

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Prayers, Practices & Promises



“Because I want My whole Church to recognize that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that later on My Church will place devotion to My Mother’s Immaculate Heart besides devotion to my Sacred Heart.”

... Jesus to Sister Lucy

Includes Enthronement Ceremony

Basis for Devotion to The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Many Popes recommend this devotion to us:

Pope Pius XII — “Those Heavenly blessings which devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus pours into the souls of the Faithful, purifying them, refreshing them with Heavenly consolation and urging them to acquire all virtues, cannot be counted.”

Pope Pius XII — “The Church has always held devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in such regard and continues to esteem it so greatly that She strives to have this devotion flourish throughout the world and to promote it in every way.”

Pope Leo XIII — called devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus a “most excellent form of religion ... “This devotion which we recommend to all will be profitable to all.”

Pope Leo XIII — “In the Sacred Heart there is the symbol and the express image of the Infinite Love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return.”

Pope Pius XII — “His Heart is the natural sign and symbol of His boundless love for the human race.”

Pope St. Gregory the Great — (†604 AD) said, “Learn of the Heart of God in the words of God so that you may ardently long for eternal things.”

Pope St. Pius X — recommended this devotion, as did Pope Pius XI and Blessed Pope Pius IX.

Many Saints recommend this devotion to us:

The example of the saints is at the same time a powerful motive to urge us to the practice of a devotion which they, themselves, practiced. Their example is a reliable guide to show us how to practice it.

Space does not allow us to note all the saints who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart; who lived it and felt its Sacred impulse to love Jesus more ardently. Let us recall the doctrine and example of the saints.

St. Gertrude the Great — (1256-1302) composed this prayer exemplifying her love: “I salute Thee O Sacred Heart of Jesus, living and vivifying source of eternal life, Infinite Treasury of the Divinity, Ardent Furnace of Divine Love...”

St. Catherine of Siena — loved this devotion (to the Sacred Heart of Jesus) to an extraordinary degree; she made an entire donation of her heart to her Divine Spouse and she obtained the Heart of Jesus in exchange.

St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Bonaventure, St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, St. Philip Neri, St. Francis de Sales, St. Aloysius Gonzaga — those who have read the lives and works of the saints will be able to see the tender devotion, admiration and adoration these saints had for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

But above all, let us remember the life and the revelations of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque at Paray-Le-Monial. She received, among other things, the following 12 Promises from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (*See next page.*)

Regarding the basis for devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, see page 17 of this booklet and following.

The 12 Promises of Jesus to the Families Who Honor His Sacred Heart

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will bless every house in which the picture of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
4. I will console them in all their difficulties.
5. I will be their refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
6. I will shed abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
7. Sinners shall find in My Heart a fountain and boundless ocean of mercy.
8. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
9. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the hardest hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all who communicate on the first Friday of the month for nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My displeasure nor without their sacraments: My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Home Enthronement of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Enthronement is a crusade to establish the Social Reign of the Sacred Heart in society through the family, the social cell. It is based on Our Lord's statement to St. Margaret Mary: ***"I will reign through My Heart!"***

It is an organized campaign to restore Christ to the family and the family to Christ. It is the answer to the question: ***"What can we do to save the family?"***

How Does the Enthronement Restore Christ to the Family?

The Enthronement begins with a beautiful and impressive ceremony. In the home itself, in the presence of the priest, who presides at the ceremony, the family publicly and solemnly acknowledges that Christ is the King and loving Master of its home. This is done by having the head of the family install a picture or statue of the Sacred Heart in the place of honor, in the principal room of the home, as on a throne — hence the word *"Enthronement."* After this solemn acknowledgment of the sovereign rights of Christ the King over the family, the members consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart. Thereby they pledge themselves to live as though

the Sacred Heart were actually dwelling in their midst as He did at Nazareth, treating Him as an intimate member of the family, as a Friend and Brother.

Is This All There Is to the Enthronement?

No, the ceremony is only the beginning of a new life, a life of love; of loving obedience to all the commandments of Christ and the Church; a life of prayer: especially of family prayers before the image of the Enthroned King, evening prayers and Rosary in common; a Eucharistic life: of frequent and even daily Mass and Communion, thereby linking up the sanctuary of the Church and the sanctuary of the home; finally a life of Christian penance, especially by refusing to give in to pagan customs and ideas which are slowly destroying the Christian home, and by making reparation for the terrible crimes of divorce, birth control and sensuality.

Why Will the Enthronement Restore the Family to Christ?

Because in the Enthronement the family is putting Our Lord and His interests first. In return the Sacred Heart takes over the interests of the family. Our Lord Himself has promised that He will bless and sanctify those families who Enthroned Him as King. He asked Saint Margaret Mary, to whom He revealed His Sacred Heart, that He be allowed to reign over the homes of the rich and the poor; that He be solemnly received as King and Friend, and that His Sacred Heart be honored and loved. ***“I will establish peace in their homes: I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life: I will comfort them in all their afflictions; I will bless all their undertakings.”*** Hence we may safely say that this is the means Our Lord Himself has selected to restore His sovereign rights over the family, and through the family, over society itself.

Has This Work Been Approved?

Yes, first by the Sacred Heart Himself, as evidenced by the countless conversions, both of individuals and families, where the Sacred Heart has been Enthroned: secondly, by four popes of the 20th Century: St. Pius X called it ***“a work of social salvation”*** Benedict XV wrote to Father Mateo, its founder: ***“Nothing is more opportune than your undertaking.”*** Pius XI blessed this work many times both publicly and privately, and Pius XII wrote to Father Mateo praising him for his work and encouraging him to continue the work of ***“the Enthronement, which is so well suited to foster the reign of love and mercy of the Sacred Heart in the family.”***

What Must I Do to Enthroned the Sacred Heart in My Home?

1. Learn what it is and how important it is.
2. It is important to have a priest preside over the ceremony, but it is not essential, to gain the indulgences. For serious reasons, the father or

- someone else may preside and lead the prayers.
3. If possible have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered that morning for the reign of the Sacred Heart in your home, and as an act of love and reparation to the Sacred Heart. The entire family should try to receive Communion at this Mass, or at another Mass.
 4. Obtain as beautiful a picture or statue of the Sacred Heart as possible. If you already have a picture, use that one.
 5. Below the place of honor reserved for the statue or picture, prepare a “throne” or “altar,” that is to say, a table (or perhaps the mantelpiece) covered with a white cloth, beautifully decorated with flowers and candles. The picture or statue and holy water should be placed on a small table near the “throne” before the ceremony.
 6. Invite your relatives and friends to be present, thus you will already begin to be an “apostle of the Sacred Heart.” Have a family party after the ceremony, with a special treat for the children, who, of course, should be present at the ceremony, even the smallest.
 7. Make this day one of the outstanding events of the family life — one long to be remembered. The greater the solemnity, the better.

Note: There is no more appropriate way for a young couple to begin their married life, than to enthrone the Sacred Heart in their new home.

Enthronement Preparation

A day is chosen for the Enthronement ceremony which has a special signification for the family (a marriage anniversary, for example), or an appropriate liturgical feast day, or a day on which a priest can be present, when possible.

