

# The Way of Consolation

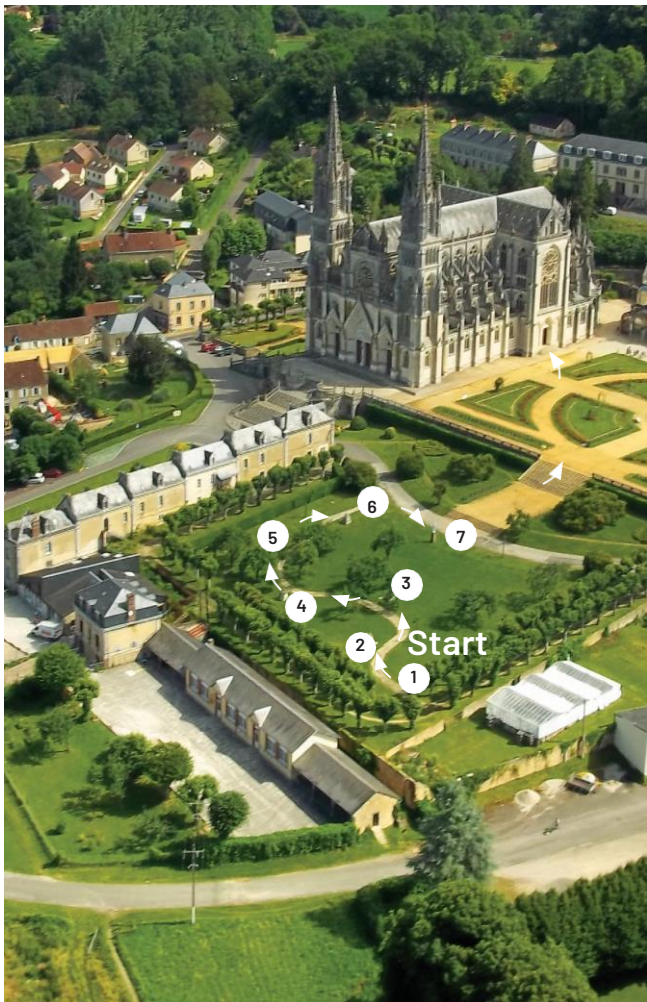
For children deceased before birth



Shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon - View of the basilica from the Way of Consolation.



**This prayer course came about as a joint project between the French Pro-Life association "Fraternité Mère de Miséricorde" (Mother of Mercy) and the shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon.**





### Useful information

At each Station, go through the Gospel reading displayed on the board, then follow with the meditation proposed hereunder, and a moment of silence and contemplation.

Gospel board

The Way of Consolation addresses people faced with the loss of the child they conceived and who did not get to live, whatever the reasons may be (ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, medically terminated pregnancy, still born babies, etc.).

It seeks to help parents and relatives to open up to Divine Mercy so as to receive inner peace, healing and solace from the love of Jesus the Redeemer.

Through acknowledging the existence of that very child, by giving him, or her, a name

Through looking into actually forgiving (oneself, others) and making eventual appropriate steps

Through opening up to consolation and hope, with the assurance that God neither allows death nor our regretted faults to prevail

Through giving thanks and praising God for all that his or her short existence helped accomplish

# 1<sup>st</sup> Station

## The Resurrection

### Meditating the Gospel reading

These two grieving women were not expecting anything special from their visit to the tomb; apart from paying a last tribute to the one they had loved so. Yet, without their knowing, God had already upset the course of things: the one they are seeking was no more among the dead. He precedes them elsewhere...

**"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?"**

Luke 24, 5

### To support your meditation

O you, who pass by,  
contemplate around you,  
listen up, and ponder.

Maybe, among your  
relatives...

Or in your own life, a child  
passed to God prior to  
birth?

He awaits you...

Towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> Station:

**"Hail Mary,..."**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Station

# Peter and John at the tomb

### Meditating the Gospel reading

Peter and John on their way to the tomb remain sceptic, for they had seen their Lord dead and buried. How could things be different now?

The tomb was only but a place of absence, privation, and emptiness. Yet, this very absence heralds that death did not prevail.

John did not see, but he already believed.

**" When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there (...) Then the other disciple also went in (...)he saw and believed (...)"**

John 20, 6-8

### To support your meditation

No doubt that this place has something to tell you about the love of God.

Reach out, deep down, to where your little one has been hidden for so long...

You shall find your love for him, undamaged.

Towards the 3<sup>rd</sup> Station:

**"Hail Mary, ..."**

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Station

## Jesus appears to Maria Magdalene

### Meditating the Gospel reading

Maria Magdalene stood at the tomb, heartbroken. Overcome by grief, oblivious to all. Even to that little voice echoing deep in her heart.

Yet, when Jesus called her name, she roused to hope.

She was the first one to see him Risen.

**"Woman, why are  
you weeping? Who  
are you looking  
for?"** John 20, 15

### To support your meditation

Never could you have  
imagine grieving so!

