

# The Letter to the Friends of the Cross - St. Louis de Montfort

Consecration Group Book Club: [www.consecrationgroup.org](http://www.consecrationgroup.org) *Our Lady of Peace Church & Shrine*

Talks and Facilitation: Fr. Brian Dinkel  
Meeting Days: 3 Sundays – Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb 25 from 3pm-5pm  
Place: Family Learning Center - Gym

## Instructions:

Feb. 11 Read numbers 1-26  
Feb. 18 Read numbers 27-53  
May 21 Read numbers 54 – 62 , plus the Triumph of the Cross

## FOR DISCUSSION GROUPS:

### Feb. 11: Part 1 – Excellence of the Association of the Friends of the Cross

#### 1 – Grandeur of the Name, friends of the Cross

Friends of the Cross, you are a group of crusaders united to fight against the world, not like those religious men and women who leave the world for fear of being overcome, but like brave, intrepid warriors on the battlefield, refusing to retreat or even to yield an inch. Be brave. Fight with all your might.

- Describe your struggles in your choices. Times when you chose God over the world and vice versa.
- Describe a time in your life when you glorified God in your actions.
- How did you see Jesus in others and what actions did you pursue to help others the way Jesus would have done.

He overthrows the pride of Satan by his love for humiliation, he triumphs over the world's greed by his love for poverty and he restrains the sensuality of the flesh by his love for suffering

- Have you ever been humiliated before and how did you react?
- How have you carried your sufferings and accepted God's will?
- Do you have any attachments? How can give up your attachments for Jesus' sake?

Do you really know the voice of God and grace from the voice of the world and human nature?

- How do you discern God's will in your life?
- "He must increase, I must decrease!" Choosing God's will over your will is difficult. Have you accomplished this before? Give an example.

#### 2 – The Two Groups – The Followers of Christ and the Followers of the World

- Describe the followers of Christ
- Describe the followers of the World

Discuss Jesus Loving Appeal:

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

### Feb. 11: Part 2 – Practices of Christian Perfection, The Divine Master's Program

What does Christian Perfection Consist of? Describe each in detail.

How can you apply this to your life?