The better and more serious the preparation for the Enthronement, the greater will be the blessings on the family coming from this event. This preparation can be extended over three days (a triduum), or over nine days (a novena). It could consist of recitation of the litany of the Sacred Heart, *along with the following preparatory prayer:*

Prayer

O Divine Heart of Jesus,/ come dwell among us,/ for we love Thee./ Visit our home/ as once Thou didst come/ to Thy friends at Cana,/ Bethany,/ and the home of Zachaeus, the publican. We wish to place our family/ under Thy care,/ and bring it into intimate union/ with Thee,/ O Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thou art our most faithful Friend. No one has ever loved us/ as Thou hast done. And we wish to love Thee/ for those who do not love Thee,/ as Thou art our God and Savior. Thou art also our Lord and King. Since so many scorn/ Thy kingly might,/ we desire to call it down/ upon our family. Take Thou possession/ of this hearth,/ where we shall reserve/ a throne as a place of honor for Thee.

Grant that the day of Enthronement be/ both for our family, and for Thee,/ a day of great joy/ and the beginning of our life/ truly in submission/ and intimate union with Thee. All our thoughts and actions must be/ in harmony with Thy Sacred Law. We wish to cast aside/ our disordered self-love/ and to love our neighbor/ as Thou hast loved us,/ and dost continue to love us.

Living in a world/ which has for the most part become/ once again pagan,/ and no longer knows Thee,/ O Divine Heart of Jesus,/ we ask of Thy gracious presence/ the charity of the first Christians,/ of the Apostles,/ and of the Martyrs. Grant that by this household,/ which seeks to belong/ to Thee completely,/ other families may embrace Thy charity/ and that thus from family to family/ the entire globe may submit to Thy Royalty.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,/ perfect model of fidelity to Our Lord/ and of union with Him,/ extend and strengthen,/ within our hearts and our families/ the reign of charity, the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(Leader) Lord, have mercy on us.

(All) Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

* Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the World, *

God the Holy Ghost, *

Holy Trinity, One God, *

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, *

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother, *

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God, *

Heart of Jesus, of Infinite Majesty, *

Heart of Jesus, Holy Temple of God, *

Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High, *

Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven, *

Heart of Jesus, burning Furnace of Charity, *

Heart of Jesus, Vessel of justice and love, *

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, *

Heart of Jesus, Abyss of all virtues, *

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, *

Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts, *

Heart of Jesus, in Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, *

Heart of Jesus, in Whom dwelleth all the fullness of the divinity, *

Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father was well pleased, *

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received, *

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills, *

Heart of Jesus, patient and abounding in mercy, *

Heart of Jesus, rich unto all who call upon Thee, *

Heart of Jesus, Fountain of life and holiness, *

Heart of Jesus, Propitiation of our sins, *

Heart of Jesus, filled with reproaches, *

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses, *

Heart of Jesus, made obedient unto death, *

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance, *

Heart of Jesus, Source of all consolation, *

Heart of Jesus, our Life and Resurrection, *

Heart of Jesus, our Peace and Reconciliation, *

Heart of Jesus, Victim for our sins, *

Heart of Jesus, Salvation of those who hope in Thee, *

Heart of Jesus, Hope of those who die in Thee, *

Heart of Jesus, Delight of all the saints, *

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,

Make our hearts like unto Thy Heart.

(Leader) Let us Pray.

(All) Almighty and eternal God, consider the heart of Thy well beloved Son, and the praises and satisfaction He offers Thee in the name of sinners; appeased by worthy homage, pardon those who implore Thy mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee, world without end. Amen.

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Leader) Lord, have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

(All) Christ have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God,

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Have mercy on us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Holy Mary,

God, the Father of Heaven,

* Pray for us.

Have mercy on us.

Holy Mother of God, *

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Holy Virgin of Virgins *

Have mercy on us.

Mother of Christ *

God, the Holy Ghost,

Mother of Divine Grace, *

Mother Most Pure, *

Tower of David, *

Mother Most Chaste, *
Mother Inviolate, *
Mother undefiled, *
Mother Most Amiable, *
Mother Most Admirable, *
Mother of Good Counsel, *
Mother of Our Creator, *
Mother of our Savior, *
Mother of the Church, *
Virgin Most Prudent, *
Virgin Most Venerable, *
Virgin Most Renowned, *
Virgin Most Powerful, *
Virgin Most Merciful, *
Virgin Most Faithful, *
Mirror of Justice, *
Seat of Wisdom, *
Cause of our Joy, *
Spiritual Vessel, *
Vessel of Honor, *
Singular Vessel of Devotion, *
Mystical Rose, *

Tower of Ivory, *
House of Gold, *
Ark of the covenant, *
Gate of Heaven, *
Morning Star, *
Health of the Sick, *
Refuge of sinners, *
Comforter of the Afflicted, *
Help of Christians, *
Queen of Angels, *
Queen of Patriarchs, *
Queen of Prophets, *
Queen of Apostles, *
Queen of Martyrs, *
Queen of Confessors, *
Queen of Virgins, *
Queen of all Saints, *
Queen Conceived Without Original Sin, *
Queen Assumed into Heaven, *
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, *
Queen of Peace, *

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body and by the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enjoy eternal happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ceremony of Enthronement

It is, again, recommended to have Mass celebrated for the intentions of the family the day of the Enthronement, or at least to attend Mass as a Family and to receive Holy Communion (at least the Sunday before).

The place reserved for the image is set up as a small altar. The image of the Sacred Heart is prepared on another table covered in white with candles and flowers. A small bottle of holy water is also prepared.

Blessing of the House or Apartment (*ad libitum*)

At the set hour, parents, children, and friends assemble in the main room of the house for the ceremony. If the house is not yet blessed, the priest, in surplice and white stole, first blesses it.

V. *Adjutorium nostrum in Nomine Domini.*

R. *Qui fecit caelum et terram.*

V. *Dominus vobiscum.*

R. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

Oremus.

Bene+dic Domine, Deus omni- potens, domum istam; ut sit in ea sanitas, castitas, victoria, virtus, humilitas, bonitas, et mansuetudo, plenitudo legis, et gratiarum actio Deo Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto; et haec benedictio maneat semper super hanc domum et super habitantes in ea nunc et in omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who made Heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, bless this house. In it may there be health, chastity, victory over sin, strength, humility, goodness of heart and gentleness, full observance of Thy law and gratefulness to God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. And may this blessing remain upon this house and upon those who live here, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of the Images (Statues) of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart

When it is impossible to have a priest present, the images are blessed beforehand. The family kneels before the images. The priest, in surplice and white stole, begins by the blessing.

V. *Adjutorium nostrum in Nomine Domini.*

R. *Qui fecit caelum et terram.*

V. *Dominus vobiscum.*

R. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

Oremus.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui Sanctorum tuorum imagines sculpi aut pingi non reprobas, ut quoties illas oculis corporis intuemur, toties eorum actus et sanctitatem ad imitandum memoriae oculis meditemur, hanc quaesumus, imaginem (seu sculpturam) in honorem et memoriam Sacratissimi Cordis Unigeniti Filii tui

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who made Heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, Thou dost not forbid us to represent Thy saints in stone or paint, so that, as we often as we look upon their likenesses with the eyes of the body, we may with the eyes of the mind meditate upon their holiness and be led to imitate their deeds. In Thy kindness, we beg Thee to bless and sanctify and call to mind the Most Sacred Heart of

Domini nostri Jesu Christi, adaptam bene+dicere et sancti+ficare digneris; et praesta, ut quicumque coram illa Cor Sacratissimum Unigeniti Filii tui suppliciter colere et honorare studuerit, illius meritis et obtentu, a te gratiam in praesenti, et aeternam gloriam obtineat in futurum. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

these pictures (statues), meant to honor Thy only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, His Most Holy Mother. May all who in their presence humbly strive to serve and honor Thy only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, by Their merits and intercession gain from Thee grace in the present life and eternal glory in the life to come. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ultimo aspergat aqua benedicta.

