought why not if only those who are in Heaven are saints then why not do it the easy way? How does one become a saint? They imitate Jesus. The more their lives imitate Jesus, the greater the saint they are. But there is no saint like Mary. St Louis said that if you want to make an image of something there are two ways to do it. One is to carve it out of raw material, which is a lot of work. The second is to pour that raw material into a mold. St Louis said that Mary is that mold and when we consecrate ourselves to Mary we pour ourselves into the mold of Mary.

In an updated version of the Total Consecration to Mary, Father Michael Gaitley mentioned that St Louis De Montfort was not the first one to consecrate himself to Mary. It was actually God who was the first one to give Himself fully to Mary in the Incarnation. I was thinking of the Church making this solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, on the day of New Years. It almost seems like the Church each year is consecrating herself to Mary.

Now there may be some objections to giving yourself over to Mary. One might be that you want to direct where your prayers and merits go. Many are challenged by this in that they want to be able to pray for their family. To this I reply that you do not care about your family as much as Mary does, and you do not know what the needs of your family are like Mary does. Giving your prayers to Mary simply gives her the right to give the graces when they are needed.

This is an amazing thing because Mary works all kinds of miracles that you never even knew needed to happen. I hear reports of it all the time. One thing I enjoy about this parish is that there are few requests for Mass to be offered here. In most parishes you could be booked for a year in advance. Not here and so I delight to say Masses for Mary's intentions and I am excited to one day, God willing, find out what she used them for. When people ask me to pray for them I give them to Mary and let her do what she knows is best. I have seen and heard many amazing things that she does by simply giving her the right to dispose of your life.

Another thing people may be worried about if you consecrate yourself to Mary is that because you have given your prayers to her and all your merits you will come before God empty handed when you die. However, it is not so bad, it is actually amazing, because you will come before God clothed in the merits of Mary herself.

If you want to make a resolution this year, make one to give yourself totally to Mary and let her decide what is the best way that your life is to be given and you will find it amazing.