For others, the child did not  
even exist!

Yet, you know better, and  
you still shed tears over him.  
What if he was alive, with God,  
and could, little by little,  
comfort you?

Towards the 4<sup>th</sup> Station:

**"Hail Mary, ..."**



# 4<sup>th</sup> Station

## On the road to Emmaus

### **Meditating the Gospel reading**

He walked with them, spoke to them, partook in their concerns and burden. Yet, they remained unaware.

They did not realize that this man crossing their path was the answer to their suffering.

For, without precipitation, listening to them, inspiring them, he soothed their grief. They will only recognize him, further on.

### **To support your meditation**

The child exists, he is alive somewhere, you know it.

He is living, in the heart of God.

In God, he trusts, hopes and prays for you.

**"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."**

Luke 24,15-16

Towards the 5<sup>th</sup> Station:

**"Hail Mary, ..."**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Station

# Jesus appears in the Upper Room

### Meditating the Gospel reading

No matter the origin of the testimony, Thomas remained in disbelief. He sought a solid sign, something tangible, a real proof.

Jesus responded and conceded it.

No reproaching, no comment as to Thomas' behaviour: Jesus simply unlocks Thomas' heart to joy and peace, by yielding to his request.

### To support your meditation

Ease your pain, for the one you love makes no reproach.

Ease your pain, for he comes and visits you subtly.

Pacify, and move ahead

**" Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you'."**

John 20, 19

Towards the 6<sup>th</sup> Station:

**"Hail Mary, ..."**

# 6<sup>th</sup> Station

## Jesus appears at the lake

### Meditating the Gospel reading

The Apostles resumed their usual life. However, fishing had become unproductive, and their toil, useless, for loneliness was back. Even though they had seen him risen.

Once again, Jesus appeared to them. Once again, they remained unaware of his presence, until he got them to bear abundant fruit. This was the sign that helped them realize that there he was, with them!

**"Lord, you know everything;  
you know that I love you."**

John 21, 17

### To support your meditation

Hope will not totally remove your sorrow.

Yet, it will help you take regularly away part of the veil that covers you.

So as to be able to contemplate him, whom you will come to meet again, in and with God.

Towards the 7<sup>th</sup> Station:

**"Hail Mary, ..."**

# 7<sup>th</sup> Station

## At the feet of Jesus the Redeemer

### Meditating the Gospel reading

Après l'Ascension, Jésus n'apparaît plus directement à ses apôtres. Mais sa promesse les accompagne : il est avec eux, rien ne pourra jamais les séparer de son amour.

C'est le temps de la mission : ils sont envoyés pour témoigner à tous les hommes l'espérance qui les habite : la mort n'a pas le dernier mot, le Christ nous invite à la Vie.

**" And behold, I am with you  
always, until the end of the  
age."**

Matthew 28, 20

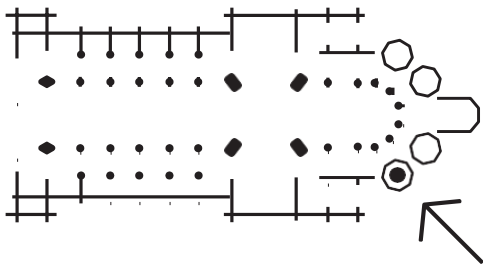
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By the dominion of your love and resurrection, Jesus Redeemer, may this way of consolation become a way of resurrection.

May it bear much fruit, for me and mine.

To conclude the course, you may want to go and pay a visit to the chapel devoted to the unborn and/or deceased babies ("Chapelle des tout-petits défunts") within the basilica, beside the main altar of Our Lady of Montligeon - Our Lady of Deliverance.

(cf inside map below)



**You might like to :**



Light a candle in memory of your child



Meet a priest



Give your child a name and enrol him in the spiritual Fraternity of Montligeon



or a nun for a listening ear

# About the "Fraternité Mère de Miséricorde"

The mission of the "Fraternité Mère de miséricorde" (Mother of Mercy Fraternity) is to pacify and console people grieving over giving or not birth after conceiving, or deceased babies.

With total respect for the life experience of the callers, the trained volunteers offer benevolent and anonymous counselling to people who consider abortion.

**Hotline 7 / 7**

**from 9 am to 10 pm.**

**Tel. + 33 (0)6 77 20 55 72**



# Enrol your loved ones in the spiritual Fraternity of Our Lady of Montligeon

## Perpetual Mass

Enrolling someone in the Fraternity of Our Lady of Montligeon ensures her or him with daily perpetual mass and prayers offered on a daily basis at the shrine, throughout the year.

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When offered for people who have passed away, perpetual mass is a way to demonstrate them.

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When offered for people still living, it represents a spiritual gift, which lasts forever, even after their passing away.

## Online enrolling:

[www.montligeon.org](http://www.montligeon.org)

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