

*“Remember, my dear children
To have a great love for Jesus
And to love him through Mary...
So, do not fail to fulfill your baptismal promises
And say your rosary every day...”
(Letter to Montbernage 2)*



Let this my song declare
Thus honoring her Son
Our Lady's boundless care
Toward her poor serving-one
(H 77,1)

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ASSOCIATION MARY QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS



New Statutes

General House, Rome, 2001

22nd Day of May 2001

The APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, at the behest of the Holy Father, rules that the substance of the above-mentioned Rescript (Prot. N. 119/96/I and N. 120/96/I) be attributed to the new Association of “Mary, Queen of All Hearts”; thus the members may acquire a Plenary Indulgence, provided that, the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion and Prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions) having been fulfilled and any attachment to any sin being excluded, they promise or renew their promise, at least privately, to faithfully observe their own Statutes, on the following occasions:

1. the day of their enrolment;
2. Holy Thursday; the liturgical celebrations of Christmas and the Annunciation of the Lord; the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the feast of St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort; as well as the first Saturday of every month.

The present rescript to be valid **in perpetuity**.
Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Signed by ...

•Aloisius De Magistris
•Regens

Sac. Iannes Maria Gervais
Off.

To Provincial and Delegation Superiors,
Directors of Centres of Mary Queen of All Hearts,
Directors of Marian Centres,

Dear Confrere,

The General Council is pleased to send you some important documents pertaining to the *Association Mary Queen of All Hearts*.

As you remember from the Extraordinary General Council 2000, plans were made to renew and revitalise the former “Archconfraternity” according to the spirit of Vatican Council II and Vita Consecrata. We also saw the strong bond between the new interest in the Montfortian charism and spirituality, the central place of the Consecration to Jesus Wisdom through the hands of Mary, and the hunger of many lay people to enter more deeply into the spiritual path of St. Louis Marie.

First in a period of coming to know the Statutes newly approved by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life, we ask you simply to familiarise yourself with them, with aspects and accents that are different from the previous statutes and perhaps from your previous policies. Reflect on what the new Statutes imply for you and the mission of your entity. Reflect on the personnel that might be realistically available to give new impetus to sharing our Montfortian spirituality.

Now is not so much the moment to distribute widely the new Statutes; now is the time for you and your collaborators to reflect and review your whole way of accompanying men and women in Montfort’s school of holiness.

The General Council will soon be contacting you to dialogue with you and gather your concerns and suggestions. The whole tone of the new Statutes of the **Association Mary Queen of All Hearts** is one of great collaboration and fraternity between the professed Missionaries of the Company of Mary and all other good Christians who desire to establish and extend the Reign of Jesus through Mary. More than ever, we shall have a very serious responsibility to provide spiritual preparation, guidance and accompaniment to these men and women of varied backgrounds. These mutual bonds of preparation for the Consecration and ongoing accompaniment will be more important than the sheer numbers of persons enrolled. The common efforts of Montfortians around the world to share our heritage with other Christians will enrich them and us.

In advance we thank you for your study, reflection and response to the new Statutes of the Association. Together our efforts will respond to the Holy Father's challenge to the Montfortian Family: "I encourage you: make this treasure bear fruit; it must not remain hidden".

William Considine, smm
Superior General

June 24, 2001



PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA

Prot. N. 65/01/I

HOLY FATHER

Ivo Libralato, Procurator General of the Montfortian Company of Mary, in the name of the Most Reverend Superior General of the same Congregation and as such Director of the Montfortian Associates of "Mary Queen of All Hearts", together with his Council, humbly petitions: Since the Congregation for Institutes of Religious Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, on 26 April last, duly recognised a new Statute for the former Associations, one clerical, the other lay, to be now reunited in one Association to be called the Association of "Mary, Queen of All Hearts", he requests that the grant of a Plenary Indulgence made by your Holiness, through a Rescript of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 12 October 1996, granted in perpetuity, might be attributed to the new Association, by which the members might rejoice and receive the fruit of charity on days of piety, consecrating themselves to Christ through Mary, his most sweet Mother, according to the spirit and admirable example of Saint Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort.

