

*Heavenly Ticket*

# *Marian Consecration*

## *To Jesus through Mary*



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*Answer Mary's Call, Invoke Mary's Presence*

*use Mary's Spiritual Tools*

**M**ary invites you to journey with her and Jesus as written in the Gospels using her weapon, the *Rosary*. Embrace Mary's spiritual armor of protection and guidance by wearing her *Miraculous Medal*. Join the Carmelites wearing her uniform or garment, the *Brown Scapular*. Attend Mass consecutively for five *First Saturday's* to make reparation to her *Immaculate Heart* as detailed to Sr. Lucia (Fatima See ) from Mary in 1925.

**M**ary wears combat boots, she is the New Eve saying "Yes" to God. The Lord God said to the Serpent in the first book of the Bible, "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed she shall crush thy head and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel" (Genesis 3:15). She is our *Warrior Queen Mother* of Heaven as stated in the last book of the Bible, "a woman clothed with the sun with the moon under her feet and on her head a crown of twelve stars...chased by a red dragon who seeks to devour her child and her followers" (Revelation 12:1) Satan knows one day, he will be crushed by the woman who "looks like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun terrible as an army with banners. (Song of Solomon 6:10). Mary battling for her children is the language of war referenced in the Bible from the beginning to the end. We are battling the principalities of a hidden darkness. Every soldier needs weapons. Her mission is the same as her son, redemption.

She is our *Mediatrix*. She channels our prayers, petitions and distribution of graces to Jesus with whom salvation is obtained if asked. It is the effort on your part that determines the level of graces you will receive.

\*YouTube: Mary is a warrior Queen Battling the Dragon, Bishop Robert Barron (12:52)



### What is a Marian Consecration

Consecration means "to make holy." She is our *Mother* and a gift from the Cross. Jesus said to John, "behold your mother" proclaiming her motherhood to the Church, to each one of us, to you. Consecration means, I totally receive her, accept her help, guidance, protection and grow in holiness to deepen my relationship for all my life in union with Jesus. "Total consecration to Jesus through Mary is the surest, easiest, shortest and most perfect means to becoming a saint" Louis de Montefort (True Devotion to Mary).

One form of consecration is wearing the Miraculous Medal around the neck as Mary requested. She pleads to us to be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart allowing heavens grace to flow through our hearts. It is a renewal of love and consecration every time you say the words within the oval frame, "O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee" (Immaculate Conception). The medal is a daily reminder and renewal of our consecration. It is a silent prayer that stays with us when worn.

Confession and Mass are not essential to making an act of consecration but highly recommended.

\*YouTube, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Marian Consecration (3:34), 9/24/2014

### THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

#### St. Catherine Laboure

Catherine was the ninth of eleven children born on May 2, 1806, located in the province of Burgundy, France. At nine years old, her mother died. She took a small statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and asked that she be her mother and look after her.

At eighteen Catherine had a strange dream that an older priest was saying Mass and calling her. The dream moved to a sick room with the same priest who told her there will be a day in which she will seek him out and God has designs on her.





While in Paris she noticed the same priest in her dreams pictured on the wall of a hospital of the Daughters of Charity. She learned it was the orders founder Saint Vincent de Paul. In 1830, her father allowed Catherine to become a postulant of the same Daughters of Charity. In a vision she beheld the heart of Saint Vincent in three different colors above the reliquary in their chapel which his relics are to this day are enclosed. She also saw Christ present in the Eucharistic host. Between July and December of 1830, Sister Catherine, conversed with the Blessed Virgin on three occasions.

On the night of July 18, 1830, while sleeping she was awakened by rays of light and the voice of a small child, possibly her guardian angel. He instructed her to follow him to the Chapel where the Blessed Virgin awaits her. She dressed quickly to find the lights were burning brightly in the hall and the locked doors of the Chapel opened at the touch of the young child. The Chapel was also brightly lit. She heard the rustling of a silk dress...The Blessed Virgin, in a blaze of light and glory, seated herself in the chair used by the priest at Mass. Catherine moved towards her and rested her hands on the knees of the Blessed Virgin. *"God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will be contradicted, but do not fear, you will have the grace to do what is necessary. Tell your spiritual director all that passes within you. Times are evil in France and in the world."* Her face appeared very serious and sad.

*"Come to the foot of the altar. Grace will be shed on all, great and little, especially upon those who ask for them. You will have the protection of God*



and St. Vincent and I always will have my eyes upon you. There will be much persecution. The cross will be treated with contempt. It will be hurled to the ground and blood will flow."

