

## What is Marian Consecration?

What is Marian Consecration? It is a simple, but powerful, prayer of commitment to a new way of life in Christ through Mary. When Jesus said to his disciple John at the foot of the cross – “Behold thy mother”, **she became** the mother of us all. Mary's task is to give spiritual birth to Christians, to feed and nurture them with grace, and to help them grow in full stature in Christ. In short, Mary's job is to help us grow in holiness. It is her mission to form us into saints – to become more fully Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. So, if we want to become more fully Christ, then we need to become more fully Mary. **By simply, saying “yes”**, just like she did. Marian consecration means giving Mary our full permission to complete her motherly task to form us into other Christs.

Thus, by consecrating ourselves to Mary, each of us is saying to her:

"Mary, I want to be a saint. I know that you also want me to be a saint and that it's your God given mission to form me into one. So, Mary, at this moment, on this day, I freely choose to give you my full permission to do your work in me, with your Spouse, the Holy Spirit."