And may God...

Die 22 Maii 2001

PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA, de mandato Summi Pontifici, statuit ut tenor supradictorum Rescriptorum (Prot. N. 119/96/I et N. 120/96/I) attribuat novae Consociationi “Mariae Reginae Cordium”; itaque sodales Plenariam Indulgentiam acquirere valebunt, dummodo, suetis condicionibus (Sacramentali Confessione, Eucharistica Communionem et Orationem ad mentem Summi Pontificis) rite adimpletis et excluso affectu erga quodcumque peccatum, emiserint vel renovaverint, saltem privatim, promissionem fideliter servandi propria Statuta :

- 1) die inscriptionis ;
- 2) Feria V Hebdomadae Sanctae ; in liturgicis celebrationibus Nativitatis et Annunciationis Domini ; Immaculae Conceptionis B. Mariae Virginis et Sacti Ludovici Mariae Grignon de Montfort ; necnon die prima Sabbati uniuscuiusque mensis.

Praesenti **in perpetuum** valituro.
Contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.

+ Aloisius de Magistris
Regent
Sac. Ioannes Maria Jervais
off.

Montfortian Associations

1. Montfort and the Associations of his own Day

St Louis Marie de Montfort was anxious to supply those who had renewed the promises and vows of their baptism, through Mary, during his missions, with the means to ensure their perseverance.

The “*Covenant Contract*” was the most important of these. But, having a very profound sense of church, he was well aware that the Christian, far from being an isolated being, was part of a community, which he needs and towards which he has certain duties. As a missionary he had also an acute perception of the fact that baptism consecrates a person to Jesus Christ and to his service: “*Baptism made us in very truth slaves of Jesus. We must therefore live, work and die for the sole purpose of bringing forth fruit for him...*” (TD 68).

The community which is the Church, at all its levels (parish, diocesan, national, universal), has always seen the birth among its members of various groupings, associations, movements, which are of use to those members for their spiritual life or for the apostolic activity they feel themselves called to.

In Montfort’s day, there were many “confraternities”, either suited to various categories of people (as, for example, the Society of Virgins, the Association of St. Michael for soldiers), or bringing together various baptised Christians by reason of their spiritual affinity (as, for example, the Rosary Confraternity, which he valued so highly). Montfort emphasised very strongly the community dimension of apostolic activity. The band of apostles gathered round Jesus is, for him, the example to which all those called to continue the “mission” must look. This was true especially for the missionaries of the Company of Mary, of whom he demanded

that they live “*in an apostolic manner*”, that is, taking for their model in their way of life and in their activities, the band of apostles, sharing the filial trust Jesus showed towards his Father, in a total abandonment to Providence, putting everything into the common purse, and free from anything which might tie them down, so as to give themselves completely to the Mission and the coming of the Kingdom. The *Prayer for Missionaries*, the *Letter to the Members of the Company of Mary*, and the *Manuscript Rule* written for the missionaries, are first of all addressed to the members of the Company of Mary, it is true¹. But the ideal which St. Louis Marie expresses in them, can be an inspiration for all those who want to follow the spiritual way which he proposes. All those consecrated to Jesus through Mary are called to gather together under the aegis of our Lady, according to their state in life and their capacity, to commit themselves, under her guidance, to the mission field entrusted to the Church. Montfort hoped for “a mighty legion of brave and valiant soldiers of Jesus and Mary, both men and women...” (TD 114)². This passage is a clear indication that his call and his hopes are not only concerned with priests. In any case, we know that he was quite accustomed to calling on lay people for his apostolic work.

Many movements, groups and even Institutes (sometimes linked in some way with the Company of Mary, in other cases quite independent of it), have adopted the path proposed by St. Louis Marie de Montfort, in order to find Christ through Mary. This is particularly true of the *Legion of Mary*.

