

Paul says: „I would like you to be free from ‘needless’ concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs – how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world – how he can please his wife – and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world – how she can please her husband.“ (1 Cor 7,32ff)

### Being a Joy to the Bridegroom

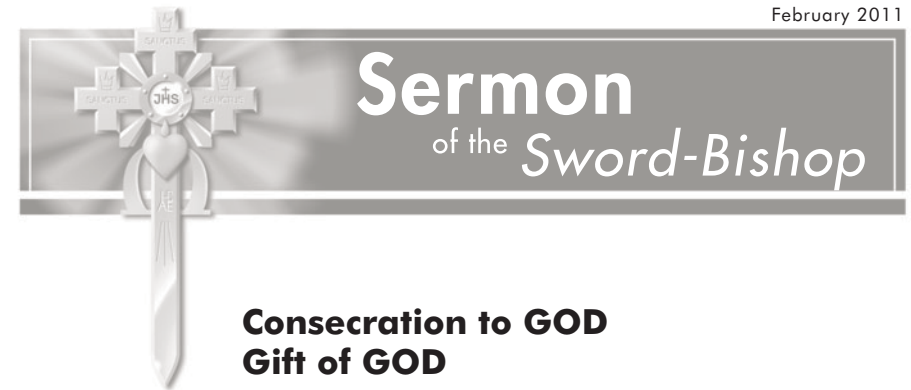
Even though both of the newlyweds are not aware of it, the SAVIOUR takes both by the hand and says: „Come, My bride!“ And there is great joy, also in the Holy Family. If I may give you one word of advice: strive to have an intimate relationship with Mary and Joseph if you want to become acquainted with your Bridegroom. They can guide and lead you like no other so that you will be a joy to the SAVIOUR. And since I am His personal Instrument, I, too, will do whatever I can. Amen!



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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,  
the + FATHER and the + SON  
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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# Sermon

of the *Sword-Bishop*

## Consecration to GOD Gift of GOD

Beloved in GOD! Today we are celebrating a wedding of a special kind. Two girls marry their divine Bridegroom, the SAVIOUR. A solemn occasion which we want to celebrate.

People today who live outside in the world hardly understand that young, healthy, cheerful people consecrate themselves to GOD, give their lives to GOD, either as a priest or as a member of an order. Many would be afraid and concerned to go into a convent or monastery out of fear of finding themselves deprived of their freedom or pleasures. My beloved, I see our sisters laugh more often and be more cheerful and happier than most of the young women outside in the world.

In the Gospel it says: „The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.“ (Matt 13,44) – Those who dedicate themselves to GOD have found a treasure hidden from the world according to the Gospel, a treasure worth leaving everything for which has so far been dear to their hearts, be it a home, father, mother, siblings, friends and many other things.

„Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.“ (Matt 13,45f) – This one pearl of great value is JESUS CHRIST Himself.

„Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.“ (Matt 13,47f)

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It is often said that only those go into a convent or monastery who do not find a husband or a wife in the world, who have had some gravely disappointing experiences or because they are unable to cope in the world and now are running away from it. – Oh no! It is as the Gospel says: only the good are chosen for GOD.

### **Would You Be Prepared?**

The way people are called to the religious state differs. When the Church was still all right, those who were called felt this divine calling mainly from childhood within them and consequently decided to be consecrated to GOD. But today while the Church is in most serious trouble, GOD will ask without pushing man's free will: „Would you be prepared?“ If man says 'yes', GOD will give him or her the fullness and joy of vocation. GOD often gives signs through which He shows or gives to understand whom He has chosen.

### **Spiritual Struggling**

Saying 'yes' is often followed by a spiritual struggle. Because at first the evil spirit will dispute man's right to his vocation. But also their own selves of those who are called will resist and sometimes even relatives and friends are prepared to dispute their right to be consecrated to GOD. Dedication to GOD will teach him to resist temptation. If the consecrated person remains faithful to his vocation he will gradually become a mirror of GOD, a prism between GOD and men. The consecrated person will become a mediator between GOD and men. For it is said: „You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.“ (John 15,16)

### **Incomprehensible Gift of GOD**

From a mystical point of view, the consecration to GOD is an incomprehensible gift of GOD. Because the SAVIOUR actually says to the religious sister: „My Bride!“ And one thing is certain: this Bridegroom will never let her down – will never become unfaithful to her – will always look upon her with love. Do you think that GOD is inferior to a human being? Though I see it mystically, I cannot put into words what joy, what great anticipation is in

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Heaven when a person consecrates himself to GOD. What joy it is for the Guardian Angel if a human being says: „I want to consecrate myself to GOD! I want to marry the SAVIOUR.“ Consider: a human being marries GOD. This is possible only because GOD has also become man at the same time.

### **Ridiculed and Mocked by the World**

The world ridicules and looks down upon the chaste life in the consecration to GOD. Yes indeed, it is a sacrifice. But GOD once showed me what those who renounce marriage in order to consecrate themselves to GOD will receive in Heaven. Then the mockers will also say as it is written in the Book of Wisdom of Solomon: „This was he, whom we had sometimes in derision, and a proverb of reproach: We fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour: How is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints! Therefore have we erred from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness has not shone unto us, and the sun of righteousness rose not upon us. We wearied ourselves in the way of wickedness and destruction: yes, we have gone through deserts, where there lay no way: but as for the way of the Lord, we have not known it. What has pride profited us? Or what good has riches with our vaunting brought us? ... But the righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High. Therefore shall they receive a glorious kingdom, and a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand: for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them.“ (Wisdom of Solomon 5,4ff)

### **Each According to His Station**

Of course, we also need people who are living in the world according to their profession and station. Each one should be in the place where GOD puts him. It is like the clockwork in a mechanical clock: every little wheel has its place and task. What if the little wheel abandons its place and says: „I want to be the flywheel!“? The clock would be useless. In today's world, however, we need isles of dedication to GOD. In a world in which everyone creates their own religion to their liking, we need people who practise religion as it pleases GOD.

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