

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding Preparation for Total Consecration

What is Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary?

Total Consecration is growing in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ by surrendering ourselves fully into the care of the Mother of God in the same way the Lord himself has done.

What is involved in preparation for Consecration?

Surrendering oneself fully into the life of Jesus is a step that requires preparation. During this 33-day process, the first step is to empty oneself of the spirit of the world. The second step is to become filled with the Spirit of Jesus by coming to a more profound personal knowledge of ourselves, of the Virgin Mary, and of Jesus. This is accomplished through individual daily prayer, spiritual reading and personal reflection in addition to the six sessions offered at St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

Who is St. Louis de Montfort?

Born in Montfort, France, in 1673, he was ordained a diocesan priest in 1700. In his preaching, which attracted thousands of people back to the faith, Father Louis recommended frequent, even daily, Holy Communion—not the custom then!—and imitation of the Virgin Mary’s ongoing acceptance of God’s will for her life.

He founded the Missionaries of the Company of Mary, for priests and brothers, and the Daughters of Wisdom, who cared especially for the sick. His book, *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*, has become a classic explanation of Marian devotion.

His life is inseparable from his efforts to promote genuine devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus and mother of the Church. *Totus tuus* (“completely yours”) was his personal motto; St. Pope John Paul II chose it as his episcopal motto.

He died in 1716 and was canonized in 1947. His Liturgical Feast Day is April 28.

Who is Fr. Hugh Gillespie?

Father Hugh Gillespie has been with the Missionaries of the Company of Mary since 1993. In their ministry, he has served the African-American community in St. Louis, Missouri, as well as working in their mission parish in central Nicaragua and their bilingual ministry in Queens, New York. Father Gillespie is a very knowledgeable and gifted presenter who visited St. Anastasia Catholic Church in 2019. His book, *Preparation for Total Consecration*, and six corresponding videos are the materials used for this program.

Sources: 1) Gillespie, H. “Total Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary.”

2) www.franciscanmedia.org