St. Louis Marie also wished that those who would make their personal consecration to Jesus Christ through the hands of Mary, might find some kind of “*confraternity*” which would help them to live it out: “*Those who desire to take up this special devotion, (which has not been erected into a confraternity, although this would be desirable)...*” (TD 227). His wish has been fulfilled, and those who make their consecration can today join the Montfortian Association of “*Mary*

DECREE OF THE APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY CONFIRMING INDULGENCES



PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA

Prot. N. 65/01/I

BEATISSIME PATER

Ivo Libralato, Procurator Generalis Societatis Mariae Montfortanae, nomine Rev.mi Superioris Generalis eiusdem Congregationis et exinde Moderatoris Consociationum Montfortanarum “*Mariae Reginae Cordium*” nuncupatarum, una cum eius Consilio, humiliter exponit: Cum Congregatio pro Institutis Vitae Consecratae et Societatibus Vitae Apostolicae die 26 mensis Aprilis nuper elapsi novissima Statuta praecedentium Consociationum, unius quidam clericalis, alterius vero laicalis, coalescentium nunc in coetum qui vocatur Consociatio “*Mariae Reginae Cordium*”, rite recognoverit, imploratur ut donum Plenariae Indulgentiae a Sactitate Tua, per Paenitentiariae Apostolicae Rescripta, die 12 octobris 1996 in perpetuum concessum, novae Consociationi attribuat, quo feliciores in dies pietatis et caritatis fructus suscipiant sodales, sese Christo per Mariam, Eius dulcissimam Matrem, devotes secundum Sancti Ludovici Mariae Grignon de Montfort spiritum et mirum exemplum.

Et Deus, etc....

Queen of All Hearts".

2. The Association "Mary Queen of All Hearts"

An historical note

It was in Canada in 1889, that the confraternity wished for by Montfort first saw the light of day, with the name of "*Confraternity of Mary Queen of All Hearts*". This title, "*Queen of All Hearts*"³, was one dear to Montfort himself, and it emphasises very well the voluntary character of the relationship which links to Mary all those who consecrate themselves to her Son through her. Similar confraternities sprang up very quickly, in France and many other countries of Europe and America, and in certain countries in Asia and Africa.

On 28 April 1913, a decree issued by Pope Pius X conferred on the confraternity in Rome the title of Archconfraternity, and from that time on all the other confraternities had to be attached to this one. In 1965, some 140 centres existed, spread all over the world, some of them counting tens of thousands of members.

According to the statutes of the Confraternity, this was to be its aim: "*This Confraternity has as its aim, to establish and spread the reign of Mary in souls, so as to enable Jesus Christ to reign more perfectly there.*" The consecration, as far as possible made in accordance with the formula laid down by Fr. de Montfort, was required for membership. It was also recommended that it be renewed every day, and that the members should make every effort to live in dependence on Mary.

Parallel with the Confraternity, an "*Association of Priests of Mary, Queen of All Hearts*" had been set up in 1907. The following was the double aim suggested for

the priests by its statutes: “1. *To sanctify their priestly lives by the practice of the perfect devotion to Mary as taught by Blessed de Montfort*; 2. *To make this devotion their principal apostolic means for the establishment, through Mary, of the reign of Jesus, both in individuals, and in the family and society in general.*”

Pope Pius X was the first to be entered in the register of this association, and he encouraged its growth. The *Revue des prêtres de Marie Reine des Coeurs* strove to make it better known, and it did spread, especially in France, but also in Italy, England, Spain, Colombia, Mexico and Vietnam.

It has to be admitted that these two Associations suffered a certain decline after the second World War, which therefore demanded efforts at renewal. In 1956, on 5 July, new statutes were approved. The *Association of Priests of Mary Queen of All Hearts*, until then considered as a branch of the Confraternity, became an independent association.⁴ The two Associations were henceforth considered as “*proper to the Company of Mary*”, depending on it in the same way as a Third Order in relation to a Religious Order. And finally, their apostolic nature was emphasised, linked with the mission of the Company of Mary⁵.

