



 HOLY HEROES

33 Day Journey of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

DEVOTION

DAY 17

“I am the Immaculate Conception.” (Mary to Bernadette)

“In this way, from the first moment of her conception—which is to say of her existence--she belonged to Christ...” (Pope Saint John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater* #10)

When Our Lady finally told Bernadette her name, she did not simply say, “I am Mary, the Mother of God.” Instead, she took the opportunity to honor the greatest gift she had been given by her Divine Son: her Immaculate Conception! This means that God had preserved her from Original Sin at the moment of her creation as a baby in her mother’s womb!

Ponder when you pray

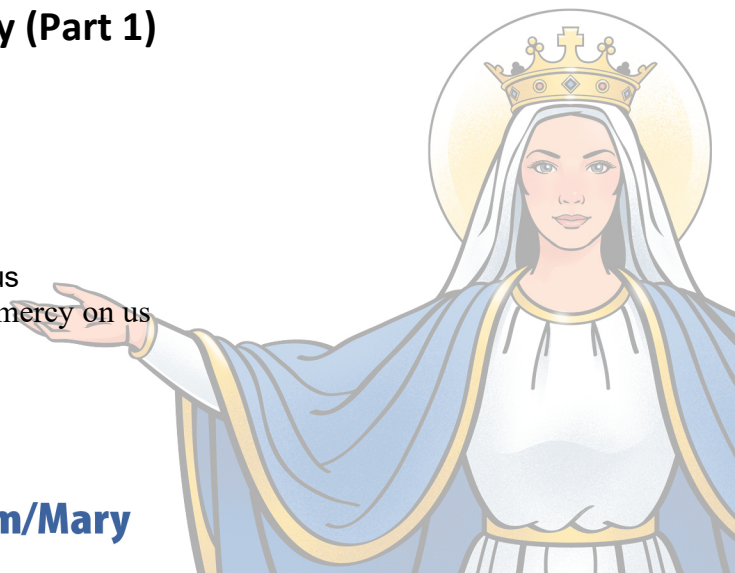
There were many things Bernadette did not know about Mary, even though she had appeared to her and spoken to her many times. By revealing who she was in this way, Our Lady gave Bernadette the opportunity to learn more about her faith. You, too, should never stop learning more things about God and the Catholic Faith. That’s why we will repeat some prayers during your Consecration--so you can again ponder it.

PRAYER

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Part 1)

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us
Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.



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