

“The Presentation of Baby Jesus in the Temple”...

FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO – *LUKE* –:

“[T]hey took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,’ and to offer in sacrifice ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons,’ in accordance with the dictate of the law of the Lord.” (Luke 2:22-24)¹

MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERY:

Lord, what do You want me to do? Through which door of the sacred temple must I enter in order to present my life? Through the door of religious life or through the door of marriage? (cf. *SLC*, p. 193)

FROM THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

- In regards to the calling to religious life or married life, and their differing theological value, the Second Vatican Council says: “[Seminarians] ought rightly to acknowledge the duties and dignity of Christian matrimony, which is a sign of the love between Christ and the Church [cf. Eph 5:22-23]. Let them recognize, however, the [superiority] of [the gift] of virginity consecrated to Christ, so that with a maturely deliberate and generous choice they may consecrate themselves to the Lord by a complete gift of body and soul.”

(VATICAN COUNCIL II, Decree *Optatam Totius*, 28 October 1965, n.10)

¹ NABRE (USCCB)

FREE AND PERSONAL MEDITATION

(for a personal contribution to give to those who listen) :

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Then follows ...

1 Our Father ...
5 Hail Mary ...
1 Glory be to the Father ... (Sung)

- Praised be,,,
- O my Jesus, forgive us...
- Mary, Queen of Peace ...

- Then, a quick song relevant to the mystery / or one sings : “ Aveeeee, Aveeeee, Ave Maria”

Then one goes on to the next Mystery which (like this one) if possible must not take more than 5-7 minutes ...