



Consecrated Life at Hope's Garden

Motto: Christ's love makes all things new.
Amor Christi Facit Omnia Nova

At any level of commitment, if a member is married or divorced/annulled with children then their family is their primary vocation and first responsibility. All members are expected to be Catholics in good standing and faithful to the teaching Magisterium of the Church. Our families are our primary vocation and priority. Our charism is to live as Brides of Christ. We are committed to following St. John Paul II's instruction to make our lives a new and original edition of the divine love poem, The Song of Songs. Spousal prayer and a dependence on Christ as our Spouse and the head of our households is at the heart of our consecrated life.

Three Forms of Consecrated Life: Consecration, Betrothal, Spiritual Marriage

Form 1: Consecration to Christ the Bridegroom

1. A person making this consecration does not need to be a member of Hope's Garden or the Sisterhood of Mary Mystical Rose of God.
2. The preparation for making this consecration is the readings and novena in the book.
https://www.amazon.com/Consecration-Christ-Bridegroom-Enthroning-Heart/dp/B08M83X92W/ref=sr_1_1?crid=FO06YFY4QSPQ&keywords=consecration+to+christ+the+bridegroom&qid=1693761341&srefix=consecration+to+christ+the+bridegroom%2Caps%2C133&sr=8-1
3. Consecration to Christ the Bridegroom is a personal, private, act of devotion similar to making a consecration to the Blessed Mother or St. Joseph.
4. Hope's Garden does offer resources for those who have made the act of consecration and want to learn more about Christ the Bridegroom and His spousal love including the Prayer of the Hours with the Bridegroom book, the Hope's Garden Prayer Book, the Brides of Christ Heart-Led Study of The Song of Songs, The Bridegroom Speaks podcast, Hope's Garden YouTube channel, and the women and men's Mighty Networks communities.

Form 2: Betrothal Promise to Christ the Bridegroom

1. Women may be married or single
2. If married their spouse must give his consent
3. Must have made the Consecration to the Bridegroom
4. Must be a member of the Hope's Garden Community and the Sisterhood of Mary Mystical Rose of God (see attached Sisterhood Commitments:
<https://hopesgarden.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Sisterhood-Commitments.pdf>)
5. Must participate in or have completed the Brides of Christ Song of Songs study
6. Year long commitment
7. Rule of Life: Daily Hope's Garden Prayers (see attached prayers); continued participation in spiritual formation at Hope's Garden; spiritual direction/mentoring; working for the mission of Hope's Garden

Form 3: Perpetual Vow of Spiritual Marriage

1. Must be single, (any previous marriages must be annulled), or widowed, and have no canonical obstacles
2. Must have fulfilled levels 1&2 with at least 1 year discernment between Level 2&3



3. Discernment of candidates by vowed members and discretion of the foundress
4. Perpetual private vows:
 - Vow to be obedient to your Spouse, Christ the Bridegroom, the Magisterium of the Holy Church, and the Rule of Life of the Sisterhood of Mary Mystical Rose of God
 - Vow to live a life of material simplicity
 - Vow to live chastely according to your state in life from this day forward
5. Rule of Life: Daily spousal prayer; Daily Hope's Garden Prayers; One weekly community Rosary; Yearly Retreat; Commitment to Sisterhood of Mary Mystical Rose of God; Continued participation in spiritual formation opportunities at Hope's Garden; Spiritual direction/mentoring

Non-obligatory spiritual practices for all levels: Daily Prayer of the Hours with the Bridegroom; Liturgy of the Hours; Daily Mass; Monthly Confession

Hope's Garden Daily Prayers:

My Beloved Bridegroom,
 Thank You for the gift of Your Love
 and for inviting me to oneness with You
 in a spousal relationship.
 Today I make a free, total, and faithful
 gift of myself to You as Your bride.
 May God grant that by the help of His grace,
 our love will continually bloom in fruitfulness.
 May I grow in love of You, love of myself, love
 of others, and in my understanding of spousal love.
 I promise to honor and protect
 God's precious gift of my dignity
 as His beloved daughter and Your pure bride.
 I promise to be faithful to You, and to
 open myself to graciously and gratefully
 receive Your love.
 Amen.

O Mary, Mother of the Bridegroom,
 Teach me to love your Son with purity and trust,
 selflessness and devotion.
 Open the eyes of my heart that I might recognize the Bridegroom
 and all His blessings, His kisses from Heaven.
 O Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit,
 Be my model of chaste spousal love, obedience,
 and fearless trust in the will of God.
 May I learn from you, the handmaid of the Lord,
 to truly say to my beloved Bridegroom,
 "Yes, let it be done unto me according to Your word."
 O Mary, Mystical Rose of God,
 May I make a living gift of myself
 to Christ the Bridegroom and receive His gift of Self
 through you from whom He came
 in all Truth and Fullness. Amen.



Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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**The sanctuary in which the spousal love
of Christ the Bridegroom heals hearts,
marriages and families.**