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My Dear People of God of the Diocese of Santa Rosa:

During this Centenary Year of the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima it is my desire to have the Diocese of Santa Rosa and every Parish and Mission of the Diocese Consecrated or Dedicated to Mary. The plan is to have this Consecration done after all Sunday Masses on Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10. Additionally, it would be most proper to have the same Consecration after all Masses on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and again on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The need or desire to add these days is to be determined by each Pastor.

The Act of Consecration is very similar to the Morning Offering except that it is more solemn and centered on Mary. In the Morning Offering, we state: "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father".

In our Consecration we state: "We consecrate to you (Mary) our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are."

Saint Pope John Paul II also refers this Consecration as an Entrustment. It is an act of trust in the love God has for us and in the love our Blessed Mother has for us. We Entrust ourselves to Her maternal care with profound confidence and love. We trust that, having given over everything we have and are to Her protection and even Her dominion, we then rely on Her to distribute merits and graces where they are most needed. At the same time we manifest a deep confidence that those, for whom we have special affection, including ourselves, will never be neglected in the spiritual distribution.

Beginning next Sunday, September 3 you will be able to access, on-line, the program which has been distributed to Parishes earlier in the year, namely, 33 Days to Morning Glory. This is a Marian Consecration Preparation Program and, as the name suggests, it is just over one month in length.

Next weekend, September 2-3, you will be given the internet link, the access code and the password so that you, your family or your prayer group can listen to the Video presentations of Father Michael Gaitley, MIC and access the reading material by way of the Internet. Each week for five weeks you will be directed to the next step in the Preparation Process.

If you begin on September 3, you will be able to make a personal Consecration prior to the Diocesan / Parish / Mission Consecration. This would make the December event much more significant for you as you join with your brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese in consecrating themselves and the Diocese / Parish / Mission to the special patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

I pray that you take full advantage of this great spiritual opportunity and join with us in utilizing the internet for a great spiritual good.

Asking every grace and blessing of God upon you, I am

+The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa

33 Days to Morning Glory - On the FORMED Website

WELCOME to this week's 'assignment'. Individually, as a family or as a group of families you are invited to click on the link below and begin your five week spirituality program. The time required is really minimal. The videos, divided into two parts, are a combined 40 minutes. During the first week your assignment is to read a very brief daily reading taken from the works of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. These are available at the same link. Feel free to explore the website but in order for us, as a Diocese, to proceed in a unified and systematic fashion we ask you to commit to following the programs recommended by the Diocese for each week.

INTRODUCTION - Part 1 & 2 (All the links are found at: www.SantaRosaCatholic.Org/33days)
When you access this link you will be asked to register. During the trial (September 1 to October 31) use santarosa@formed.org as the email and the Password: Formed17.

WELCOME to this week's 'assignment'. First there is a video by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC commenting on the readings you have done last week from St. Louis Marie de Montfort. During the second week the daily readings are taken from the work of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Persevere.

END OF WEEK ONE: St. Louis Marie de Montfort - Part 1 & 2: (All the links are found at: www.SantaRosaCatholic.Org/33days)

WELCOME to this week's 'assignment'. First there is a video by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC commenting on the readings you have done from St. Maximilian Kolbe. During the third week the daily readings are taken from St. Teresa of Calcutta. Pray and Persevere.

END OF WEEK TWO: St. Maximilian Kolbe - Part 1 & 2: (All the links are found at: www.SantaRosaCatholic.Org/33days)

WELCOME to this week's 'assignment'. The video by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC provides a commentary on the readings taken from St. Teresa of Calcutta. During the fourth week the daily readings are taken from St. Pope John Paul II. Pray, Persevere and Prepare for your Consecration.

END OF WEEK THREE: St. Teresa of Calcutta - Part 1 & 2: (All the links are found at: www.SantaRosaCatholic.Org/33days)

WELCOME to this week's 'work'. The video by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC provides a commentary on the life and writings of St. Pope John Paul II. During the fifth week, the final FIVE DAYS, the daily readings are taken from the four Saints we have already met. Pray, Persevere, Prepare for your Consecration and Plan for your day of Consecration.

END OF WEEK FOUR: Saint Pope John Paul II - Part 1 & 2: (All the links are found at: www.SantaRosaCatholic.Org/33days)

Congratulations! You have made it to the final Marian Consecration video. Father Gaitley's talk in this video is titled, "Living your Consecration."

FINAL FIVE DAYS SYNTHESIS AND REVIEW - Part 1 & 2: (All the links are found at: www.SantaRosaCatholic.Org/33days)

STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT PROGRAM FEATURED BY THE DIOCESE ON **FORMED**

BULLETIN HANDOUT -- SEPTEMBER 3

Begin Preparing Now for December 10

33 Days to Morning Glory - On the FORMED Website

WELCOME to the beginning of the first week of Marian Consecration Preparation. Individually, as a family or as a group of families you are invited to click on the link below or type it carefully into your browser and begin your five-week spirituality program. The time required is really minimal. The videos, divided into two parts, are a combined 40 minutes. During the first week your assignment is to read a very brief daily reading taken from the works of St. Louis Marie de Montfort which are available at the same link. Feel free to explore the website but in order for us, as a Diocese, to proceed in a unified and systematic fashion we ask you to commit to following the program as recommended by the Diocese for each week.

