Summary

Most often consecration is associated solely with living within the walls of a monastery and we still find it hard to believe that there are lay people who are consecrated and that - though it is of no great importance - we address them daily as Mr./Mrs., and not brother or sister. A doubt may occasionally arise whether it is the same consecration or something that only resembles it. To cast aside these doubts the author tries to look at an issue of consecration considering such kinds of living as consecrated virginity and lay institutes.