

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART — IESU DULCISIME

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The consecration of the human race to Jesus Christ the King



LATIN

Iesu dulcissime, Redemptor humani generis, respice nos ante conspectum tuum humillime provolutos. Tui sumus, tui esse volumus; quo autem tibi coniuncti firmitus esse possimus, en hodie sacratissimo Cordi tuo se quisque nostrum sponte dedicat.

Te quidem multi novere numquam; te, spretis mandatis tuis, multi repudiarunt. Miserere utrorumque, benignissime Iesu, atque ad sanctum Cor tuum rape universos.

Rex esto, Domine, nec fidelium tantum qui nullo tempore discessere a te, sed etiam prodigorum filiorum qui te reliquerunt: fac hos, ut domum paternam cito repetant, ne miseria et fame pereant.

Rex esto eorum, quos aut opinionum error deceptos habet, aut discordia separatos, eosque ad portum veritatis atque ad unitatem fidei revoca, ut brevi fiat unum ovile et unus pastor.

Largire, Domine, Ecclesiae tuae securam cum incolumitate libertatem; largire cunctis gentibus tranquillitatem ordinis; perfice, ut ab utroque terrae vertice una resonet vox: Sit laus divino Cordi, per quod nobis parta salus; ipsi gloria et honor in saecula.

ENGLISH

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look upon us, humbly prostrate before thee. We are thine, and thine we wish to be; and that we may be more surely united to thee, behold, each one of us freely consecrates himself today to thy most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known thee; many, despising thy commandments, have rejected thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them all to thy Sacred Heart.

Be thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken thee, but also of the prodigal children who have left thee: grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they perish of wretchedness and hunger.

Be thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps apart, and call them back to the harbour of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be one fold and one shepherd.

Grant, O Lord, to thy Church freedom secure from harm; grant to all nations the tranquillity of order; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honour for ever.