On November 27, 1830, at 5:50 p.m. while in the Chapel for meditation Catherine once again heard the sound of silk as the sign the Blessed Virgin was coming. First, she saw the Blessed Virgin on the main altar standing on half of a globe, her feet crushing a serpent. She held a golden globe topped with a cross. Which she lifted to heaven. The Blessed Virgin explained the globe represents the world, especially France, and every person during these difficult times. The vision changed to show our Lady standing on a globe with arms outstretched with bright rays of light streaming from her fingers. Framing the oval shape



were the words: *"O Mary conceived without sin pray for us."*

*"Have a Medal struck after this model. All who wear it will receive great graces; they should wear it around the neck. Graces will abound for persons who wear it with confidence."*

The Blessed Virgin instructed her to go to her confessor and present her message. The Archbishop ordered in 1832 two thousand medals be struck. For

over forty years, Catherine spent her time caring for the aged and infirm, not revealing to those around her that she had been the recipient of the Blessed Virgin's medal. In 1876, Our Lady gave Catherine permission to break the silence of forty-six years before her approaching death. To her sister superior, she revealed that she was the sister to whom the Blessed Mother appeared. On December 8, 1854, Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is without sin from the moment of her conception.

Today her beautiful remains still lie fresh and serene. When her body was exhumed in 1933, it was found as fresh as the day it was buried. Though she had lived seventy years and was in the grave for fifty-seven years, her eyes remained blue and beautiful; and in death her arms and legs were as supple as if she were asleep. Her incorrupt body is encased in glass beneath the side altar at 140 Rue du bac, Paris, beneath one of the spots where the Blessed Virgin appeared to her.

In February 1832 epidemic broke more than 20,000 Daughters of distribute the first accumulated, as disease and called the medal immediately the marvels of grace, prosperity calling it the reports of miracles 1836, a canonical Paris declared the



a terrible cholera out in Paris and caused deaths. In June the Charity began to 2000 medals. Cures did protection from the conversions. The people "Miraculous". Almost devotion spread with health, peace and followed. People started "Miraculous" Medal as were widespread... In inquiry undertaken at apparitions to be genuine.





*The Meaning of the Front side of the Miraculous Medal*

Mary, stood on top of the Earth, crushing the serpent, declaring that Satan and his followers are helpless before her. The Blessed Virgin is engaged in a spiritual battle against evil and the battlefield is our world. She was framed in an oval shape with the words, "O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee," referencing the dogma of the Immaculate Conception (without sin).

Mary, opened her hands adorned by gems on each finger pouring out rays of light, representing the graces poured out on us from God for people who ask for

his grace. However not all the gems on her fingers were poured with lighted rays. She explained those were the graces that no one had asked for.



### *The Meaning of the Back Side of the Miraculous Medal*

The twelve stars can refer to the Apostles, who represent the entire church as it surrounds Mary. They also recall the vision of St. John in Revelation (2:1), in which a "great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12 stars. "The cross symbolizes Christ and our redemption, with the bar under the cross, a sign of the earth. The "M" stands for Mary, and the interweaving of her initial with the cross shows Mary's close involvement with Jesus and our world. In this, we see Mary's part in our salvation and her role as Mother of the Church. The two hearts represent the love of Jesus and Mary for us. (Apparitions and the



Miraculous Medal, Chapelle Notre-Dame de la Medaille Miraculeuse, Site official, 2023 CFDLC)

YouTube: \* The Miraculous Medal, GabiAfterHours, (6:48), 10/17/2021

- St. Catherine Laboure and the Miraculous Medal Explained (4:35), franciscanfriars, 9/13/07, (12/9/14)
- \*Reenactment video The Story of the Miraculous Medal, Fr. Josemaria (10:27), 10/26/19

St. Maximilian Kolbe, was an advocate of the Miraculous Medal and built an army of Knights, Soldiers and Warriors through Our Lady's leadership in honor of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus called the "Militia Immaculata." Mother Teresa gave out Miraculous Medals to everyone she met...She would ask a sick person, "Where does it hurt"? then placed a medal on the spot. She recognized the medal as a precious gift representing hope. Through the medal she consecrated the poor and dying to "Be the One' with Mary who comforts the thirst of her Son on Calvary, for our love".