Then the priest sprinkles the images with holy water.

Enthronement of the Images

Then the head of the family sets up the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a place of honor, in order to render homage to the Reign of the Love of Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary which is everywhere so unknown. Recitation of ‘The Creed’

After the blessing, in order to give explicit expression to the faith of the family, all recite the Apostles’ Creed out loud and standing.

I believe in God/ the Father Almighty,/ Creator of Heaven and earth,/ and in Jesus Christ/ His only Son,/ Our Lord/ Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,/ born of the Virgin Mary,/ suffered under Pontius Pilate,/ was crucified,/ died,/ and was buried. He descended into hell,/ the third day He rose again from the dead;/ He ascended into heaven/ and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,/ from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost,/ the Holy Catholic Church,/ the Communion of Saints,/ the forgiveness of sins,/ the resurrection of the body/ and life everlasting. Amen.

Address of the Priest

Everyone is seated while the priest addresses a few words to those present. He recalls:

- The signification of the Enthronement;
- The Christian life of obedience, confidence and love that the Sacred Hearts await from the families who have given Jesus and Mary this honor;
- The special and abundant blessings which are given to those families faithful to their promises to Jesus and Mary;
- The family’s promise to renew frequently its consecrations, especially during the evening prayers.

Act of Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This form was approved by St. Pius X on May 19, 1908 and is required as such to gain the indulgences. Thus, it cannot be modified. It is recited kneeling by both the priest and the family. If a priest is not present, it is led by the head of the household.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,/ Who didst make known to St. Margaret Mary/
Thine ardent desire to reign over Christian families,/ behold us assembled here
today/ to proclaim Thine absolute dominion/ over our home.

Henceforth we purpose/ to lead a life like unto Thine,/ so that amongst us
may flourish/ the virtues for which Thou didst promise peace on earth,/ and for
this end/ we will banish from our midst/ the spirit of the world/ which Thou dost
abhor so much.

Thou wilt reign over our understanding/ by the simplicity of our faith. Thou
wilt reign over our hearts/ by an ardent love for Thee;/ and may the flame of
this love/ be ever kept burning in our hearts/ by the frequent reception of the
Holy Eucharist.

Deign, O Divine Heart,/ to preside over our meetings,/ to bless our
undertakings, both spiritual and temporal,/ to banish all worry and care,/ to
sanctify our joys,/ and soothe our sorrows. If any of us should ever have/ the
misfortune to grieve/ Thy Sacred Heart, remind him of Thy goodness and
mercy/ towards the repentant sinner.

Lastly, when the hour of separation will sound,/ and death will plunge our
home into mourning,/ then shall we all,/ and every one of us,/ be resigned to
Thy eternal decrees,/ and seek consolation in the thought/ that we shall one day
be reunited in Heaven,/ where we shall sing the praises and blessings/ of Thy
Sacred Heart for all eternity.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary,/ and the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph,/ offer
Thee this our Consecration,/ and remind us of the same all the days of our life.

Glory to the Divine Heart of Jesus,/ our King and our Father.

Homage to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

*All stand, in order to thank the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the grace of
the Enthronement that Jesus has granted to the family, and to proclaim this
good Mother as the Queen of the home. Her image is installed next to that of
the Sacred Heart. All recite the "Hail Holy Queen."*

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to Thee do we send up our
sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious
advocate, Thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us
the blessed fruit of Thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Act of Consecration of the Family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,/ Mother of the Heart of Jesus,/ Mother and Queen of our household,/ that we may fulfill Thy ardent desire,/ we consecrate ourselves to Thee,/ and we beseech Thee to reign over our family. Reign over each one of us,/ and teach us how to make the Sacred Heart of Thy Divine Son/ reign and triumph in us and about us,/ as He has reigned and triumphed in Thee.

Reign over us, O Beloved Mother,/ so that we may be Thine both in prosperity and in adversity,/ in joy and in sorrow,/ in health and in sickness,/ in life and in death. O most compassionate Heart of Mary, Queen of Virgins,/ watch over our souls and our hearts/ and preserve them from the flood of pride,/ impurity,/ and paganism of which Thou hast complained so bitterly. We desire to do reparation/ for the numerous crimes committed/ against Jesus and Thee. We call upon our home,/ upon the homes of this country/ and upon those of the entire world,/ the peace of Christ in justice and charity.

Wherefore we promise/ to imitate Thy virtues,/ by a practical Christian life,/ and by frequent and fervent Holy Communion,/ regardless of human respect. We come with confidence to Thee,/ O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love;/ inflame us with the same divine fire/ which has inflamed Thine own Immaculate Heart. Kindle in our hearts and homes,/ the love of purity,/ an ardent zeal for souls,/ and desire for the holiness of family life. We accept now,/ all the sacrifices that the Christian life will impose on us/ and we offer them to the Heart of Jesus,/ by Thy Immaculate Heart,/ in a spirit of reparation and of penance. To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary/ be love, honor, and glory forever and ever! Amen.

Prayer for Absent and Dead Family Members

No one should be absent on this solemn occasion, therefore those who have died should be called to mind. Thus say one Our Father and one Hail Mary for these, and for those who are absent.

Our Father ... & Hail Mary ...

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. Sanctify, O Lord, those who devote themselves to Thy service.

R. And all those who place their hope in Thee.

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus For Children

If the children are present, they may recite the following prayer:

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,/ Heart of our best Friend and most lovable King/ Thou hast set up Thy throne in this house,/ in order to always live with us,/ say

to us those same words:/ “Let the little children come unto Me.”/ Behold us, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, kneeling at Thy feet/ and promising from now on/ to be as obedient and respectful as Thou wast to Thy holy Parents! at the little house at Nazareth,/ so that we may grow both in virtue and wisdom along with age. Most lovable Heart of Jesus,/ Thou wishest also to possess our hearts,/ for Thou hast said:/ “My child, give Me your heart.”/ Thou wishest to remain alone in our hearts,/ and We must console Thee by our love,/ for all those who do not know Thee or do not desire to love Thee. Most sweet Jesus, Divine Friend of children,/ receive our hearts,/ make them pure, holy and happy,/ Receive also our bodies, our souls,/ and all our strength. We consecrate ourselves to Thee! now and forever. Be Thou alone our King. All our thoughts, and our words,/ our actions, and our prayers,/ we consecrate to Thee,/ our Friend and our King.

All for Thee,/ O Sacred Heart of Jesus!

