


Weekly Offertory		Capital Campaign
June 29th		Capital Campaign Goal:\$200,000
Regular	\$ 762.60	
July 6th		Raised: \$55,031.31
Regular	\$ 1226.00	
Capital Campaign	\$ 1475.00	Dispersed: -\$34,938.23
July 13th		
Regular	\$1093.00	(for church roof scheduled for after VBS)
Heat & Electric	\$ 708.00	
July 20th		Balance: \$20113.08
Regular	\$ 993.00	
July 27th		Please mark your donation
Regular	\$1094.50	
Peter's Pence	\$ 351.50	"Capital Campaign"
August 3rd		
Regular		<i>Thank you for your support!</i>
Capital Campaign		
August 10th		
Regular		
Heat & Electric		
Amount needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85		

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St. Benedict's is a family-oriented community of faith, called through our baptism to give witness to trust, love, understanding, and patience. We are a family that is nourished by the sacraments, and led by the Spirit. Welcome to our Family!

PASTOR: REV. FR. SEFEMBIY JUSTIN

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The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in Heaven, may the Faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS 8:30 AM
FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

ADORATION & CONFESSION

⑧8:00AM FRIDAYS OR BY APPOINTMENT

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AFTER MASS UNTIL 3:00PM

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

CALL DEACON DAN (207) 731-8111

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ANNA ROBINSON (207) 267-0586

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TUES. 8:30-11:30 THURS. 8:30-11:30
FRI. 9:30-11:30
AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS
OR BY APPOINTMENT 746-7960

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Weekly Reflection

Pastor's Corner - Feed My Sheep (Table of the Word)

Theme:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's readings challenge us to examine our priorities in life, especially in light of our earthly desires and aspirations making sure we store riches for ourselves towards heaven and not here on earth. The first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes declares that "all is vanity". Here, we are reminded that our worldly pursuits such as wealth, success and worldly pleasures ultimately fade away. We go behind these things like they were what matters in life just to realize that we go and leave them behind. We do not carry them with us. This reflection serves as a call to examine what truly matters in our lives. To this effect, the psalmist calls upon the lord to teach us to number our days that we may gain a wise heart. Our awareness of the passage of time should inspire us to seek wisdom and to invest our time in what aligns to God's purposes.

In the second reading, St. Paul encourages that we set our minds on the things that are above. He calls us to live in alignment with our new identity in Christ. If we are to find true fulfillment, we must turn our attentions away from earthly distractions and focus on the eternal and what leads us to it. If we fail to do so, then we may end up like the Rich Fool in today's Gospel text.

God blessed him with riches, but he turned attention from the giver to himself and the gifts believing that his security and happiness resided in his possessions. Yet God labels him a fool for storing up treasures for himself while failing to be rich towards God, to thank the giver, to share with the less privilege and to use gifts for God's glory. This reminds us that life is not about accumulating things but about building relationships with God and fellow human beings. The way and manner in which we use our time, blessings, talents, wealth and material things determines the eternal fruits we shall reap. Hence the celebrated truth of faith that the good we do here on earth are seeds which we sow for an eternal harvest. We are invited to always take time to ensure we set our priorities right.

May each one of us ask himself or herself:

- What am I really striving for in life?
- Am I building my life on the foundation of earthly temporal treasures or on a lasting relationship with my creator?
- Am I investing on what truly matters?

Christian existence is about accumulating spiritual wealth and not material wealth. It is vanity to desire a long life and yet take no heed of a good life, says Thomas Kempis.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 3, 2025

"Take care to guard against all greed." (Luke 12:15) In a world filled with distractions, God invites us to prioritize what truly matters—our relationship with Him. Is He inviting you to set aside worldly concerns and serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613- 1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

- We extend our condolences to any parishioner or visitor who is presently bereaved. Know of our fraternal and sisterly moral and spiritual support for the peaceful repose of your loved one and for the required strength of those mounting their bereaved ones to bear their loss. May our strong faith in the resurrection of all believers console and strengthen you.
- Congratulations to all our parishioners and visitors celebrating their birth, marriage, vocation or any anniversary this week. We share in your anniversary joy and our prayers accompany you.
- We wish anyone travelling this week by air, land or sea travelling mercies and God’s protective guidance to and from our destination. Be still and know that God is in control.

