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Pray for Us

Official Act of Consecration

OF THE

DOMINICAN



ORDER

TO THE

Immaculate Heart of Mary



QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY, Help of Christians, Refuge of the human race, Victress in all God's battles, we, suppliantly and with great confidence, not in our own merits but solely because of the immense goodness of thy motherly heart, prostrate ourselves before thy throne begging mercy, grace, and timely aid.

To thee and to thy Immaculate Heart we bind and consecrate ourselves anew, in union with our Holy Mother, the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. Once again we proclaim thee the Queen of our Order—the Order truly, which thy son, Dominic,

founded to preach, through thy aid, the word of truth everywhere for the salvation of souls; the Order which thou has chosen as a beautiful, fragrant, and splendid garden of delights; the Order in which the light of wisdom ought so splendidly to shine that its members might bestow on others the fruit of their contemplation, not only by courageously uprooting heresy but also by sowing the seeds of virtue everywhere; the Order which during the course of centuries has gloried in thy scapular and in thy most holy Rosary, which daily and in the hour of death devoutly and confidently salutes thee as advocate in those words most sublime: Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy.

To thee, O Mary, and to thy Immaculate Heart we consecrate today this religious house, this community, that thou might be truly its Queen; that perfect observance, the love of thy Son in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, the love of thy praise, and the love of St. Dominic and his virtues might reign here; so that we, thus filled with the spirit of truth, might effectively communicate it to others.

To thee, O Mary, we consecrate ourselves and those within our care, firmly believing that thou wilt watch over us in all our tribulations and wilt aid us in fulfilling our sublime Dominican vocation.

O Mother of Mercy, Our Mother and the Queen of the World, grant that not only we but all nations, under the guidance of our Supreme Pastor, might proclaim thee blessed, and together with thee intone from pole to pole an eternal Magnificat of glory, love, and gratitude to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in whom alone can be found Life, Truth, and Peace. Amen.

(The General Chapter held in Washington, D. C., 1949, no. 135, p. 76, ordered that "in every priory and house of the Order each year on the feast of the Most Holy Rosary, the first Sunday of October, superiors should, in the presence of their communities, solemnly renew the consecration of their communities to the Immaculate Heart of the Most Holy Mother of God, so that this most Blessed Virgin might obtain peace for the world and shed upon us the riches of her Heart.")

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