The children may recite a poem or sing a hymn in honor of the Sacred Heart.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The whole family recites the following prayer:

Glory be to Thee,/ O Sacred Heart of Jesus,/ for the infinite mercy/ Thou hast bestowed/ upon the privileged members of this family. Thou hast chosen it/ from thousands of others,/ as a recipient of Thy love/ and as a sanctuary of reparation/ wherein Thy most loving Heart/ shall find consolation for the ingratitude of men. How great, O Lord Jesus,/ is the confusion of this portion/ of Thy faithful flock! as we accept the unmerited honor/ of seeing Thee preside/ over our family. Silently we adore Thee,/ overjoyed to see Thee/ sharing under the same roof/ the toils, cares and joys/ of Thy innocent children. It is true we are not worthy/ that Thou shouldst enter our humble abode,/ but Thou hast already reassured us,/ when Thou didst reveal Thy Sacred Heart to us,/ teaching us to find in the wound of Thy Sacred Side/ the source of grace and life everlasting. In this loving and trusting spirit/ we give ourselves to Thee, Thou who art unchanging Life. Remain with us, Most Sacred Heart,/ for we feel an irresistible desire to love Thee and make Thee loved.

May our home be for Thee a haven/ as sweet as that of Bethany, where Thou canst find rest/ in the midst of loving friends,/ who like Mary have chosen the better part/ in the loving intimacy of Thy Heart.

May this home be for Thee,/ O beloved Savior,/ a humble but hospitable refuge,/ during the exile imposed on Thee by Thine enemies. Come, then Lord Jesus, come,/ for here as at Nazareth,/ we have a tender love for the Virgin Mary,/ Thy sweet Mother, whom Thou hast given us to be our Mother. Come, to fill with Thy sweet presence/ the vacancies which misfortune and death have wrought in our midst.

O most faithful Friend,/ hadst Thou been here in the midst of sorrow,/ our tears would have been less bitter:/ the comforting balm of peace/ would then have soothed these hidden wounds,/ which are known to Thee alone. Come, for even now

perhaps,/ there is drawing near for us the twilight of tribulation,/ and the decline of the passing days of our youth and our illusions. Stay with us, for already it is late,/ and a perverted world seeks to envelop us/ in the darkness of its denials/ while we wish to adhere to Thee/ who alone art the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Repeat for us those words Thou didst utter of old:/ “This day I must abide in this home” (Lk. 19:5).

Yes, dear Lord, / take up Thy abode with us,/ so that we may live/ in Thy love and in Thy presence,/ we who proclaim Thee as our King and wish no other. May Thy triumphant Heart, O Jesus,/ be forever loved,/ blessed,/ and glorified in this home. Thy Kingdom come! Amen!

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come! (Thrice) / Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! / St. Joseph, pray for us! / St. Pius X, pray for us! / St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pray for us! / St. Claude de la Columbiere, pray for us! / Long live the Sacred Heart of Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of the Priest

The priest blesses those present by the usual formula:

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super vos et maneat semper. Amen.

Both the priest and the family sign the Certificate of Enthronement. This great document is to be reserved with the other keepsakes of the family, or framed and hung near the Sacred Heart. (Ask for your copy from The Fatima Center.)

Renewal of the Family Consecrations

If possible, recite as a family each day the following small acts of consecration:

Renewal of the Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Sweet Savior,/ kneeling humbly at Thy feet,/ we renew the consecration of our family to Thy Divine Heart. Be forever our King;/ we have full and complete confidence in Thee. May Thy spirit fill our thoughts,/ our desires,/ our words, and our works. Bless our undertakings. Take part in our joys,/ our trials, and our labors. Grant to us to know Thee better,/ to love Thee more,/ and to serve Thee without fail. From one pole of the earth to the other may the cry resound: “Beloved, blessed, and glorified/ be everywhere and forever/ the Triumphant Heart of Jesus!” Amen.

Renewal of the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,/ Mother of the Heart of Jesus,/ Mother and Queen of our household,/ that we may fulfill Thy ardent desire,/ we consecrate ourselves to Thee,/ and we beseech Thee to reign over our family. Reign over each one of us,/ and teach us how and about us,/ as we wish to make the Sacred Heart of Thy Divine Son/ reign and triumph in us/ He has reigned and triumphed in Thee.

We come with confidence to Thee,/ O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love;/ inflame us with the same divine fire/ which has inflamed Thine own Immaculate Heart. Kindle in our hearts and homes,/ the love of purity,/ an ardent zeal for souls,/

and desire for the holiness of family life. We accept now,/ all the sacrifices that the Christian life will impose on us/ and we offer them to the Heart of Jesus,/ by Thy Immaculate Heart,/ in a spirit of reparation and of penance. To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary/ be love, honor, and glory forever and ever! Amen.

Parents! Pray Together with Your Children!

Suggested Devotional Practices

1. Frequent and even daily attendance at Mass by at least one member of the family, and Communion of Reparation.
2. Observance of the First Friday of each month. (Holy Mass, Communion of Reparation, renewal of act of consecration before enthroned image).
3. Daily family Rosary before the enthroned image of the Sacred Heart, with renewal of the act of consecration. (short form).
4. Celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart by the entire family; attendance at Mass, Communion for the extension of the Reign of the Sacred Heart through the Enthronement; family gathering and celebration at home, with renewal of Enthronement; special party for the children.
5. Observe the month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart; keep flowers before the “throne.” Mass and communion as often as possible.
6. Night adoration in the home. Any hour between 9:00 and 6:00, by any one or all the members of the family at least once a month.
7. Celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 22nd of August. Mass, Communion, and consecration of the family to the Immaculate Heart.
8. Doing the following four things in a spirit of reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Make the Five First Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with (1) Confession of reparation within eight days of the First Saturday (2) Holy Mass and Communion of reparation; (3) Five decades of the Rosary; (4) Fifteen minutes meditation on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.
9. Practice devotion to the Holy Ghost. Recite the chaplet of the Holy Ghost.
10. Visit, often, Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Use the booklet, *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament*, by St. Alphonsus to assist you in making these visits more fervently and profitably for your soul and heart.

Other Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Another Act of Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart

Lord Jesus,/ deign to visit this home/ in company with Thy Most Holy Mother,/ and to pour out upon its inhabitants/ those graces which Thou hast promised/ to

families specially consecrated/ to Thy Divine Heart. It was Thou alone,/ O Savior of the world,/ who in revealing Thyself/ to St. Margaret Mary/ didst demand, for an end most merciful,/ the solemn homage of universal love/ to Thy Divine Heart,/ that Heart which has so much loved men/ and was so little loved in return.

This family seeks urgently/ to answer Thy call,/ and, in reparation for the indifference/ and the apostasy/ of so many souls,/ it comes, O Divine Heart,/ to proclaim Thee as its loving Sovereign/ and to consecrate to Thee,/ without hope of gain,/ its joys, labor, and sorrows,/ the present and the future of this household,/ which henceforth belongs to none other than Thee.

Thus bless those who are here present. Bless also those who, by the will of the Most High,/ have passed away. Bless those who are absent, O Jesus! In the name of the Virgin Mary,/ we beseech Thee,/ O Heart of Love, to establish this household in the reign of charity. Pour forth on it Thy spirit of faith,/ of holiness,/ and of purity. Be Thou the unique Master of these souls:/ detach them from worldliness and empty vanities. Open to them, Lord,/ the adorable wound of Thy most merciful Heart;/ and as an Ark of Salvation keep them therein,/ for they are Thine unto eternal Life!

