

**«THE BLESSED VIRGIN WILL HAVE
MORE CHILDREN, SERVANTS AND SLAVES OF LOVE
THAN EVER BEFORE ...»**

**180TH YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE DISCOVERY
OF THE TRUE DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
APRIL 20-22, 2022**

Day 1: April 20, 2022

Let us now begin our celebration. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I am all yours and all I have is yours O Jesus through Mary

- PL:** Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
A: and enkindle in them the fire of your love
PL: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created
A: and you shall renew the face of the earth.
PL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
A: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

Introduction:

On this Octave of Easter we thank God for the gift of new life through the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus-Wisdom of God. This blessed season is more meaningful for us Montfortians as we commemorate on April 22 the 180th anniversary of the discovery of the Treatise of the True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the book written by our Holy Founder St. Louis-Marie de Montfort. With grateful hearts we begin today our three day celebration to mark this very important date in the life and mission of our Montfortian Family.

Hymn: *Jesus living in Mary*

Jesus living in Mary, come and live in me
Here is a body to move among men reach out again to others
Jesus giving in Mary, come and give in me
Here are two hands that are able to bear
Teach them to share with others

***Ref: Here is a mind to be filled with your light
Let it ignite for others
Here is a voice that was made for your Word
Let it be heard for others***

Jesus loving in Mary, come and love in me
Here is a heart that is beating for you
Pour your love through for others **(Ref)**

Let us know listen to Father de Montfort as he speaks to us from True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary # 112, 113, 114.

But my labor will be well rewarded if this book falls into the hands of a noble soul, a child of God and of Mary, born child and slave, not of blood nor the will of the flesh nor of the will of man. My time will be well spent if, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, after having read this book he is convinced of the supreme value of the devotion to Mary I am about to describe. If I thought that my guilty blood could help the reader to accept in his heart the truths that I set down in honor of my dear Mother and Queen, I, her most unworthy child and slave, would use it instead of ink to write these words. I would hope to find faithful souls who, by their perseverance in the devotion I teach, will repay her for the loss she has suffered through my ingratitude and infidelity.

I feel more than ever inspired to believe and expect the complete fulfilment of the desire that is deeply engraved on my heart and what I have prayed

to God for over many years, namely, that in the near or distant future the Blessed Virgin will have more children, servants and slaves of love than ever before and that through them Jesus, my dear Lord, will reign more than ever in the hearts of men.

I clearly foresee that raging beast will come in fury to tear to pieces with their diabolical teeth this little book and the one the Holy Spirit made use of to write it, or they will cause it at least to lie hidden in the darkness and silence of a chest and so prevent it from seeing the light of day. They will even attack and persecute those who read it and put into practice in the perilous times that are sure to come.

S I L E N C E

Ant: *Lord. bring us together and unite us and may all the glory be given to your holy and mighty name.* PM # 19

PSALM 78

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth
I will open my mouth in a parable
I will utter dark sayings from of old
Things that we have heard and known
That our ancestors have told us
We will not hide them from their children
We will tell to the coming generation
The glorious deeds of the Lord; and his mighty
And the wonders that he has done.

He established a decree in Jacob
And appointed a law in Israel
Which he commanded our ancestors
To teach to their children
That the next generation might know them

The children yet unborn
And rise up and tell them to their children
So that they should set their hope in God
And not forget the works of God
But keep his commandments
And that they should not be like their ancestors
A stubborn and rebellious generation
A generation whose heart was not steadfast
Whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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Mt 13: 44-45

The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys the field. Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls on finding one pearl of great value he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

S I L E N C E

Intercessions: God is faithful and always carries out his plan of mercy. Let us call on his name with faith that he may raise up people ready to spread his Kingdom on earth.

O God, renew the wonders of your mercy

Father, you care for your heritage and nourish it with an abundant rain, choose and gather together many missionaries for the good of your church. **R**

God of Compassion, you foresee the needs of the poor and sustain them with your word of eternal life, raise up new apostles after your own heart who will announce the Gospel with great wisdom. **R**

Eternal Father, you chose Mary as the holy mountain of your glory, draw those you call to your service to dwell on your holy mountain to be transformed into the likeness of Christ. **R**

God of love, by the grace of the Spirit you give us the joy of responding to your call, send workers to preach the Gospel in word and in deed so that all may glorify your name. **R**

Eternal God, may our devotion to the blessed Virgin Mary taught to us by Fr. De Montfort will lead us closer to your Son so as to imitate him in his love and obedience to your will for the glory of your name. **R**

Merciful God, at the end of their lives you reward your faithful servants, gather into your house the members of the Montfort Missionaries, Daughters of Wisdom, Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel, our Lay Associates , Benefactors and Mission Partners who come to you in company with the Virgin Mary. **R**

Let us now pray the prayer Jesus taught us.....Our Father who..

Concluding Prayer:

God of goodness and mercy, remember the Family which you raise up for the service of the Church in response to the prayer of St. Louise Marie de Montfort and Blessed Marie-Louise of Jesus. Keep us faithful to our Montfortian vocation, united in love for one another, in work and in prayer. Renew your signs and work new wonders: grant that we may always experience your abiding support, send missionaries to your Church. Remember all those the power of your Spirit has moved to proclaim the gospel throughout the world. Remember those who are good to us, our families, our friends and our benefactors. Remember us, O Lord, give light and wisdom to each of us, and, at the end of our life on earth grant that

we may see you face to face with Mary our Mother and all our brothers and sisters who have gone before us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Queen of All Hearts, pray for us.

St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, pray for us.

Blessed Marie-Louise of Jesus, pray for us.

PL: The lord be with you.

All: and with your spirit:

PL: May Almighty God, Bless you the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

PL: Let us go in the peace and love of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