Associations “proper” to the Company of Mary, they are indeed grafted onto the Montfortian trunk and form part of the Company of Mary. Their members really are, although in a different sense than the fathers and brothers, members of the Company of Mary, to which they commit themselves to pursue its special or particular aim ***in the concrete condition, in the particular state, in which they find themselves.***

The period of renewal after the Vatican Council II required further reflection on the two associations and led to the formulation of new statutes.

Modification of the Statutes

Art. 15 - With the consent of his councillors, the Superior General may bring to the present Statutes, approved by the Holy See, modifications which do not touch the nature and purpose of the Association. ***Servatis caeteris de jure servandis.***

Notes

1. They are *witnesses to the truth* after the example of Jesus, who claimed before Pilate that he came *to bear witness to the truth* (Jn 18, 37); after the example of all the martyrs, lay people are *Collaborators with the truth* (Cf. 3 Jn 8; *Apostolicam Actuositatem*, 6) – “*The will of the father is that we recognize in every human being Christ our brother, and that we love each one for his good, in word and deed, thus bearing witness to the truth*” (Gaudium et Spes, 93).

2. Cf *Redemptoris Mater*, 48.

3. Cr cnn. 303 and 312, § 2.

4. Cf. TD 227 and our Constitutions, art. 9 and 39.

5. TD 113.

6. Non only priests but “*all the laity must cooperate in the spreading and the growth of the Kingdom of Christ in the world... Every lay person ought to be, before the world, a witness of the resurrection and of the life of the Lord Jesus and a sign of the living God*” (*Lumen Gentium*, 35 and 38).

7. Cf Cn 677, § 2.

8. Cf TD 243.

9. TD 144.

Sharing of spiritual goods

Art. 13 - By their entrance into the Association, the members are in spiritual communion with the entire Montfortian Family. They delight in celebrating the liturgical feasts which are the sign and fulfilment of this communion: the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25th, is the principal feast of the Association⁸. The Nativity, December 25th; the Immaculate Conception, December 8th; and the feast of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, April 28th, are also celebrated with a special character by the members of the Association.

The members participate as well in the spiritual riches which Mary pours out on the Montfortian Family, she *“who gives herself completely in a wondrous manner to those who give themselves completely to her.”*⁹

Art. 14 - Entrance into the Association creates a reciprocal bond of fraternity and solidarity among all the members of the Montfortian Family. The new member participates in the joys and sorrows of this new family. If one is happy to drink from the spiritual treasures of this family, one strives to enrich it more by prayer and the offering of one's life animated by the Montfortian consecration.

The Current Situation

At the start of this new Millennium, on 26 April 2001, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life approved the reunification of the two existing associations into a single one to be called: **Association of Mary Queen of All Hearts**. At the same time the Congregation approved the *new Statutes* of the Association⁶. These Statutes witness to a great suppleness: they open to the members vast spiritual and apostolic horizons. On 22 May 2001 the Apostolic Penitentiary confirmed “in perpetuity” the **plenary indulgence** that the members of the Association might receive under certain conditions on certain days of the year.

The possibility exists for individuals or groups to further specify or elaborate the commitments and obligations common to all the members. Our Association Mary Queen of All Hearts can thus respond in divers ways with a whole range of autonomous realisations, according to the apostolic necessities of the locality, from persons consecrated to silent and contemplative prayer, to apostolic activities intensely involved with the needs of the life of the world.

