

33 Days to Morning Glory Marian Consecration FAQ



- What is a consecration?
The word "consecrate" means to formally dedicate to a higher purpose. Marian consecration is the act of entrusting one's body, soul, possessions, works, and entire life to the protection, guidance, and intercession of Our Lady. Consecration to Mary is simply a furthering and deepening of our devotion to and relationship with Jesus through Our Lady. The actual consecration runs from August 6 through September 8, 2022.
- What is the commitment?
The consecration is a six week program (33 Days). Participants commit to reading 2-3 pages per day and reflecting on the readings. Each week they answer 3-4 questions about the week's readings and attend a session with others in the parish community to share their insights, thoughts, how the Holy Spirit has been working in their life. Each session will involve prayer, a short video building on the previous week's readings and preparing for the next week's reflections, and small group sharing.
- Who is invited to participate?
All parishioners, any Catholic, fallen away Catholics, anyone interested in growing closer to Jesus through our Lady. There is an individual and family option.
 - What is the individual option?
Individual option is for any young adult or adult who is interested in preparing for the consecration with other young adults or adults in a small faith sharing community. Each individual will have their own book, "*33 Days to Morning Glory*" by Fr. Michael Gaitley, and study guide. Individuals can attend the weekly session with a group of friends or acquaintances or register, be assigned a table, and meet new friends in the parish. Couples in the same household may certainly share a book, if they prefer.
 - What is the family option?
This option is for families with children from the age of 3-10 years. While mom and dad are reading the "*33 Days to Morning Glory*" by Fr. Michael Gaitley, the children are moving through the "*Marian Consecration for Children*" by Carrie Gress. Parents are encourage to participate in the Thursday evening session of formation which begins August 4. Baby-sitting will be available on Thursday and Tuesday (Spanish) evenings.

- What if I've already done a Marian Consecration?
Any consecration is to draw one closer to Jesus. A Marian consecration is doing this through the intercession and guidance of Our Lady. There is no limit to the number of times one can participate in a consecration. Each time an individual makes a consecration they are in a different place spiritually and ideally grow from each experience in their relationship with Christ.
- When will you meet?
 - Organized gatherings will meet on:
 - Thursday evenings 7-8:30 PM in the Community Room
 - Saturday mornings 9:15-10:45 AM in the Community Room
 - Tuesday evenings 7-8:30 PM in the Community Room – Spanish only
 - Families can gather on their own time.
 - If someone pulls together a group to meet at a different time, great. I can work with you to provide videos and materials.

However, regardless of how and when you meet, we ask that you register so we can track participants. Email Evelyn Burton at esburton@ologn.org to register or for clarification.

- What if I can't make all the meetings? Can I still participate?
We recognize that August is the beginning of school and we all have busy lives. While it is important to prioritize this consecration in your schedule, conflicts may arise. If so there are a few options.
 1. You can attend another gathering within the same week, or
 2. Go onto FORMED.org and watch the video for the week, or
 3. Simply, continue with the daily readings and weekly questions and return to your group the following week.
- Can I go to the Saturday meeting if I miss a Thursday, or vice versa?
Yes, you can, if necessary. Ideally you will have a consistent group that you are meeting and forming a community with each week. However, it is an option if you can't make your regularly scheduled gathering.
- What if I can't attend the consecration on September 8th?
Please do not let your inability to participate in the parish consecration on September 8 deter your participation. Simply touch base with Fr. Clayton following Sunday Mass when you return and he will guide you through the consecration.
- What if I have young children?
There will be childcare for young children on Thursday evenings and Tuesday evenings (Spanish). When you register please indicate the number of children so we can ensure enough sitters.
- What if I already have the *33 Days to Morning Glory* book?
If you already have a book, great. You do not need to get another and there is no fee for the preparation materials. Still register so I can track your participation, provide materials, and assign you a group. Just mark your registration accordingly.

Registration QR Code