Portland Diocese of Maine ~ Catholic Appeal Week 10

This appeal supports nearly 19 ministries, throughout the diocese of Portland, which covers the whole state of Maine including: hospital chaplaincy, clergy relief, faith formation, school campus ministries, prison ministries, catholic charities and the tribunal. This does not only benefit the wider church in Maine, but also benefits our own parish and parishioners. It is a concern for all. To those who have already generously donated to this year’s appeal and to those who are continually redeeming their monthly or quarterly pledges, accept a big Thank you from the parish community. If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, kindly do so using the envelopes on the pews or at the doors. Fill in your required information on the envelope and either drop it in the alms basket during offertory time or you can mail it in to Chancery. You could equally use your phone to scan the QR code on the bulletin boards, church walls, doors or go to appeal.portlanddiocese.org for easy giving. You will be able to make an ongoing, recurring gift or a one-time gift. Just a little bit of effort and we shall get to our parish goal and even exceed for the good of our beloved Diocese of Portland Maine.

May God Bless You Abundantly -Fr. Sefembiy Justin, Pastor

We’ve now reached \$3,017,799, bringing us to 84% of our overall goal! Congratulations to Saint Brendan the Navigator for reaching their Catholic Appeal goal this week!

As of this week, St. Benedict’s Parish has raised \$11,075 which brings us to 104% of our goal of \$10,656.36 for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

In Memory of:
Joseph J. McAvoy
(09/10/1933—08/30/2021)



Wesley “Jim” Cunningham
(10/26/31 ~ 01/11/08)
Richard M Cunningham
(03/14/62 ~ 11/06/21)

Lovingly Remembered
Anders Staats Nielsen
07/07/2019

Basil & Margaret McAvoy
(8/5/1921 ~ 7/31/1969; 9/29/1923 ~ 12/30/2014)
Linda McAvoy Bouchard
(2/22/1945 ~ 1/6/1982)
Mary McAvoy Lowe
(10/15/1957 ~ 2/9/2005)
Anna McAvoy
(6/28/1964 ~ 7/30/2011)



Fred Lewis
(11/25/1897 ~ 7/05/1995)
Ethel Lewis
(5/12/1897 ~ 10/07/1981)
W. H. Lewis
(4/19/1923 ~ 03/28/2001)
Helen Lewis
(7/23/1926 ~ 10/19/2005)
Susan L Brooks
(8/01/1954 ~ 1/20/2009)



Lovingly Remembered
James C. (Buster) Guiggey
(4/8/1927 ~ 12/4/2010)

In Loving Memory Of
Lloyd E. Bryant (1928 ~ 1987)
Esther Grass Bryant (1931 ~ 1988)

In Loving Memory Of
Joseph P. Rush, Jr.
(11/02/1928 - 04/12/2013)
Jane M. Rush
(02/03/1930 - 09/02/2013)
Jacqueline M. Rush-Johnson
(05/04/1972 - 03/26/1996)



Francis H. Qualey
(5/22/1914 ~ 2/28/2000)
Margaret R. Qualey
(11/6/1919 ~ 5/01/2018)
Peter Qualey
(12/17/1948 ~ 09/07/2020)



Ministry to the Sick and Home Bound
Fr. Justin will be available to the homebound after Mass on Fridays.
Please call the parish office with name, address, phone number and condition of the person seeking a home visit.
In case of an emergency, call Fr Justin on his cell, 207-765-4414

In Loving Memory
Chris Marston
(1978 ~ 8/24/2018)
Aaron Marston
(04/ 4/1975~ 10/19/2022)

In Loving Memory Of:
Frank Duffy (7/18/37 ~ 03/08/96)
Bobby Duffy (3/21/72 ~ 10/08/93)

Arthur Qualey
(3/5/1916 ~ 10/24/2008)
Rita Qualey
(1/13/1924 ~ 9/4/ 2011)

