

## Consecration of the Family

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Who didst manifest to St. Margaret Mary the desire of reigning in Christian families, we today wish to proclaim Thy most regal dominion over our own. We would live in future with Thy life, we would cause to flourish in our midst these virtues to which Thou hast promised peace here below, we would banish far from us the spirit of the world which Thou hast cursed; and Thou shalt reign over our hearts by the whole-hearted love which we shall keep alive for Thee by the frequent reception of Thy divine Eucharist.

O divine Heart, deign to preside over our assemblings, to bless our enterprises, both spiritual and temporal, to dispel our cares, to sanctify our joys, and to alleviate our sufferings. If ever one or the other of us should have the misfortune to afflict Thee, remind him, O Heart of Jesus, that Thou art good and merciful to the penitent sinner.

And when the hour of separation strikes, when death shall come to cast mourning into our midst, we will all, both those who go and those who stay, be submissive to Thy eternal decrees. We will console ourselves with the thought that a day will come when the entire family, reunited in heaven, can sing forever Thy glories and Thy mercies.

May the immaculate heart of Mary and the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, present this consecration to Thee, and keep it in our minds all the days of our lives. All glory to the Heart of Jesus, our King and our Father.

*Pope Saint Pius X. June 15, 1908*

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