



ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S

Total Consecration To the Blessed Virgin Mary

A new four-week series begins on **Wednesday, May 7th** at 7:30pm in the hall and **Thursday, May 8th** at 9:30am in the hall on *Total Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary*, According to St. Louis de Montfort. Discussion will be lead by **Drew Swanson**, graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville and St. Thomas' *Assistant for Faith Formation*. De Montfort's *Total Consecration* has been considered by many Popes as a wonderful means by which to approach Our Lady and seek her loving intercession, allowing her to do what she does best: lead us to Her Son, always saying "do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5)—something she wants to do for *you!*

When the "fullness of time" had come (Galatians 4:4) the Father sent forth His only-begotten son (John 3:16) to be born of a *woman* so that we might receive "adoption" as sons and daughters. Through her singular and *unique* participation—her *fiat* (Luke 1:28)—the "Word was made flesh and dwelt among us", and thus began the process by which God fulfilled His Old Testament promises to redeem mankind (cf. Genesis 3:15) by sending a new Adam (Christ, cf. Romans 5:12-14) and a New Eve, Mary. Her unique participation initiated the public ministry of Jesus at the Wedding at Cana (John 2), and it continued through the time of his death on the Cross (John 18) where Christ gave his Mother to John and to us through him. Finally, in the book of Revelation we see Mary, the Ark of the Covenant, as "mother" of those who follow her Divine Son (Revelation 12). As the Father reached out to us through His Son and the unique participation of His Mother, Mary, so we rightly return to God in the way He Himself established. Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* declares the teaching of our Catholic Faith: "Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this salvific duty, but by her constant intercession she continued to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation....Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix.... [without adding or taking away from] the dignity and efficacy of Christ the one Mediator" (par. 62).

Schedule of Talks

Wednesday's, 7:30pm, Hall - May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Thursday's, 9:30am, Fireside Room - May 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

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