The General Chapter of 1993 reminds us very well of this reality: *“The core of this community is made up of consecrated persons, priests and brothers together, who, in living out their vows, give witness to the efficacious presence of the Kingdom of God among us. Furthermore, in line with Montfort’s own practice, the Montfortian mission is enriched by collaboration with lay people. They can truly belong, in varying degrees, to the Montfortian apostolic community, by taking an active part in our missionary projects and by adopting the spiritual way of Montfort.... The Montfortian consecration therefore is to be seen as the bond which unites us all, whether lay people or religious, and no matter what our age or state of health, in following Montfort. It is both our ideal and the road that we travel. It is the source of our unity.”*

Here it would be useful to recall the entire number 31 of

Lumen Gentium. For now we shall extract just the following phrases: *“By reason of their special vocation it belongs to the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God’s will. They live in the world, that is, they are engaged in each and every work and business of the earth and in the ordinary circumstances of social and family life which, as it were, constitute their very existence. There they are called by God that, being led by the spirit of the Gospel, they might contribute to the sanctification of the world, as from within like leaven, by fulfilling their own particular duties. Thus, by the witness of their life, resplendent in faith, hope and charity, they must manifest Christ to others. It pertains to them in a special way to illuminate and order all temporal things with which they are so closely associated that these might be effected and grow according to Christ and may be to the glory of the Creator and Redeemer.”* Is that not a faithful description of the entire apostolic labour of Montfort?

And the Apostolic Exhortation **Vita Consecrata** will insist, thirty-two years later: *“By virtue of their rebirth in Christ, all the faithful share a common dignity; all are called to holiness; all cooperate in the building up of the one Body of Christ, each in accordance with the proper vocation and gift which he or she has received from the Spirit.... For the mission of the lay faithful, whose proper task is to “seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God”, the consecration of Baptism and Confirmation common to all members of the People of God is a sufficient foundation.”*

It is good to recall that belonging to our Association does not carry, in itself, any commitment to a determined apostolate, except that of living and propagating by example and by word the Reign of Jesus through Mary. The faithful who become “associated” remain in the state, the condition in which they were at the moment of their inscription. Thus, let us re-

Commitments

Art. 10 - The consecration by which a person engages himself or herself in the Association implies the commitment to live, in one’s own state of life, in one’s own milieu, in one’s own work, the spirit and the spirituality left us by Montfort. The members will seek to make it the heart of their lives, impregnating all their activities and apostolate.

Renewing their consecration each day, members collaborate, according to their possibilities and their own condition, in the apostolate of the Company of Mary following the directives of the Director General.

Art. 11 - For the members who might desire such, the Director General could create, within the Association:

a group of associates who commit themselves by promises or by vows, according to their state in life, to live the evangelical counsels in the spirit and the spirituality of Saint Louis-Marie;

groups who commit themselves to a specific apostolate, always with the spirit and the spirituality of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort.

Art. 12 - The Director General will prepare, to this end, particular statutes which respond both to the call of these members and to the nature of the Association. It belongs to him, with his councillors, to examine and to approve them, if they are judged apt to guide the faithful on the path that leads to Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom, Jesus, Son of God and of Mary.

To this end, the Superior General will take care to prepare or have prepared a programme or a manual, where he will establish with clarity the stages to cover before the candidate may be enrolled in the Association, as well as the obligations of ongoing formation. He will submit the programme or the manual to the judgement and approbation of the general council.

Members

Art. 8 - The Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts is open to all the faithful (lay persons, clergy, religious) who desire to engage themselves in the spiritual and apostolic journey proposed by Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort. For religious can 307, §3 will be taken into account.

Art. 9 - One who, after the necessary formation and preparation, pronounces the consecration to Jesus, Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom, by the hands of Mary, according to the formula of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, may be received into the Association.

The incorporation is made, following the motivated request of the candidate and acceptance by the Director, at the moment when the consecration is made in the presence of the Director or his delegate and its inscription in the register of the Association.

peat what St. Paul recommended to the Corinthians: “*Let each one lead the life the Lord has assigned him, continuing as he was when the Lord called him*” (I Cor 7,17). A fatherly recommendation which the Apostle repeats three times in the same chapter: “*Everyone ought to continue as he was when the Lord called him.*”