Lovingly Remembered
Joan Filanowski
(5/26/1935 ~ 6/14/2000)

John J. Cummings
(8/23/1907 ~ 4/18/1993)
Lucile E. Cummings
(8/19/1908 ~ 3/15/2003)
Cecelia R. Cummings
(11/18/1933 ~ 2/18/2013)
Earl L. Cummings
(7/04/1929 ~ 3/10/2018)

Lovingly Remembered
Leo Joseph Crowe
(9/5/1935 ~ 1/8/2019)

In Loving Memory Of
Leo Crowe
(3/19/1893 ~ 12/17/1975)
Molly Crowe
(2/13/1900 ~ 11/18/1967)
Mary Crowe McDonough
(2/27/1937 ~ 9/28/2002)



In Memory of:
Robert Taylor
(12/13/1948 - 10/19/2023)
Charlene Taylor
(01/07/1943 ~ 02/20/2020)



In Loving Memory Of
Richard Rush
(01/02/1931—1/24/2024)
Celine Rush
(07/08/1936 ~ 11/04/2021)
Christopher Rush
(4/17/55 ~ 1/8/22)



In Loving Memory Of:
Robert Allen (10/13/46 ~ 10/18/21)
Andrew Allen (06/14/65 ~ 12/05/20)

Albert J. Qualey
(08/20/1923 ~ 06/11/2012)

Rowena Qualey
(9/22/1927 ~ 8/01/2017)

In Loving Memory
Martin Qualey
(2/16/1984 ~ 7/24/2017)

Edward Rush
(5/25/1920 ~ 10/17/2013)
Mary Rush
(12/04/1921 ~ 6/05/2005)

John W. Allen
(1912 ~ 1/02/2004)
Margaret L. Allen
(4/03/1924 ~ 11/19/2005)

Otis M. Hunt
(6/15/1936 ~ 5/30/1999)
Mary Ellen Hunt
(1/30/36 ~ 4/17/17)

“Oh Jesus, bless those living and dead, who have led me to the Holy Altar.”
A Remembrance of the Ordination to the

Priesthood of
Rev. James Clifford Brown
(6/6/1936 ~ 4/6/1941)
Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.
(3/23/1891 ~ 7/18/1969)
Sons of St. Benedict’s Parish



We have been very happy to welcome the Rush Family Reunion this week.

Thank you for being here and for your generous donation of \$544.

We hope a wonderful time was had by all!

THANK YOU FOR CLEANING OUR CHURCH!

TO JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE VISIT THE SIGN-UP SHEET BY THE ENTRANCE.

(WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST)

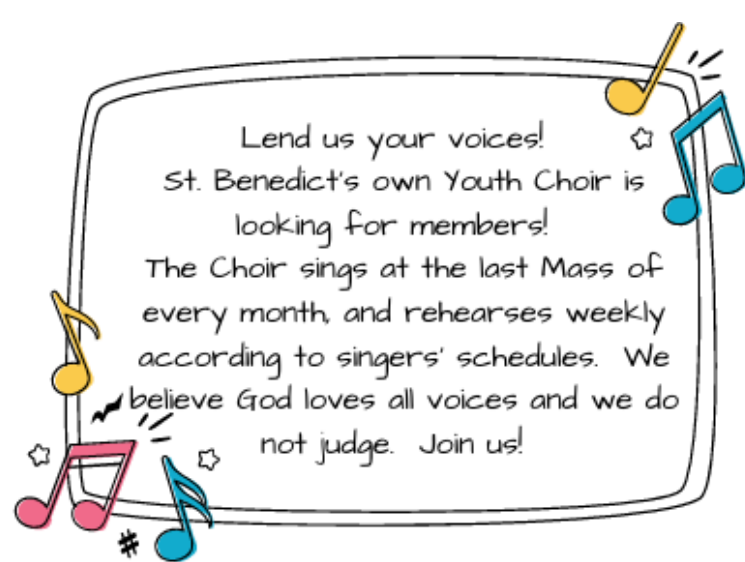
"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"



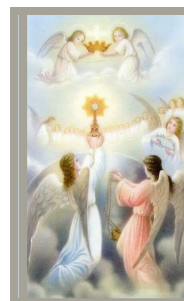
WILL YOU LEND YOURS TO COUNT THE OFFERING?
TO JOIN THE ROTATION OF OFFERTORY COUNTERS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE, OR STOP IN AFTER MASS!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Would you like to join any of our ministries?
Please contact the office.
We look forward to hearing from you!