May the Triumphant Heart of Jesus dwell among us,/ forever loved, blessed, and glorified! Amen.

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart

by St. Maximilian Kolbe

O Immaculate Queen of Heaven and earth. Refuge of Sinners and our Most Loving Mother, Whom God has made the Treasurer of His Mercy, I, an unworthy sinner, throw myself at Thy Most Holy feet and humbly beseech Thee to accept me, whole and entire, as Thy property.

To Thee, O Mother, I offer all the faculties of my soul and body, and I place my life, my death, my eternity in Thy hands, that Thou mayest use my entire being according to Thy will. Use me, O Immaculate Virgin, as Thou wilt to fulfil that which was written of Thee. – ***“She shall crush thy head,”*** and ***“Thou hast destroyed all heresies throughout the world.”***

Deign that I may become in Thy Most Pure and Merciful hands a useful instrument to make Thee known and loved by so many erring and indifferent souls, and also to increase as much as possible the number of those who truly admire and love Thee in order that the Kingdom of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus may be spread throughout the world.

This I can do, O most Holy Mother Immaculate, only with Thy help, for wherever Thou bestowest Thy grace, there alone can the conversion and sanctification of souls be achieved, and there alone can the Sweet Kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be established.

V. O Holy Virgin, make me worthy to praise Thee.

R. Give me strength against Thine enemies.

“Jesus, Mary, I love you. Save souls.”

Basis for Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Through the centuries, popes, saints and good and holy theologians have taught the importance of devotion and prayers addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is necessary that we pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary as the saints have taught.

The Holy Catholic Church, the pillar and ground of the Truth, inspired and directed by the Holy Ghost down through the centuries has consistently taught this doctrine and this practice. The Blessed Virgin Mary is: “Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope” as the Salve Regina – the Hail Holy Queen prayer of 1000-years expresses so well. These titles and realities are defended against Protestant and Modernist attacks by St. Alphonsus Liguori in his book, *The Glories of Mary*.

Pope Leo XIII tells us that all graces come to us from God, through the Sacred Humanity of Jesus Christ, then through the Hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary to us. Of course, we see from this order that God has laid down for our salvation that God is first and above all – then the Sacred Humanity of Jesus Christ – then Mary the Mother of Jesus. It is after Mary that the importance of the Catholic Church comes. Mary is the Mother of the Church and She is the highest member after Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church.

The Blessed Virgin’s role in leading souls to Heaven is more widely and better understood by the Catholic Faithful (in the past 150 years) since the definition of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 and the Dogma of the Assumption defined in 1950. The reason for this growing role of the Blessed Virgin is explained by St. Louis de Montfort in a little essay beginning below.

Of course the devil, who is Her enemy has raised a counterattack on Her and on devotion to Her. We have seen this take place especially in the last 40 years since the end of Vatican Council II.

The battle for your soul in this time of Apostasy rages on and each one of us is the target, those who are Her children, those who believe in Jesus Christ Her Son and who obey Him.

Besides the teaching of the saints (like St. Alphonsus, St. Louis de Montfort, St. Bernard, St. Anthony Mary Claret, St. Maximilian Kolbe and many more), as well as the teachings of the popes (especially from 1750 to 1960), on the importance, usefulness and necessity of devotion to Our Lady – the Catholic Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has had a tremendous series of Divine interventions with Our Lady. She appeared at Rue de Bac in 1830, at La Salette in 1846, at Lourdes in 1858, at Knock in 1878, and above all, at Fatima in 1917.

These apparitions at Fatima have been certified by the Catholic Church as

worthy of belief and by God Himself with the Apocalyptic Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917 before 70,000 witnesses.

It is in the Fatima Message, through Sister Lucy of Fatima, that the great impetus for the flowering of devotion to the Immaculate Heart takes place. This is explored further below.

Providential Function of Mary in the Latter Times

By St. Louis de Montfort (+1715 AD)

It was through Mary that the salvation of the world was begun, and it is through Mary that it must be consummated.

Mary hardly appeared at all in the first coming of Jesus Christ, in order that men, as yet but little instructed and enlightened on the Person of Her Son, should not remove themselves from the Truth in attaching themselves too strongly and too grossly to Her.

This would have apparently taken place if She had been known, because of the admirable charms which the Most High had bestowed even upon Her exterior. This is so true that St. Denis the Areopagite has informed us in his writings that when he saw Our Blessed Lady, he would have taken Her for a divinity, because of Her secret charms and incomparable beauty, had not the Faith in which he was well established taught him the contrary. (S.A., 842. Epistola ad Pauleum)

But in the second coming of Jesus Christ, Mary has to be made known and revealed by the Holy Ghost, in order that, through Her, Jesus Christ may be known, loved and served. The reasons which moved the Holy Ghost to hide His Spouse during Her life, and to reveal Her but very little since the preaching of the Gospel, subsist no longer.

Existence of This Function and Reasons For It:

God, then, wishes to reveal and make known Mary, the masterpiece of His hands, in these latter times:

1. Because She hid Herself in this world, and put Herself lower than the dust by Her profound humility, having obtained from God and from His Apostles and Evangelists that She should not be made manifest.
2. Because, She being the Masterpiece of the Hands of God, as well here below by grace as in Heaven by glory, He wishes to be glorified and praised in Her by those who are living upon the earth.
3. As She is the dawn which precedes and reveals the Sun of Justice, Who is Jesus Christ, She must be seen and recognized in order that Jesus Christ may also be.
4. Being the Way by which Jesus came to us the first time, She will also be the Way by which He will come the second time, though not in the same manner.
5. Being the Sure Means and the Straight and Immaculate Way to go to Jesus Christ, and to find Him perfectly, it is by Her that the souls who are to shine forth especially in sanctity, have to find Our Lord. He who shall find Mary

shall find life, (Prov. 8:35), that is, Jesus Christ, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (St. John 14:6). But no one can find Mary Who does not seek Her; and no one can seek Her who does not know Her; for we cannot seek or desire an unknown object. It is necessary, then, for the greater knowledge and glory of the Most Holy Trinity, that Mary should be more than ever known.

6. Mary must shine forth more than ever in mercy, in might and in grace, in these latter times: in mercy, to bring back and lovingly receive the poor strayed sinners who shall be converted and shall return to the Catholic Church; in might, against the enemies of God, idolaters, schismatics, Mohammedans, Jews and souls hardened in impiety, who shall rise in terrible revolt against God to seduce all those who shall be contrary to them, and to make them fall by promises and threats; and finally, She must shine forth in grace, in order to animate and sustain the valiant soldiers and faithful servants of Jesus Christ, who shall battle for His interests
7. And lastly, Mary must be terrible to the devil and his crew, as an army arrayed for battle, principally in these latter times, because the devil, knowing that he has but little time, and now less than ever, to destroy souls, will every day redouble his efforts and his combats. He will presently raise up cruel persecutions, and will put terrible snares before the faithful servants and true children of Mary, whom it gives him more trouble to conquer than it does to conquer others.