Thus, no specific apostolate is imposed by the consecration or by being enrolled. The associate does not leave family, social milieu etc., but rather tries to impregnate it with the fragrance of Christ. The father of a family, the mother, the consecrated virgin, the religious, the politician, the doctor, the lawyer, the sick person, etc... each continues “*to lead the life the Lord has assigned him.*” This would be a marvellous way to foster the penetration, the action in depth, of Montfortian spirituality in every milieu, in all the spheres of human life, in every form of silent apostolate or apostolic activity. Montfortian spirituality, the “True Devotion”, **the mystery of Jesus living in Mary**, this *preparation for the Reign of Jesus through Mary*, spreading out to every level of society, is this not, bit by bit and everywhere, **the soul of all apostolate?**

The Association is not a postulancy or a noviciate to augment the numbers of the Company of Mary. Rather, it is a school of profoundly Christian life, under the maternal protection of Mary, the perfect renewal of the promises of Baptism in order to live them more perfectly there where the Lord calls us.

What principally is incumbent on the superiors of the Company of Mary and the directors of the Association is to **form the faithful well** to this life of consecration according to the method and the formula of Montfort, “*master of the spiritual life*”.⁷ This formation must include not only an adequate preparation for the Consecration but also ongoing formation and accompaniment.

Notes

1. The goal of the Company can be found since the beginning in our “constitutions”. The text approved in 1949 is perhaps the one which -in article 2- best expresses the reality desired by the holy founder: the Congregation *“has as its specific aim the works of the missionary apostolate, among the faithful as well as among the heretics and the infidels, in order to establish the Reign of Jesus through Mary.”*

This specific aim is attained by the following works: the preaching of popular missions, retreats and other forms of missionary apostolate; the propagation of the faith among pagans and heretics; the extension and diffusion of the true devotion to the most Holy Virgin, especially according to the method taught by the holy founder, both by preaching as well as by writing or other adapted means.”

And the specific note of the “montfortian mission” is appropriately recalled in article 39 of the constitutions recently approved by the Holy See: *The marian character of the Company is an essential possession of our Congregation, and Mary is not present in the life of the missionaries in some accidental fashion: devotion toward her is an integral part of their spiritual life and apostolate.”*

2. See TD 55-59: Apostles of the latter times

3. It is necessary to recognise that 24 years after the death of St. Louis-Marie, a confraternity of the holy slavery existed at La Rochelle. A *memoir* written in 1741 by the parish priest of the parish of St. Nicolas indeed tells us that the Bishop of La Rochelle, by a decree of 10 November 1740 and *“in virtue of a Brief of our holy father Benedict XIV given at Rome at St. Mary Major under the seal of the fisherman the 20th September 1740”*, approved the *“confraternity of the holy and free slavery of the most holy and immaculate Virgin Mary”*. This confraternity was erected in the parish of St. Nicolas on 15 January 1741.

After seven months of existence, the association already comprised thousands of members, among whom were numerous grantees of the Court, an imposing number of priests from various dioceses, Jesuits, Capuchins, etc. For us Montfortians, it is interesting to note that on the very first pages of the register, after “Messire René Mulot, priest and Superior of the Community of St-Esprit”,

Role of the Directors

Art. 5 - § 1- The Director General communicates to the Directors of the Centres directives and instructions which he judges useful and sees to their application.

§ 2- It belongs to the Director General to authorise the erection of new centres; equally it belongs to him to examine and approve, with the consent of his councilors, the statutes of each centre.

Art. 6 - § 1- The Directors of the Centres are at the service of the members of the Association, in order to help them to better know and deepen, and to better live the spiritual path passed on by Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort. They encourage them to have a perfect baptismal fidelity, that is, a faithful following of Christ, who is Wisdom Eternal and Incarnate for the salvation of the world, by means of a total abandonment of oneself to her through whom, by the all powerful action of the Holy Spirit, He desired to come to us.

§ 2- They will recall to the members their duty - especially by the example of their lives - to make others around them know this path of life, so that **the Reign of Jesus through Mary** might come even more⁶.

