

**The Love of Eternal Wisdom
By: St. Louis de Montfort**

Consecration Group Book Club: www.consecrationgroup.org
Our Lady of Peace Church & Shrine

Talks and Facilitation: Fr. Brian Dinkel
Meeting Days: 3 Sundays – April 30, May 7, May 21
Time: 2pm – 5pm
Place: Family Learning Center Room 1101

Discussions:
April 30 Read pages 1-36 (Foreword – Chapter 6)
May 7 Read pages 37 – 87 (Chapter 7-Chapter 13)
May 21 Read pages 88- 139 (Chapter 14 – Spiritual Maxims)

FOR DISCUSSION

May 7

Chapter 7, The Choice of True Wisdom

Describe the 3 False Wisdoms. Give examples of each.

St. Louis de Montfort describes Earthly Wisdom as “Secret and unceasing pursuit of personal interest, not in a gross and open manner but a secret, deceitful and scheming manner.” How often do you see this in your workplace, in your family, everywhere around you?

Describe how cunning and skillful and deceiving the world is:

1. When one makes use of truth to foster untruth
2. When one makes us of virtue to authorize vice

Chapter 8, The Wonderful Effects of Eternal Wisdom in the Souls of those who possess Him

“But the words which the Divine Wisdom communicates are not common, natural and human words; they are the words of God.” “Those who listened were not able to resist the Wisdom and the Spirit that spoke.”

Describe the words of God.

What are the effects of Wisdom to Man?

Give an example of a time when you felt blessed by God through the Holy Spirit.

Give an example of a time when the Holy Spirit moved you to articulate something so eloquently.

Give an example when you went through a major hardship but found peace.

Describe the Heavenly Gifts from the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 9, The Incarnation and the Life of Eternal Wisdom

“The Word was made flesh.”

Jesus became man to redeem the world and chose a very worthy dwelling place in Mary. Why is Mary the worthiest dwelling place for Jesus?.

Give a summary of Jesus' life on earth.

Chapter 10, The Captivating Beauty and the Ineffable Gentleness of the Incarnate Wisdom in His Looks and Words.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."

Describe the beauty and gentleness of the Divine Wisdom.

Chapter 11, The Gentleness of the Incarnate Wisdom in His Actions.

Give examples of Jesus' gentleness in His actions.

"My Son, give me your heart." Give an example when you gave your heart totally to Jesus.

Chapter 12, The Solemn Utterances of the Incarnate Wisdom, which we must Believe and Practice to be Saved.

How do we come to the perfect possession of Divine Wisdom? How? What do we need to do to succeed?.

SELF-DENIAL: After careful discernment, what can you deny in order to be closer to Jesus?

PRAYER: Describe your prayer life. Do you have a relationship with Jesus?

PENANCE: How have you suffered for His name's sake?

GOD'S HELP: Do you seek His help? How has he helped you in the past?

CLEAN HEART: How do you curb your bad thoughts?

Meditate and reflect on the following:

FOLLOW HIS TEACHINGS: "Lay not up to yourselves treasures on earth where rust and moths consume and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up to yourselves treasures in Heaven."

FALSE PROPHETS: "Beware of false prophets who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly, they are ravenous wolves."

NARROW GATE: "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you." "Give alms."

EIGHT BEATITUDES: "Blessed are they who understand eternal truths. More blessed are they who believe them, who practice them and teach them to others for like stars they will shine in heaven for all eternity"

Chapter 13, A Summary of the Unutterable Sorrows which the Eternal Wisdom Suffered for Love of Us.

"He offered His Life even if He is God and we are mere men." "He suffered more than all martyrs together."

Describe the Lord's sufferings: in body, in soul, in reputation, from his people, in His life.