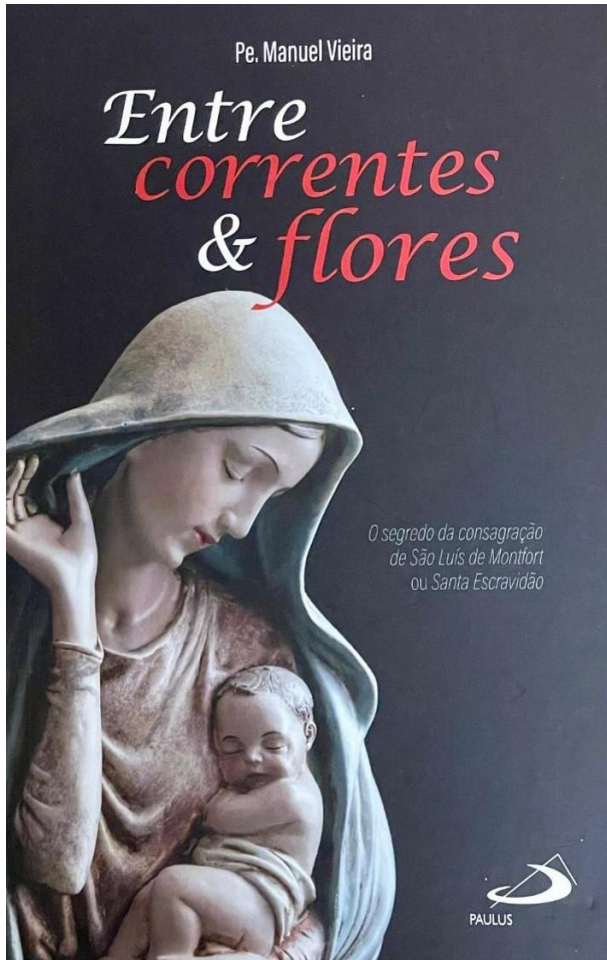


Book on Montfortian Consecration



FATIMA, Portugal – *Éditions Saint Paul* has published the book of Fr. Manuel VIEIRA, SMM with the title: *Between chains and flowers - The secret of the Consecration of Saint Louis de Montfort or Saint Slavery.*

In his book's introduction, Father Vieira explains: "Montfort did not want to base the spiritual proposition of consecration on his own ideas and his devotion. He knew very well that the word perfection had no model on earth, which is why, from the first hour, he decided that his creature – "his consecration" - could only be born from Above.

Montfort finds the first model at the most important moment of the decision of the Trinity concerning the path of the redemption of humanity. Let us see how he describes his contemplation of this mystery, that is to say, the consecration of the divine Son to the will of the Father. Moreover, Montfort finds the second model in his contemplation of the mystery of the Annunciation, where Mary, after having assured herself that the request came from God, gave her body and soul into the arms of God the Father to accomplish His will. From this contemplation, the consecration was born which, in

Montfort's project, consists in conforming, uniting and dedicating oneself to Jesus Christ in full imitation of Mary's Fiat."

The Portuguese Delegation is delighted with this publication which enriches the range of publications related to our spirituality. Special thanks to Father Manuel VIEIRA, SMM, author of the work, and to *Éditions Saint Paul*, for having invested in this publication and for having always opened the doors to "our things". With high hopes, may this contribution achieve a great editorial and spiritual success.

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