Art. 7 - If the members have a true right to receive the formation which they need and which they have come to seek, the directors have the obligation to provide directly or indirectly for their initial and ongoing formation⁷.

Jesus Christ, my beloved Master, will reign more than ever in the hearts of men and women."⁵

§ 3 - The Association is thus not at the service of the Company of Mary but, with the Company of Mary, at the service of the Queen, the service of the holy Church, the service of souls, the service of the people of God, the service of the ***Reign of Jesus through Mary***.

Centres

Art. 3 - The international centre of the **Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts** is established at the General House of the Company of Mary. Each country may have a national (regional, ...) centre erected by the Superior General or his delegate.

Art. 4 - § 1 - The Superior General of the Company of Mary is the Director General of the **Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts**. He has the power to name, for the various centres, a national, regional, or local director delegate.

§ 2 - If the Superior General desires to name a secular priest as director of a centre of the Association, he must first obtain the accord of the Ordinary of this priest; in the case of a religious priest who is not a Montfortian, he will first ask authorisation of the Major Superior of this religious.

appear the names of nearly all the "Mulotins" of the period, and - with "Marie-Louise Trichet"- those of the Daughters of Wisdom.

The documents in our archives do not permit us to know the history of this confraternity. In any case, the *memoir* written in 1741 by the parish priest of St. Nicolas is an irrefutable proof of the *fidelity* of our two Congregations in the generous practice of what the Founder had left them as a *heritage and particular mission*, after having *taught it with success in public and in private*.

4. See Echo Montfortain, nn. 271 and 272, Aug-Sept 1956 and Oct. 1956

5. The rescript of the Holy See officially declaring these two associations "proper" to the Company of Mary carries, in effect, the following clause: *Praedictis Associationibus Societatis Mariae Montfortana finem specialem a Constitutionibus (art. 2) sibi assignatum prosequitur.*"

6. Following this introduction you will find printed here the *Decree* for the Constitution and Approbation of these New Statutes, as well as the *Statutes* and the *Indulgences* granted under certain conditions to the members of the Association.

7. Redemptoris Mater, 48.



CONGREGAZIONE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI VITA CONSACRATA
E LE SOCIETÀ DI VITA APOSTOLICA

Prot. n. L. 15-1/2001

DECREE

The Procurator General of the Company of Mary (Montfortians), whose principal seat is in the Diocese of Rome, has requested of the Holy see, in the name of the Superior General and his Council, the re-unification in one Association of the two Montfortian Associations: the “Association of Priests of Mary, Queen of All Hearts” and the “Confraternity of Mary Queen of All Hearts”, declared “Associations proper” to the Company of Mary by a decree (Prot. n. 39/54) dated 16 July 1955.

The Congregation for Institutes of Religious Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, having carefully examined this request, by the present Decree, establishes the single Association as requested, under the title of

“MARY, QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS”

In addition, the same Congregation *approves and confirms the Statutes of the Association*, according to the copy in the French language which is kept in its archives.

Any disposition to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Vatican, 26 April 2001.

Eduardo Card. Martinez Somalo Prefect
+ Piergiorgio Silvano Nesti, C.P. Secretary

Statutes of the Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts

Nature and Purpose

Art. 1 - The Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts gathers together the faithful, clerics or lay, who, desiring to be *witnesses to the truth of the Gospel*¹, intend to live the commitments of their Baptism with the help of a total consecration to Christ through the hands of Mary. To this end, they commit themselves to the *perfect practice of true devotion to the Blessed Virgin* taught by Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, whom they choose as *spiritual Guide and Master*².

Art. 2 - §1 - Organically united to the Company of Mary, the **Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts** does not possess any autonomous juridical structure³. Its members participate, each in his or her own life situation, in the mission of the Montfortians in the Church: **to prepare the Reign of Jesus through Mary**⁴.

§ 2 - The Association of Mary, Queen of All Hearts is thus an “extension” of the Company of Mary, not in the sense that the SMM would seek to recruit all for itself, but rather 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*”