Exercise of This Function In the Struggle Against Satan:

It is principally of these last and cruel persecutions of the devil, which shall go on increasing daily till the reign of Antichrist, that we ought to understand that first and celebrated prediction and curse of God, pronounced in the terrestrial paradise against the serpent. It is to our purpose to explain this here, for the glory of the Most Holy Virgin, for the salvation of Her children and for the confusion of the devil:

“I will put enmities between thee and the Woman and thy seed and Her seed; She shall crush thy head, and Thou shalt lie in wait for Her heel.” (Gen. 3:15)
(End of quotation from St. Louis de Montfort)

FATIMA AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima in Portugal for six consecutive months from May to October. The appointed day was the 13th of each month. We focus here on just a part of the apparitions and the dialogue between Lucy, who spoke to Our Lady while the other two children watched and listened. We take these passages of Sister Lucy's Memoirs which record these events because they focus on the importance of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

June 13, 1917:

On June 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared to the three children and asked them to return on July 13. She again requested them to pray the Rosary each day. The conversation continued:

Lucy asked: "I would like to ask you to take us to Heaven."

Our Lady: ***"Yes, I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon. But you are to stay here some time longer. Jesus wishes to make use of you to make Me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. To whoever embraces this devotion I promise salvation; these souls shall be dear to God, as flowers placed by Me to adorn His throne."***

Lucy asked sadly: "Am I to stay here alone?"

Our Lady: ***"No, My daughter. Do you suffer a great deal? Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."***

Lucy: "As Our Lady spoke these last words, She opened Her hands for the second time. In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a heart encircled by thorns which pierced it. We understood that this was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, outraged by the sins of humanity, and seeking reparation."

July 13, 1917:

The theme of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is especially stressed in the July 13 apparition. Its central importance, for our time and for each of us, is seen by reflecting on the apparition. We quote here from Sister Lucy's Memoirs. Lucy is speaking first.

"What does Your Grace want of me?" I asked.

"I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, to continue reciting the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace in the world and the end of the war, because only She can help you."

"I should like to ask You to tell us who You are, and to work a miracle so that everyone will believe that Your Grace is appearing to us."

"Continue to come here every month. In October, I will say who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle so that all might see in order to believe."

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say often to Jesus, especially whenever you make a sacrifice: 'O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'"

The First Part of the Secret

Sister Lucy continues:

"As Our Lady spoke these last words, She opened Her hands once more,

as She had done during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. (It must have been this sight that caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me.) The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals.” (Here, in her Third Memoir, Lucy added) “That vision lasted only a moment, thanks to our Good Mother of Heaven, Who, at the first apparition, had promised to bring us to Heaven. Without that, I think we would have died of terror and fear.

“Terrified and as if to plead for succor, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and sadly:

“You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart.”

The Second Part of the Secret

Our Lady continued to speak, and what follows constitutes the second part of the Secret of Fatima.

“If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the reign of Pius XI. When you see an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and the Holy Father.

“To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated.”

The Third Part of the Secret

“In Portugal the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved etc.”

The Conclusion of the Secret

“In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.”

The Fatima Requests for Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

As noted above in the Second Secret, Our Lady, on July 13, 1917, promised to return later to Sister Lucy to ask for the Communions of Reparation on the First Saturdays. Our Lady came on December 10, 1925, to Sister Lucy in the Spanish city of **Pontevedra**. The following extract is from Frère Michel who further explains this apparition and devotion.

What an admirable, stupefying promise made June 13, 1917, when Our Lady said: ***“To whomever embraces this devotion, I promise salvation.”*** Yet in spite of this promise we are still tempted to doubt. Jacinta of Fatima, by a special grace, felt her heart consumed by an ardent love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary. But we? We are cold, or our fervor is so short-lived! Could we ever know if we had sufficient devotion so that Our Lady would be bound to keep Her promise to us?

It is here that we are wonderstruck by the limitless Divine Mercy, and the profoundly Catholic character of the revelations of Fatima. In the whole message, there is not an ounce of Protestant subjectivism! Here, Heaven goes to the limits of indulgence, and the most sublime prophecies are exchanged, translated into very small requests, clear and precise requests, easy requests which leave no room for doubt. Everyone can know if he has accomplished them or not. A “little devotion” practiced with a good heart is enough to receive infallibly for us, this grace — *ex opere operato*, so to speak — as with the sacraments; and what a grace — the grace of eternal salvation!

It is worth the effort to give careful study to such a magnificent promise. It is the fulfillment, the perfect expression of the first part of the great Secret, which is entirely concerned with the salvation of souls.

From Fatima to Pontevedra – the fulfillment of the Secret:

In describing the apparitions and explaining the message of Pontevedra, we will simply comment on the words pronounced by Our Lady on July 13, 1917. They are concise, but so rich in meaning:

“If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved ... I shall come to ask for ... the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays.”

Here then is the first “Secret of Mary” which we must discover and understand. It is a sure and easy way of tearing souls away from the danger of hell; first our own; then those of our neighbors; and even the souls of the greatest sinners, for the mercy and power of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are without limits.

Pontevedra – December 10, 1925

The Apparition of the Child Jesus and Our Lady

Frère Michel continues:

On the evening of Thursday, December 10, after supper, the young postulant Lucy

— who was only eighteen years old — returned to her cell. There she was visited by Our Lady and the Child Jesus. Let us listen to her account (written in the third person):

“On December 10, 1925, the Most Holy Virgin appeared to her, and by Her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was the Child Jesus. The Most Holy Virgin rested Her hand on her shoulder, and as She did so, She showed her a Heart encircled by thorns, which She was holding in Her other hand. At the same time, the Child said:

‘Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce It at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of Reparation to remove them.’

Then the Most Holy Virgin said:

‘Look My daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and announce in My name that I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making Reparation to Me.’

The Spirit of the Devotion of Reparation **The Revelation of May 29, 1930**

Frère Michel continues:

Sister Lucy at the time was at Tuy. Her confessor, Father Gonçalves, had given her a series of questions in writing. Here, let us recall only the fourth one: “Why five Saturdays (he asked), and not nine, or seven, in honor of the sorrows of Our Lady?” That same evening, the seer implored Our Lord to inspire her with an answer to these questions. A few days later, she passed the following to her confessor.

“When I was in the chapel with Our Lord part of the night of May 29-30, 1930 (we know that it was her habit to make a holy hour from eleven in the evening to midnight, especially on Thursday evenings, according to the requests of the Sacred Heart at Paray-le-Monial), and I spoke to Our Lord about questions four and five, I suddenly felt myself more intimately possessed by the Divine Presence and, if I am not mistaken, this is what was revealed to me:

“My daughter, the reason is simple. There are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. *Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.*
2. *Blasphemies against Her Perpetual Virginity.*
3. *Blasphemies against Her Divine Maternity, in refusing at the same*

- time to recognize Her as the Mother of men.*
4. *The blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn, or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother.*
 5. *The offenses of those who outrage Her directly in Her holy images. “Here, My daughter, is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired Me to ask for this little act of Reparation ...”*

It is also true that the gravest sins against the Most Holy Virgin are first of all sins against faith. This important lesson must be kept in mind.

The Devotion of Reparation: A Secret of Mercy for Sinners

Frère Michel continues:

After enumerating the five blasphemies which gravely offend His Most Holy Mother, Our Lord gave Sister Lucy the decisive explanation which allows us to penetrate into the secret of Her Immaculate Heart, which overflows with mercy for all sinners, even those who scorn and outrage Her:

“See, My daughter, the motive for which the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired Me to ask for this little Reparation, and in consideration of it, to move My mercy to pardon souls who have had the misfortune of offending Her. As for you, always seek by your prayers and sacrifices to move My mercy to pity for these poor souls.”