A SINGLE SUNBEAM IS ENOUGH TO DRIVE AWAY MANY SHADOWS - ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL MEET
MONDAY AUG 4TH
6:00PM - 7:30PM



**Eucharistic Adoration will be held
Next Sunday,
August 10th,
from After Mass until 3:00pm**

Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
August 3rd	Lana	Anna Q	Anna Q	Andrew Harold & Ken	Deb D. & Rose
August 10th	Earl	Tom	David	Pat, Rob & John	Deb D. & Rose
August 17th	Chris	Brenda	Rob	Rose, Cindy & Andrew	Deb D. & Rose
August 24th	Brenda	Chris	Anna Q	Ken, John & Rob	Deb D & Rose
August 31st	Dustin	Rob	David	Harold, Pat & Rose	Deb D & Rose
Sept	Scarlet	Dustin	Rob	Cindy, Deb & Betty	Mona & Lana

August - Mike

Sacristans:
October: Pat

September - Chris

*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!

Faith Formation News

Catholic Marriage Preparation Program

When: September 20 and 27, 2025
Where: St. Joseph Church
 531 N. Main Street, Brewer, ME 04412
Cost: \$100 per couple (includes workbooks and meals)

Register on-line TODAY!
Deadline: Sept 5, 2025

Contact: Jennifer Hikel
Phone: (207) 217-1449
Email: hikelfamily@gmail.com
Website: www.stpaulbangor.me/marriage-prep-program

Among the topics covered in *Transformed in Love*:

- Knowing Your True Self
- Strengthening Communication Skills for Marriage
- Managing Expectations
- Financial Planning and Strategies
- Keeping Christ at the Center of our Marriage

Blast with the Bishop!

A Family Day of Fun & Faith with Bishop Ruggieri

In his homily on June 1, Pope Leo XIV said
"...families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always."

Your family is that privileged place of encounter—encountering the Lord in shared play, work, & prayer.

Join Bishop Ruggieri on **August 30, 2025** to:

- Learn from Bishop & parents about what works to foster faith in our children and a vibrant Catholic family life in the home.
- Pray with other families
- Engage in fun, family activities

Schedule—9:45am-5:45pm:
 9:45am Registration
 10:00am Guided Adoration
 10:30am Snack & fun break
 10:45am Bishop Ruggieri - Message for Families
 11:30am Break
 11:45am Small groups sessions for kids and parents
 12:15pm Lunch and more fun!
 1:15pm Living Rosary
 2:00pm Family discussion and activity
 3:00pm Parent Panel Discussion & Kids Activities
 4:15pm Vigil Mass with Bishop Ruggieri
 5:45pm Supper on-site or to-go

Registration Fee: \$25/family—includes lunch, snacks, & supper either on site or to go

Location: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Houlton, ME

Sponsored by:
 Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland
 Office of Lifelong Faith Formation

REGISTER ONLINE: portlanddiocese.net/faithfamilyfunday

2025 BLUE MASS

Honoring law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for faithful commitment and self-sacrifice.
 Celebrated by Bishop James Ruggieri

Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.
 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
 307 Congress Street, Portland

Sunday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.
 St. Mary of the Visitation Church
 110 Military Street, Houlton

More Info: <https://portlanddiocese.org/BlueMass>



AUSPICE MARIA
Most Reverend James Ruggieri
Bishop of Portland

THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF THE AUSPICE MARIA PODCAST IS NOW LIVE!

EPISODE 11: "OUR LIVES ARE NOT AN ACCIDENT"
 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE A VOCATIONAL LIFE? HOW DO OUR UNIQUE VOCATIONS BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD? IN THIS EPISODE, BISHOP JAMES RUGGIERI REFLECTS ON THE POWER OF SAYING "YES" TO GOD'S INVITATION, DRAWING WISDOM FROM SCRIPTURE, CHURCH TEACHING, AND THE EXAMPLE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER.

