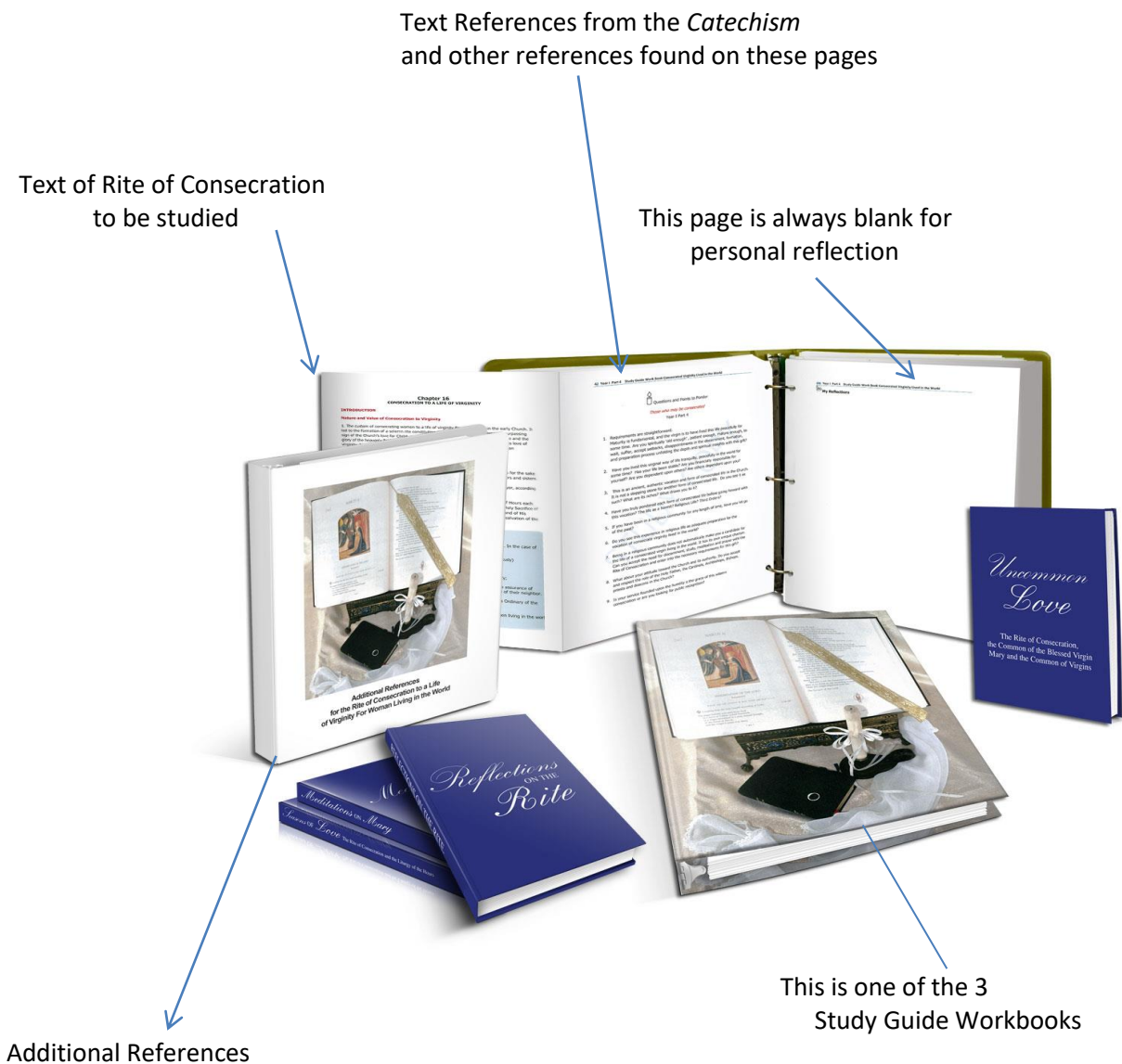


Brief explanation of how to use the materials:

This is an image of the set of resource materials our Diocese has published for the vocation of consecrated virginity lived in the world. Permissions have been granted from the various Offices and Subcommittees of the USCCB and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The three ring folder, workbook style format, contains definitions references from Catechism of the Catholic Church, papal documents with space for personal reflections, notes, questions and points for the candidate to ponder and share with her spiritual director. The laminated dividers with the highlighted text of the Rite, contain the pages to be studied.

Open the laminated folder to the left, open the laminated divider to the left again, turn the entire section of pages contained in the laminated divider back to the right to begin the study. When completed, turn the far left part of the divider back over the pages and open the next section.



Additional References

For durability, this book has been printed and is now library bound blue hard cover book.

*It invites the virgin along with her spiritual director to enter into the beauty of the rite which the Church holds out as a way for her to receive the graces to be that more faithful witness we are called to be in this Year of Faith particularly. "Additional References for the Study Guide Workbooks," is a fourth volume containing the complete text of the references used in the Study Guide."*

Most Reverend William P. Callahan

The cover is an expression of the spirituality of the Rite.

The Book of the Gospels is open to the Annunciation passage since it is with the Incarnation of Our Lord in the womb of the Blessed Virgin that virginity for the sake of the Kingdom first comes to light. The candle is used in the calling of the candidate, the ring and the veil are signs of the spousal reality of the gift of consecrated virginity as a bride of Christ, and the Liturgy of the Hours given to the virgin as her principal duty, the praise of God and praying for the needs of the Church.



The other hardcover books pictured here are supplemental enrichment materials all based on the Rite of Consecration.

*Reflections on the Rite* is the line by line study of the entire rite, including the Introduction which is often times overlooked.

*Meditations on Mary* uses the sentence "Imitate the Mother of God..." and other quotations from the Rite of consecration as a basic tool to pray and ponder the Angelus, the Mysteries of the Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, and other meditations. It deepens the Marian dimension of the vocation.

*Heart of the Bridegroom* encourages the virgin in her beginning discernment and formation to enter into the mystery of the Heart of Jesus. To be His bride she must know and live the same life of mercy and compassion as expressed in the Litany of the Sacred Heart, Of Divine Mercy, Of the Blessed Host. The readings from the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart from both the Holy Mass as well as the Liturgy of the Hours provide material for prayer and meditation. The 17 companion workbooks based on the 8 chapters of this book also include material on the life of St Joseph for a basic appreciation of the need for humility and total trust and surrender in receiving the gift of virginity.

*Formation Continuing Formation Companion Workbook Program (available September 2021)*

*Formator's Copy* complete set of companion workbooks without pages for notes

*(A Power point is available on the Diocese of La Crosse Consecrated Life Diocesan Web Site to explain this program.)*

*Resolve to Follow Christ* uses the 3 questions the Bishop asks the candidate during the mass of Consecration. The 3 questions are first paralleled with the suffering Servant Songs from the Prophet Isaiah then the Stations of the Cross.

*Uncommon Love* Since the main "job or responsibility" of the consecrated virgin is to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, this book encourages the virgin to see the "Commons" in the Office Book as a well spring of meditation material paralleled with the Rite of Consecration as an expression of the uncommon love of the lives of saints and Our Lady as remembered throughout these commons.

*Seasons of Love* (available January 2022) will bring the daily treasures of the liturgical seasons into light.

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