“The Sin Against the Holy Spirit”

Here we have one of the principal themes of the Message of Fatima: since God has decided to manifest more and more His great design of love, which is to grant all graces to men through the mediation of the Immaculate Virgin, *it seems that their refusal to submit with docility to what God wills is the fault which most gravely wounds His Heart, and for which He no longer finds in Himself any inclination to pardon them.* This sin seems unforgivable, because for Our Savior there is no crime more unpardonable than to despise His Most Holy Mother, and “to outrage Her Immaculate Heart, which is the Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. This is committing ‘the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which will not be forgiven in this world or in the next.’”

In 1929, in the apparition of Tuy which is the final fulfillment of Fatima, Our Lady will conclude the extraordinary manifestation of the Holy Trinity with these striking words: “*So many are the souls which the justice of God condemns for sins committed against Me that I come to ask for Reparation. Sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray.*”

War and Peace Depend on Communions of Reparation

In fact, in addition to the conversion of sinners and our own eternal salvation,

Our Lady has willed that the Communion of Reparation be linked to another magnificent promise: the gift of peace. On March 19, 1939, Sister Lucy wrote:

“Whether the world has war or peace depends on the practice of this devotion, along with the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is why I desire its propagation so ardently, especially because this is also the will of our dear Mother in Heaven.”

And on June 20 of the same year, she wrote:

“Our Lady promised to put off the scourge of war, if this devotion was propagated and practiced. We see that She will obtain remission of this chastisement to the extent that efforts are made to propagate this devotion; but I fear that we can do more than we are doing and that God, being displeased, will pull back the arm of His mercy and let the world be ravaged by this chastisement which will be unlike any other in the past, horrible, horrible.”

The Request for the Consecration of Russia

On July 13, 1917 as we saw in the second part of the Secret, Our Lady told Lucy that later on She would come back to ask for the Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. Our Lady did return for this request as promised.

On June 13, 1929, Sister Lucy was in her convent chapel in **Tuy, Spain**, a city on the border of Portugal. Sister Lucy herself left a description of the event, and so we quote her account at length, adding only a few subtitles.

Sister Lucy wrote:

“At this time Our Lord informed me that the moment had come when He willed for me to make known to the Holy Church His desire for the Consecration of Russia and His promise to convert It ... The communication took place in this way:”

The Holy Hour of Adoration and Reparation:

13/06/29 – “I had requested and obtained permission from my superiors and confessor to make the Holy Hour from 11:00 p.m. until midnight from Thursday to Friday.

“Being alone one night, I knelt down before the Communion rail in the middle of the chapel to say the prayers of the Angel, lying prostrate. Feeling tired, I got up and knelt, and continued to say them with my arms in the form of a cross. The only light came from the sanctuary lamp.”

A Spectacular Trinitarian Theophany:

“Suddenly a supernatural light illumined the whole chapel and on the altar appeared a Cross of light which reached to the ceiling.

“In a brighter part could be seen, on the upper part of the Cross, the face of a Man and His Body to the waist;

“On His breast was an equally luminous dove,

“And nailed to the Cross, the Body of another Man.

“A little below the waist, suspended in mid-air, was to be seen a Chalice and a large Host onto which fell some drops of Blood from the Face of the Crucified and from a wound in His breast. These drops ran down over the Host and fell into the Chalice.

“Under the right arm of the Cross was Our Lady with Her Immaculate Heart in Her hand ... (It was Our Lady of Fatima with Her Immaculate Heart ... in Her left hand ... without a sword or roses, but with a crown of thorns and flames ...)

“Under the left arm (of the Cross), some big letters, as it were of crystal clear water running down over the altar, formed these words: ‘Grace and Mercy’.

“I understood that it was the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity that was shown to me, and I received lights about this mystery which I am not permitted to reveal.”

The Request for the Consecration of Russia:

“Then Our Lady said to me: *‘The moment has come when God asks the Holy Father to make, in union with all the bishops of the world, the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means.*

‘So numerous are the souls which the justice of God condemns for sins committed against Me, that I come to ask for Reparation. Sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray.’

“I gave an account of this to my confessor, who ordered me to write what Our Lord willed to be done.”

The Terrible Revelation of Summer 1931

“They Did Not Want to Heed My Request”

Since the Pope and his advisors chose, for two years, to ignore the words of Our Lady of Fatima explicitly stating the Most Solemn Request of God to consecrate Russia, Jesus, Himself, spoke to Sister Lucy in **Rianjo, Spain**, in August 1931.

First of all let us quote from Sister Lucy’s letter of August 29, 1931, where the seer passes on to her bishop this message, which is of highest importance in the economy of the Message of Fatima:

“My confessor orders me to inform Your Excellency of what took place a little while ago between the Good Lord and myself: as I was asking God for the conversion of Russia, Spain and Portugal, it seemed to me that His Divine Majesty said to me:

‘You console Me a great deal by asking Me for the conversion of those poor nations. Ask it also of My Mother frequently, saying: Sweet Heart of Mary, be the salvation of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe and the whole world. At other times say: By your pure and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, obtain for me the conversion of Russia, Spain, Portugal, Europe and the whole world.’

Then Jesus said:

‘Make it known to My ministers, that given they follow the example of the King of France in delaying the execution of My request, that they will follow him into misfortune. It will never be too late to have recourse to Jesus and Mary.’

“Later on, by means of an interior communication, Our Lord complainingly said to me:

They did not want to heed My request. Like the King of France they will repent and do so, but it will be late. Russia will already have spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The Holy Father will have much to suffer!’”

The Fatima Message Explains:

Jesus Wants Devotion to the Sacred Heart Joined to Devotion to the Immaculate Heart

In various parts of the Fatima Message, devotion to the Sacred Heart is promoted with devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

The Message of the Angel of Fatima

First there are the words of the Angel of Peace in the spring of 1916 to the 3 children of Fatima:

“The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications.”

Then he speaks again in the summer of 1916:

“The Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs for you.”

Then in the autumn of 1916, he dictates a prayer which in part says:

“And I draw upon the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary that you might convert poor sinners.”

This theme of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, in the Fatima Message, is also seen in the apparitions of Jesus and Mary to Sister Lucy at Pontevedra and Tuy noted above.

This same theme is seen in the prayers Jesus dictated for us to say in honor of the Pure and Immaculate Conception of Our Lady as well as the prayer to the Sweet Heart of Mary given at Rianjo.

Jesus Addresses This Subject Explicitly:

But the most striking message about the importance of joining the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with that of the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is seen in the dialogue of Jesus with Sister Lucy in 1936. We quote here directly from Sister Lucy’s letter of May 18, 1936 to her spiritual director who had asked her several questions. She replies:

“About the other questions, if it will be convenient to insist in order to obtain the Consecration of Russia? I answer in almost the same way as I answered the

other times. I am sorry that it has not been done yet, but the same God Who asked for it, is the One Who permitted it. I am going to say what I feel about it, although it is too delicate a subject to talk about in a letter, due to the danger of it getting lost and being read, but I entrust it to the same God, because I am afraid I have not treated the matter with enough clarity.