WHETHER MARRIED, SINGLE, ORDAINED, OR CONSECRATED, YOUR LIFE HAS A MISSION. JESUS WANTS YOU TO LIVE IT WITH PURPOSE, JOY, AND LOVE.

ALL EPISODES OF OUR PODCASTS ARE AVAILABLE ON SPOTIFY, APPLE PODCASTS, AND YOUTUBE. ALL CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE, TOO AT:
[HTTPS://PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG/PODCASTS](https://portlanddiocese.org/podcasts)

MASSES & INTENTIONS AUGUST 2ND - AUGUST 10TH

Saturday, August 2nd: St. Martin's at 4:00PM - Danny Thibodeau Happy Birthday by the Siblings

* Please note change in mass time this week only due to Father's Doctor's appointment*

Monday, August 4th: St. Peter's at 6:00PM* – David Rush (1st Anniversary) by his wife & Children

Tuesday, August 5th: St. Peter's at 4:30PM- Barbara Potvin by Frank & Esther Willette

Wednesday, August 6th: Father Justin's Day Off

Thursday, August 7th: Sweet Seniors at 2:00PM – for the Souls in Purgatory
St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM – The Marquis Family by Bob & Family

Friday, August 8th: St. Benedict's at 9:00AM - (D) Sandra Albert by Anna & Billy Robinson

Saturday, August 9th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:00PM – Eugene Brown (1st Anniversary) by Bruce & Julie Rioux

Sunday, August 10th: St. Benedict's at 8:30AM - (D) Reid Stanley by Patricia, Mark, Sophia, Jacob, Cathy, and Scott
St. Peter's at 10:00AM – Fletcher Cottle (18th Anniversary) by Stephanie & Steve Fraser
St. Martin of Tours at 12:30PM – Brian Landry (2nd Anniversary) by Mom & Dad

Weekly Readings and Observances of Saint Days

Readings for the week of August 3rd to August 10th

Sunday 8/3: Eccl 1-2, 2:21-23/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday 8/4: St. John Vianney Nm 11:46-15/Mt 14:13-21

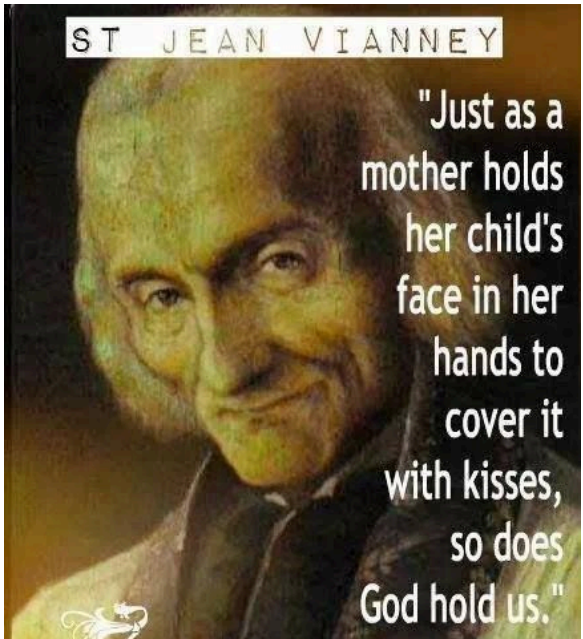
Tuesday 8/5: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday 8/6: The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28-36

Thursday 8/7: St. Cajetan, St. Sixtus II & Companions Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23

Friday 8/8: St. Dominic Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday 8/9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