### SACRAMENTALS

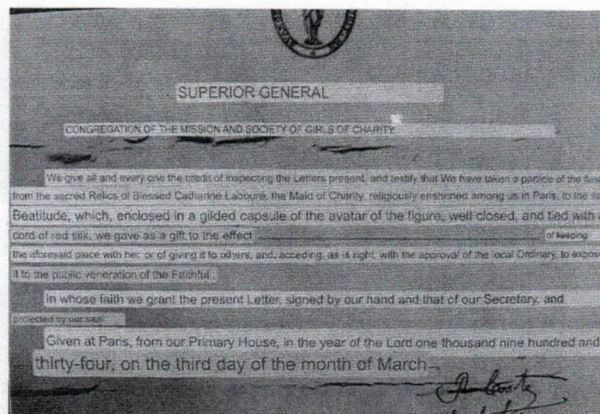
Sacraments produce Sanctifying grace instituted by Jesus Christ. *Sacramentals* are outward or visible affect through the intercessions of the church that directs us toward holiness. They are not good luck charms. *The strength of the sacramental, depends greatly on the devotion of the person receiving the sacramental.*

Blessed objects are set apart for holy use. Once a blessing is imparted by a priest, the object should be treated with respect, and not disposed of casually or disrespectfully. To prevent desecration, a blessed object should be returned to the earthly elements: buried or burned. The object, in being blessed, becomes the bearer of the blessing.

The most common sacramentals include holy water, the rosary, crucifixes, *medals* and statues of saints and scapulars. Perhaps the most common sacramental is an action, the Sign of the Cross.

*St. Catherine of Laboure First Class Relic Reliquary*

Below is the letter of authenticity (Latin translated) from the Superior General, Congregation of the Mission and Society of Girls of Charity (Dated 1934, on third day of March).



- A relic is a fragment of the body or physical possession of a canonized saint that can help us grow closer to God.

First Class relic is a body part of a saint

Second Class relics are possessions that a saint owned

Third Class relic are objects that have been touched to a first/second class relic



- The body of St. Catherine Laboure is incorruptible-preserved from natural decomposition of human remains. The reason why we value the possessions of saints above other holy figures and leaders is because of their canonization. We have reason to believe that these saints are in Heaven because they have performed miracles on Earth that cannot be explained by science. Touching a fragment of their body to our jewelry, rosary or medals will always connect their values and heavenly presence to us. (Relics of saints: What You Need to Know, Houseofjoppa.com)

Simple Act of Consecration

*Mary says "ask me"...she gives us first rate and powerful weapons...She promises Her protection ...Just Say YES!*

O Virgin Mother of God, Mary immaculate, we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to you under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

Mary this medal be for each one of us a sure sign of your affection for us and a constant reminder of our duties towards you. Ever while wearing it, may we be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your son.

O most powerful Virgin, Mother of our Savior, keep us close to you every moment of our lives. Obtain for us, your children, the grace of a happy death; so that, in union with you, we may enjoy the bliss of heaven forever.

Amen

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times)

*In the End Her Heart will Triumph*

*The Rite for Investing in the Miraculous Medal*

*Celebrant:* IN the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* Amen

*Celebrant:* God uses ordinary things as signs to express his extraordinary mercy toward us. Through simple things as well we express our gratitude, declare our willingness to serve God, and profess the resolve to live up to our baptismal consecration. This medal is a sign of entrance into the Association of the Blessed and Immaculate Virgin Mary, approved by the Church. The medal thus expresses our intention of sharing in the spirit of this Association. That intention renews our baptismal resolve to put on Christ with the help of Mary, whose own greatest desire is that we become more like Christ, in praise of the Trinity, until, dressed for the wedding feast, we reach our home in Heaven.

*Prayer of Blessing*

*Celebrant:* O God, the author and perfecter of all holiness, you call all who are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit to the fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of charity. Look with kindness on those who devoutly receive this medal in honor of the Blessed and Immaculate Virgin Mary. Let them become conformable to the image of Christ your son, and, with the help of the Virgin Mother of God, joyfully complete the course of this life and merit to enter into the joy of your heavenly home. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen

*Celebrant:* Receive this medal as the sign of your acceptance into the Association of the Blessed and Immaculate Virgin Mary. Live in such a way that, with the



Christ living in you, for the glory of the Trinity and for the service of the Church and of your neighbor.

*All:* Amen

*Celebrant:* God, through the Immaculate Virgin Mary, so inexpressibly united with your Son, you cause us to rejoice in your great goodness. As we are supported by her motherly protection, may we never be without your providential love, and be always dedicated to the mystery of your redemption with unbounded faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen

*Become a Member of the Miraculous Medal Association*

*amm.org*

Anyone can become a member of the Association of the Miraculous medal and share in all its privileges and benefits. Receive a medal and a membership card...Aam.org

*Spiritual Benefits of a Member:*

- \*Remembrance in three novenas of Masses each month
- \* Remembrance in 30 additional Masses each month
- \*Remembrance in the prayers, Masses and good works of the Vincentian community
- \*An annual appreciation novena of Masses
- \*Opportunities to join in prayer with other members especially on special feasts
- \*Remembrances at other novenas and feasts
- \*Other prayers and services at our center of prayer, the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, such as Votive Lights, petitions, and pilgrimages