“Is it convenient to insist? I don’t know. It seems to me that if the Holy Father did it right now, God would accept it, and would fulfill His promise; and without any doubt, through this act, the Holy Father would gladden Our Lord and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (Her letter continues:)

(Lucy) “Intimately I have spoken to Our Lord about the subject, and not too long ago I asked Him why He would not convert Russia without the Holy Father making that Consecration?”

(Jesus) *‘Because I want My whole Church to acknowledge that Consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that it may extend its cult later on, and put the Devotion to My Mother’s Immaculate Heart beside the Devotion to My Sacred Heart.’*

“But My God, the Holy Father probably won’t believe me, unless You Yourself move him with a special inspiration.”

‘The Holy Father. Pray very much for the Holy Father. He will do it, but it will be late!... Nevertheless the Immaculate Heart of Mary will save Russia. It has been entrusted to Her.’

Prayer for the Church

O Holy Spirit, Creator, Spouse of Mary, be gracious to Thy Catholic Church. By Thy Heavenly Power, make it strong and secure against the attacks of its enemies, within and without. Renew in charity and grace the spirit of Thy servants, whom Thou has anointed that they may glorify Thee and the Father, and His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Mary Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and our Mother, Thou seest how the Catholic Faith is assailed by the devil and the world, that Faith in which we propose, by the help of God, to live and die. To Thee we entrust our firm purpose of never joining assemblies of heretics or secret societies. Do Thou, All Holy Virgin Mother of God, offer to Thy Divine Son our resolutions and obtain from Him the graces necessary for us to keep them unto the end. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Prayer for the Holy Father

Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Name _____.

May the Lord preserve him and give him life and make him to be blessed upon the earth and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Prayer for Bishops and Priests

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine and Eternal High Priest, let the life-giving waters of Thy love flow into the hearts of Thy Bishops and Priests and transform them into living images of Thee. By Thy grace make them true apostles of Thy Sacred Heart.

Save souls through Thy Bishops and Priests; accompany them through life. Give them the special grace of drawing sinners to Thy Sacred Heart, Refuge of sinners, that they may find forgiveness and salvation.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I pray for the fulfillment of this promise which Thou didst make to Saint Margaret Mary: *“I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.”* May Thy Kingdom come to the hearts of men through the activity of truly saintly Bishops and Priests.

Do Thou, O Mary, Mother of the High Priest, protect all Bishops and Priests from dangers to their holy vocations. May Thy Immaculate Heart be their refuge and consolation during temptations, trials and loneliness, that we may soon see *“all things restored in Christ.”*

We know that to combat the spiritual terror assailing Holy Mother Church in our time, the Incarnate Wisdom sent the Immaculate Heart of Mary to Fatima to help us, counsel us, enlighten us, and protect all the faithful of Jesus Christ, so that we could save our own soul and the souls of those that God puts on our path.

We acknowledge that the Blessed Virgin also gave a most important request to the Pope and the Bishops to solemnly and publicly, on the same day, consecrate specifically **Russia** to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We pray that they all will receive the necessary grace to do this duty soon, so that we can attain worldwide peace and the salvation of billions of souls now. Amen.

Jesus, Savior of the world, sanctify Thy priests and sacred ministers.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for them and for us;

Obtain for us many and holy Bishops and Priests.

The 10 Promises for the Apostles of the Sacred Heart

Along with the 12 Promises gathered from the writings of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, there are also 10 Promises for those who *promote* devotion to the Sacred Heart. These are taken from the most authoritative book on the subject, *The Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, written by Father John Croiset, S.J. during the lifetime of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. In fact, St. Margaret Mary wrote to Father Croiset to tell him that Our Lord was pleased with the book, that the book was completely in accordance with His wishes, and that it would not be necessary to make any changes to it. May these 10 Promises increase our zeal to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

1. “My Divine Master,” writes St. Margaret Mary, “showed me the names

of several persons written in letters of gold on His Sacred Heart, names of which He will never allow to be effaced. These are the names of the persons who have labored the most to make His Sacred Heart known and loved.”

2. “The Sacred Heart of Jesus has such a great desire to be known, loved and honored by men; He wishes so ardently to establish the empire of His love in all hearts by destroying in them the empire of Satan, that He promises great recompenses to all those who devote themselves with their whole hearts to establishing the reign of His Sacred Heart according to the lights and graces which He gives them.”
3. In addition to the friendship of the Divine Heart, the apostles of the Devotion are assured of the protection of the Blessed Virgin and of the saints, especially of St. Margaret Mary.

She writes: “Oh! what happiness for us and for all who contribute in making the loving Heart of Jesus known and glorified! For they will draw down upon themselves the friendship and eternal blessings of this unique Love of our hearts. The Blessed Virgin will be their special protectress, She will assist them in attaining to the perfect life.”

4. The apostles of the Sacred Heart will make rapid progress in virtue. The Sacred Heart of Jesus will sanctify and glorify them.

“The loving Heart of Jesus,” writes St. Margaret Mary, “has made known to me that He will take care to sanctify and glorify us before His Heavenly Father in the measure in which we exert ourselves to procure glory for Him and to increase the reign of His love in the hearts of men.”

5. The apostles of the Sacred Heart will receive the grace of the pure love of God.

“The zeal with which you labor to make the Sacred Heart of Jesus known and loved will gain for you in an ever increasing degree the crowning gift of the pure love of God.”

6. The apostles of the Sacred Heart will draw down special blessings on their native land and on their families.

“Oh! what happiness for those who contribute to making the adorable Heart of Jesus known, loved and glorified! By what means they will secure a powerful Protector for their native land.”

7. Great blessings are reserved for the works of zeal undertaken by those apostolic workers who propagate the devotion to the Sacred Heart. They will make great conversions.

“My divine Savior,” writes St. Margaret Mary, “assured me that those who labor for the salvation of souls will have the art of touching the hardest hearts and will obtain marvellous success, if they themselves are animated with a tender devotion to His Divine Heart.

“He will penetrate the most unfeeling hearts by the words of His preachers and faithful friends. He will so pour out the sweet unction of His ardent charity with such strong and powerful graces on their words that He will make them like a flaming sword which will cause the most frozen hearts to melt in His love. The words of these apostles will be like two-edged swords, which will penetrate the most hardened hearts and make the holy fountain of penance spring up in them, purifying and sanctifying the most obstinate sinners and rendering them susceptible to the love of this Divine Heart. By this means the most criminal souls will be led on to salutary penance.”

8. It will be given to the apostles of the Sacred Heart to understand the inestimable value of the Cross, and they will obtain strength and consolation in their difficulties.

“The adorable Heart of Jesus,” writes St. Margaret Mary, “wishes to establish the reign of His pure love in all hearts. Happy are those whom He will employ to aid Him to establish His reign! But He did not tell me that His friends would have nothing to suffer, for He wishes them to make their greatest happiness consist in tasting its bitterness.”

9. The apostles of the Sacred Heart will obtain the grace of final perseverance and of a holy death.

10. The Sacred Heart Itself will be the reward of Its apostles.

“Happy are those,” writes St. Margaret Mary, “whom the Sacred Heart of Jesus will employ in establishing His reign. For it seems to me .that It is like a king who thinks only of recompensing His friends while He gains victories and triumphs over His enemies. When this Sacred Heart reigns victorious on His throne, Jesus will Himself be their eternal recompense.”

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