ORIENTATION AND INTRODUCTION - Parts 1 & 2

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The Papal motto of Saint Pope John Paul II was Totus Tuus. These are the first two words of the passage from Saint Louis Marie de Montfort. The entire passage and its translation follows: "Totus tuus ego sum, et omnia mea tua sunt. Accipio te in mea omnia. Praebe mihi cor tuum, Maria."

I belong entirely to you, and all that I have is yours. I take you for my all. O Mary, give me your heart."

-- (Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin, by St. Louis Marie de Montfort 266)

BULLETIN HANDOUT -- SEPTEMBER 10

33 Days to Morning Glory - On the FORMED Website

WELCOME to this week's 'assignment'. Last week you were introduced to the Marian Consecration Preparation Program and to the first video by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. Father Gaitley is the presenter on each of the videos. Each week he will be commenting on the readings you have done during the previous week. Since you were exposed to the writings of St. Louis Marie de Montfort during this past week this is the subject of this week's video.

END OF WEEK ONE: St. Louis Marie de Montfort - Parts 1 & 2:

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During the second week the daily readings are taken from the writings of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Persevere.

BULLETIN HANDOUT -- SEPTEMBER 17

33 Days to Morning Glory - On the FORMED Website

WELCOME to this week's 'assignment'. Last week you listened to Father Michael Gaitley, MIC as he commented upon the writings of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort and were directed to read the writings of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Since you were exposed to the writings of

St. Maximilian Kolbe during this past week this is the subject of this week's video by Father Gaitley.

END OF WEEK TWO: St. Maximilian Kolbe - Parts 1 & 2

(All the links are found at: www.SantaRosaCatholic.Org/33days)

During the third week the daily readings are taken from St. Teresa of Calcutta. Imagine the grace of the times in which we live. Many of us are contemporaries of Saint Pope John Paul II and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Some have even met these now canonized Saints. I believe they have much to teach us. Pray and Persevere.

BULLETIN HANDOUT -- SEPTEMBER 24

33 Days to Morning Glory - On the FORMED Website

WELCOME to this week's 'assignment'. Last week you listened to Father Michael Gaitley, MIC as he commented upon the writings of Saint Maximilian Kolbe and were directed to read the writings of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Since you were exposed to the writings of St. Teresa during this past week this is the subject of this week's video by Father Gaitley.

END OF WEEK THREE: St. Teresa of Calcutta - Parts 1 & 2

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During the fourth week the daily readings are taken from St. Pope John Paul II. Some have described this Pope as a mystic, some as a great theologian, some as a great philosopher but underlying all of this he was a man of deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was shot on May 13, the anniversary of the First Apparition of Mary at Fatima. He attributed his survival to the intervention of the Blessed Mother Herself. He specifically traveled to Fatima to give thanks to the Blessed Mother and to deposit the bullet in the crown on the statue of Our Lady at Fatima. He consecrated the world and Russia to the Blessed Virgin Mary in fulfillment of the request of Our Lady to the children of Fatima. We have much to learn from the depth of the devotion of this great Pope to the Blessed Mother. We are blessed during this coming week to be invited to read and reflect upon the writings of St. Pope John Paul II. Pray, Persevere and Prepare for your Consecration.

BULLETIN HANDOUT -- OCTOBER 1

33 Days to Morning Glory - On the FORMED Website

WELCOME to this week's 'assignment'. Last week you listened to Father Michael Gaitley, MIC as he commented upon the writings of St. Teresa of Calcutta and were directed to read the writings of St. Pope John Paul II. Since you were exposed to the writings of St. Pope John Paul II during this past week his spirituality is the subject of this week's video by Father Gaitley. The week's video also has a commentary on the power and grace of Consecration and some preparatory remarks for how to make your final preparation for Consecration

END OF WEEK FOUR: Saint Pope John Paul II - Part 1 & 2

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Following this week's video you will enter into the Final Five Days, thus completing the 33 Days spiritual journey. These Five Days, immediately preceding the personal Consecration, are a type of 'Retreat', a review and summary of the preceding weeks and a final

preparation for Consecration. The website provides material for this retreat and you are invited this week to enter into the spirit of the retreat.

For four of the remaining Five Days you are invited to pray, especially the rosary, while meditating on three words from each of our featured Saints. These are words to which you have been introduced during the course of your Consecration Preparation. To refresh your memory they are:

Passion - Baptism - Gift	– Saint Louis Marie de Montfort
Mystery - Militia - Love	– Saint Maximilian Kolbe
Thirst - Heart - Covenant	– Saint Teresa of Calcutta
Mother - Entrustment - Mercy	– Saint Pope John Paul II

Three Reflection Words: During these five final days, there will be no new questions. Instead, you'll have an opportunity to reflect on the three words that summarize the teaching of each of our four Marian giants: St. Louis Marie de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, and Saint Pope John Paul II. Then, on the final day, you'll have the chance to reflect on the words of the prayer you will use in making your consecration. In the material provided on the website, space is provided to record your thoughts and prayers and the fruits of your pondering.

Pray, Persevere, Prepare for your Consecration and Plan for your day of Consecration.

BULLETIN HANDOUT -- OCTOBER 8
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Besides being a Free Trial of FORMED, this experience was also an attempt by the Diocese to determine if a long term Diocesan subscription to FORMED would be useful. Please send or relay comments to your Pastor so that the Diocese can make a well informed decision.