

Consecration of Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



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Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters, we are living in a time of great need for God - for faith, for hope and for love. Our age presents many challenges to our faith, to our families and indeed to the deepest core of our humanity.

But as a pilgrim people filled with great love and hope in this jubilee year of graces, while recalling the the promises of the Sacred Heart made known 350 years ago to St Margaret Mary, we have chosen to renew the consecration of our country to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as its secure refuge from all dangers - visible and invisible.

We are mindful of the previous consecration of Ireland in 1873 and of how for many decades Ireland was especially faithful in honouring the Sacred Heart in homes and families around the country. This was nourished by many branches of the Apostleship of Prayer, the recitation of the Morning Offering, and with confraternities and churches dedicated to the Sacred Heart.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope we now pray, through the intercession of St Margaret Mary and St Claude de la Colombière, that this renewal of our consecration will bear much fruit in Ireland - spreading a fervent love of the Sacred Heart and inspiring families to live in fidelity to the sanctifying and healing flames of that love. We also pray that it will bring about a powerful rejuvenation of mission to proclaim the Good News in our country and beyond.

We ask in prayer that every home and parish will be permeated with the graces flowing from the Sacred Heart, and with that merciful love which is a special protection of all life.

May the Sacred Heart always be Ireland's pledge of salvation, and be the remedy of all hearts that are frail, wounded or broken in any way.

May Ireland be a place where everyone experiences the joy that comes from a heart to heart encounter with Christ, an intimacy that renews faith, inflames love and strengthens hope.

May the people of Ireland, at home and around the world live once again in holy intimacy with the Sacred Heart that removes all fears, that brings heavenly consolation in times of suffering, and that strengthens us to persevere as a pilgrim people of the love and hope through which we are saved.

Let us pray the prayer of consecration...



PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Living God, Saviour of the world,
Gathered together in Your Name,
we consecrate to your Most Sacred Heart: ourselves, our home, our family, our parish,
and Ireland our country.

We are in great need of your love and protection.
You have invited us to come to you, especially those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,
and you have asked us to remain in your love.

We turn to you today, from the depths of our hearts.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus we place all our trust in you.



We desire to be close to your beating heart which is on fire with the Holy Spirit, and is
burning with love for us.



We weep to see your wounded heart, crowned with thorns and pierced through on the
cross for our sake.



We find comfort in your forgiving heart which lights the way to the home of our merciful
Father, who loved us first.



We draw life from your compassionate heart from which flowed blood and water - the
wellspring of the sacraments, of grace in the Church and the source of eternal life.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, nourish our lives with your Word, with the strength of the
sacraments, and especially with your Body and Blood in the Eucharist - the sacrament of love.

Carry us in your heart. May each of our names be written on your heart, engraved in letters of
love.

Have mercy on our suffering world in which you chose to dwell as one of us.
Pour out the treasures of your light and love so that our world may regain the most important
and necessary thing of all:
its heart.

We believe that the world can change, beginning with hearts that are close to your heart.
Be alive and at work in us so that we may radiate faith, hope and love
especially for the poor, the suffering and those who are most in need...

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

May your Sacred Heart continue to pour forth the streams of living water
that can heal the hurt we have caused,
strengthen our ability to love and serve others,
and inspire us to journey together towards a peaceful, just, and fraternal world.

Lord Jesus Christ,
King of love and Prince of peace,
reign in our hearts, our homes and in Ireland, our country.

Conquer all the powers of evil
and bring us to share in the victory of your Sacred Heart.

May all we say and do
give glory and praise to you
and to the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
God, living and reigning
for ever and ever.

Amen.

O Jesus through the most pure heart of Mary we offer you all the prayers, works and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart.

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, transform our hearts to be like yours. Amen

