



## **Meditations on Mary**

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Msgr. Charles M. Mangan

Office of the Marian Apostolate,  
Diocese Sioux Falls, South Dakota

...Barb's skillful integration of portions of the Rite of Consecration accompanied by her own meditations are a treasure for the consecrated virgin who seeks to embrace fully the directive to "imitate the Mother of God." Meditations on Mary inspires a depth and richness as she ponders these things in her heart.

Molly McCarrick,

consecrated virgin, Diocese of Columbus, Ohio



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Barb's meditations in "Resolved to Follow" profoundly touch the heart and soul of the consecrated virgin who longs to belong only to Jesus through the Heart of Mary and draw her (the virgin) to an ever deeper understanding of Jesus' love for her and His Church.

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Christopher Carstens,  
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Elizabeth Lee  
consecrated virgin,  
Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts



*Miss Barbara Swieciak received the Consecration to a Life of Virginity for Women Living in the World, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin, on the memorial of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8, 1984 through the ministry of Bishop John J. Paul, Ordinary at that time.*



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