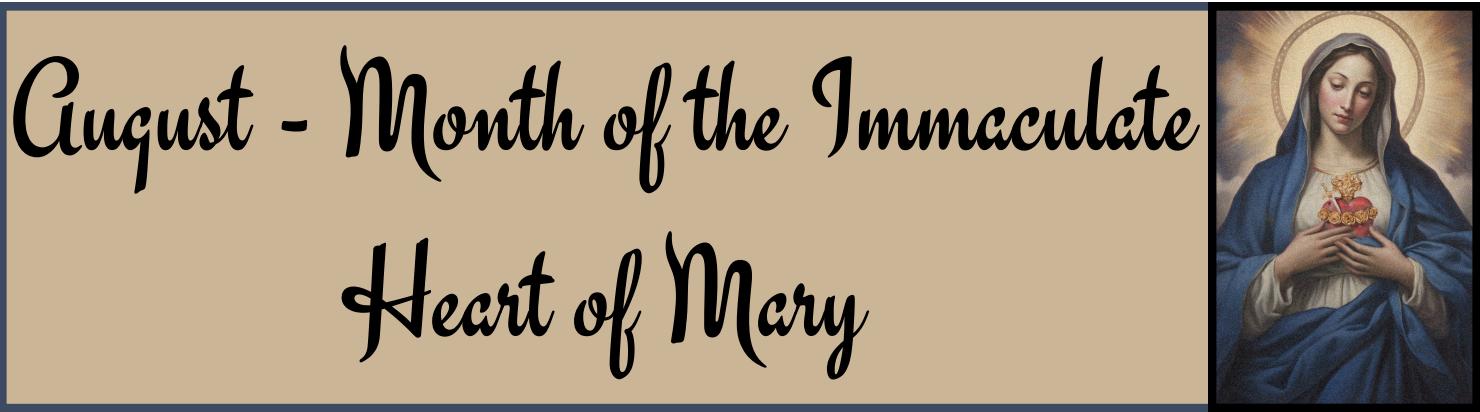


Prayer List

Cathy Cyr Duffy
Riley Wheaton
Ryan Robinson
Beckham Willett
Janie Cummings
Irene Heath



Families Afflicted by Addiction
Our Men & Women in the Service



Pope Paul VI, on the floor of the Vatican Council at the close of the third session, renewed publicly the consecration of the Church and the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart. He said that his thoughts turned to the whole world "which our venerated predecessor Pius XII . . . not without inspiration from on high, solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. . . . O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Council, to you we recommend the entire Church." When he visited Fatima on May 13, 1967, the same Pope recalled this "consecration which we ourselves have renewed on November 21, 1964 — we exhort all the sons of the Church to renew personally their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Church and to bring alive this most noble act of veneration through a life ever more in accord with the divine will and in a spirit of filial service and of devout imitation of their heavenly Queen."

Before making a consecration it is most desirable to make a careful preparation extending over some period of time. One good way to make that preparation is described in the last part of St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion book.

The most essential thing is not making an act of consecration, with or without some solemnity, though that is important. The essential thing is to live that consecration.

Living a consecration could be described as following three attitudes or spirits:

Union — Imitation of Jesus and Mary, so as to become like them, and trying to develop as constant as possible a realization of His and her presence.

Dependence — Give to Jesus and Mary the right to dispose of everything we have, temporal and spiritual.

Obedience — Jesus and Mary have the right to ask us to do anything at all, even without reward. In consecration, we recognize that right, give it on a basis of love, and plan to carry it out with fullest generosity.

St. Maximilian Kolbe liked to speak of the relation of consecration to our baptismal promises, in which we promised to renounce satan and all his works, and to follow Jesus, by whom we are "sealed" in baptism as His property. Consecration is the fullest kind of response to and carrying out of these promises. Mary, in view of her Immaculate Conception, was most fitted to respond most fully, and that she did, with a fullness and perfection beyond our ability to visualize — for we recall that Pius IX told us that even at the start of her existence, her holiness was so great that "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it."

Excerpted from Our Father's Plan, Fr. William G. Most



Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

○ MOST BLESSED MOTHER, HEART OF LOVE, HEART OF MERCY, EVER LISTENING, CARING, CONSOLING, HEAR OUR PRAYER. AS YOUR CHILDREN, WE IMPORE YOUR INTERCESSION WITH JESUS YOUR SON. RECEIVE WITH UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION THE PETITIONS WE PLACE BEFORE YOU TODAY, ESPECIALLY ...**(SPECIAL INTENTION)**.