

Memorial of the Feast of the Holy Rosary

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Renewal of the Entrustment Of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee To the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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"We have recourse to your protection, holy Mother of God."

And therefore, O Mother of individuals and peoples, you who "know all their sufferings and their hopes", you who have a mother's awareness of all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, which afflict the modern world, accept the cry which we, as though moved by the Holy Spirit, address directly to your Heart. Embrace, with the love of the Mother and Handmaid, **the clergy, religious, and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee**, which we entrust and consecrate to you, for we are full of disquiet for our earthly and eternal destiny.

Accept our humble trust and our act of entrusting!

The power of this consecration lasts for all time and embraces all individuals... It overcomes every evil that the spirit of darkness is able to awaken, and has in fact awakened in our times, in the heart of people and in our history.

Oh, how deeply we feel the need for consecration in union with Christ himself! Hail to you, who are wholly united to the redeeming consecration of your Son! Mother of the Church! Enlighten the People of God along the paths of faith, of hope and love!

In entrusting to you, O Mother, this **Archdiocese of Milwaukee**, we also entrust to you the consecration itself placing it in your motherly Heart.

Oh, Immaculate Heart! Help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths towards the future!

From famine and war, deliver us.

From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us.

From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.

From every kind of injustice in the life of society, deliver us.

From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.

From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.

From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us, deliver us.

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of individual human beings, laden with the sufferings of whole societies.

Let there be revealed, once more in the history of the world your infinite power of merciful Love. May it put a stop to evil. May it transform consciences.

Oh, how deeply we feel the need for consecration on the part of humanity and of the world—our modern world—in union with Christ himself! The redeeming work of Christ, in fact, must be shared in by the world by means of the Church.

Oh, how pained we are by all the things in the Church and in each one of us that are opposed to holiness and consecration! How pained we are that the invitation to repentance, to conversion, to prayer, has not met with the acceptance that it should have received!

How pained we are that many share so coldly in Christ's work of Redemption! That "what is lacking in Christ's afflictions" is so insufficiently completed in our flesh.

And so, blessed be all those souls that obey the call of eternal Love! Blessed be all those who, day after day, with undiminished generosity accept your invitation, O Mother, to do what your Jesus tells them (cf. Jn 2:5) and give the Church and the world a serene testimony of lives inspired by the Gospel.

May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of Hope. Amen.