

The Marian Consecration for Little Souls Retreat is Simple and Flexible!

The BB Book is separated into 9 MC Times (Marian Consecration Time). Download the free step by step retreat guide at www.FrGandBB.com.

Each MC Time features a conversation between Fr. G and BB.

At the end of each MC Time, there are “It’s your turn Little Souls” questions.

You decide when to schedule each MC Time. MC Time 9 includes the “Marian Consecration for Little Souls” prayer and a list of Marian Feast days.

Fr. G also teaches BB how to set up a Secret Place and how to spend time with God.

The MC Retreat can be experienced individually, in families or groups; Sunday school, summer camps etc. Ideal for Advent and Lent; May, August and October.

Our Lady recruited Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia when they were 6, 8 and 9 years old; St. Bernadette was 13!

Fr. G and BB extend a special invitation to all priests to offer MC for Little Souls to their flocks.

Declaration:

In obedience to the decrees of the Holy See, we submit everything we have written here to the judgment of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

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THE SECRET PLACE

I'm excited to be one of Mary's Little Souls, Fr. G!
The adventure is just beginning, BB.

Really, Fr. G?

Yes, BB. Now you can set up your Secret Place.

Wowee! What's a Secret Place?

A place to meet God with Mother Mary by your side. Jesus taught Little Souls, "... whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (Mt 6:6)

Rewards, Fr. G? I love rewards!

God our Father, blesses us with many gifts, BB.

Praying, or having a conversation with God, as I like to call it, is a special time for Little Souls each day.

That sounds magnificent, Fr. G.

I agree, BB.

So when we meet with God, we speak to Him and He speaks to us, right?

Exactly. Jeremiah 33:3... God's phone number. "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."

Super cool, Fr. G!

Totally, BB. Now you need to create a Secret Place in your room.

You're so funny, Fr. G. You know I don't have a room; I have the whole sky! I'm going to search for a big tree with a hole in it, just for me!

Wonderful. Then you can decorate your Secret Place.

I can... with what?

Remember the song you taught me, BB?

The Holy Water song?

Yes, start with holy water so you can begin your time with God by making the sign of the cross.

That makes sense. I can sing my song too!

I think you're getting the hang of it. Of course, every Secret Place would not be complete without the Bible... your basic instructions before leaving earth.

B-I-B-L-E, Fr. G!

Pictures or statues of Jesus, Mother Mary and the saints; maybe your patron saint are good additions.

Guess who my patron saint is, Fr. G?

St. Francis of Assisi?

Nope. St. Philip Neri, the patron saint of joy! God gave him a really big heart. Once, he was kneeling on a table in St. Peter's church, and guess what?

What, BB?

His heart beat so strong, the table began to shake!

Wow, that's amazing. And speaking of furniture, don't forget a prayer rug or pillow for your Secret Place.

Yippee!

Make sure you have your rosary, and perhaps a blessed candle; battery operated of course, especially in a tree!

Righty O, Fr. G!

Other notables are the Catechism, books on prayer, the Saints, and a pen.

A pen?

Yes, for your Secret Place journal to write down the “great and hidden” things we spoke about earlier.

Right! God’s phone number... Jeremiah 33:3.

One last thing for now; remember to, “set your mind on things that are above,...” (Col 3:2a)

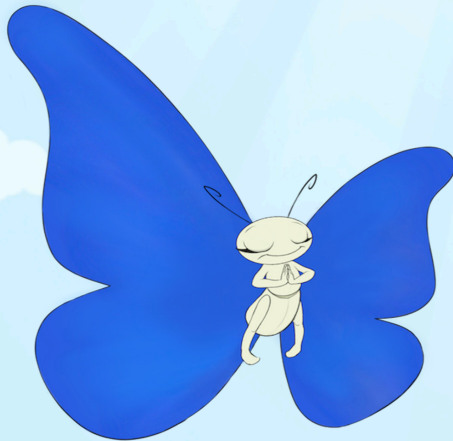
Where I can fly?

Much higher, BB. Heavenly “things above” where Jesus, Mary, the angels and saints live.

You’re the best! Thank you God for priests! Thank you God for Fr. G!

Pray for me as I pray for you, BB.

Adding you to my list for when I’m in my Secret Place!





HOW TO SPEND TIME WITH GOD

Looks like you've set up a super special Secret Place, BB.

Thanks for all your help, Fr. G. I love my Secret Place!

Can I give you some tips on how to spend time with God?

Sure.

Begin with the sign of the cross. Imagine Jesus knocking on the door of your heart and saying, "Listen! I am standing at the door knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me." (Rev 3:20)

Now, I sing my Holy Water song?

Excellent, BB. Beginning with a thankful heart for Jesus taking away the sins of the world, including our own, is a beautiful and humble way to enter into prayer.

What next?

Greet your guardian angel; God has commanded His angels to guard us.

Right, Fr. G.

And just like the Angel of Portugal taught Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia, you can pray, “My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love You! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust and do not love You.”

Awesome, Fr. G!

Invite your patron saint, Philip Neri, and thank him for his prayers to help you get to heaven.

Joy! Joy! Joy! Shake! Shake! Shake!

Yes, BB. He had a big heart of love, just like you.

Ah... thanks, Fr. G.

Next, you can pray the Marian Consecration for Little Souls prayer.

Great idea! Then, I'll always remember to give everything to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the greater glory of God!

Wonderful, BB. Now, you may be inspired to sing and praise God.

God loves me... God loves me!

Right on, BB, your favorite song from *Dave and the Waves*. Okay, it's time to listen to God.

How do I do that?

Imitate little Samuel. God called him, and Samuel replied, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sam 3:10) One of the best ways to listen to God is to open up the Bible.

Basic instructions before leaving earth!

Exactly. The Bible is God's love letter to Little Souls. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you ponder His words in your heart like Mother Mary did.

Where do I start?

Find out what the scriptures are for Sunday Mass and read them in your Bible. This will help you prepare and listen to God. On Sundays, there are readings from the Old and New Testaments, the Gospels, and the Psalms.

Makes sense, Fr. G.

Ready to learn a little more Latin?

Sure. I still remember you teaching me that St. John Paul II's motto was "Totus Tuus"... all yours in Latin, right?

Great memory, BB. So here's a new one; "Lectio Divina." This is what the Order of St. Benedict practiced.

Wowee! What does that mean?

"Divine Reading." The Benedictines did not just read the Bible as information, but considered it a Living Word.

Cool, Fr. G!

Yes. They would listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to them in the silence of their hearts.

Oh, I see.

In this way, communion with God was the goal.

Super cool, Fr. G!

Lectio Divina also involves speaking to God. As St. Josemaria Escriva has put it, "This is the only way to get to know Jesus: speak to him. You will always find in him a Father, a Friend, an Adviser, a Helper in all the noble deeds of your everyday life."

Father, friend, adviser and helper everyday?

Yes, BB, everyday of your life. As I said, praying is a dialogue with God. The dialogue springing forth from the Living Word you have read. This will lead you to the last part of "Divine Reading."

There's more, Fr. G?

With God, there's always more, BB. Now, you ponder what God has revealed to you through His Living Word and how it applies to your life. You will probably find yourself filling up your Secret Place journal in no time.

This is a wonderful way for Little Souls to get to know God and find out His mission for them.

I have no doubt that Mother Mary and the Apostles would agree with you. St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless until they find rest in God." So, BB, this leads me to two more tips to close your prayer time.

I'm all antennas, Fr. G.

Funny, BB. Okay, "...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Mt 6:20a, 21)

Treasure?

Yes, BB. Jesus, in His famous Sermon on the Mount, taught His disciples to be merciful. One way of living that out is to pray for others. Remember that prayer list you added me to?

I do, Fr. G.

Good. Pray for all those on your list, plus any other intentions the Holy Spirit may bring to mind. Second, ask St. Michael the Archangel to protect you this day in battle, and put the full armor of

God on too.

St. Michael prayer... got ya! Armor of God?

Look it up BB - the book of Ephesians, chapter 6, beginning in verse 10.

Will do. Spending time with God in my new Secret Place is going to be awesome! Thank you, Fr. G for teaching me.

Little Souls knowing and loving God. Ripples, BB... ripples!

Yippee, Fr. G!

God loves me!

He has a plan for me!!

Mary will help me!!!



**PRAYER TO
SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

**St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.**

**Be our defense against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,**

**O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**