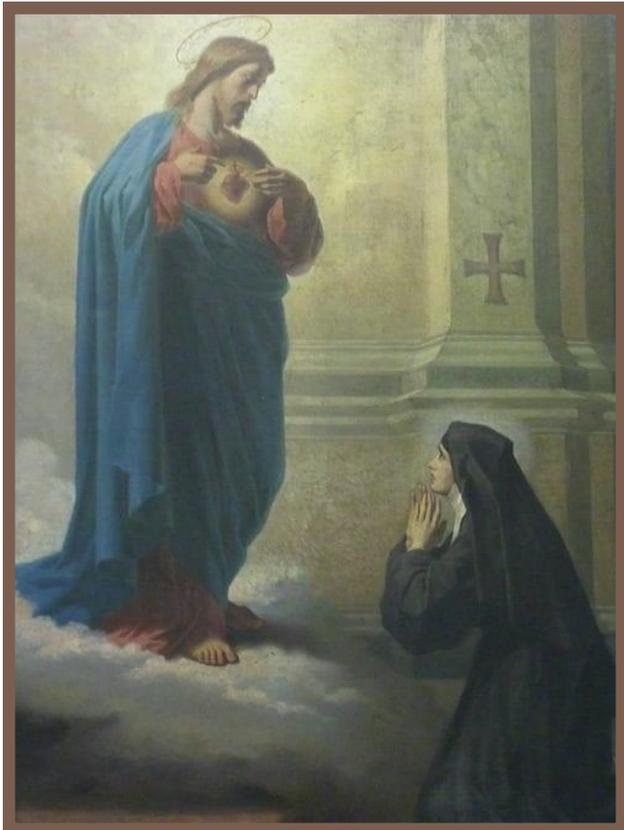


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AN ACT OF REPARATION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*"Behold this Heart which has so loved men
that it has spared nothing,
even to exhausting and consuming itself,
in order to testify its love.*

*In return, I receive from the greater part
only ingratitude, by their irreverence and
sacrileges, and by the coldness and contempt
they have for me in this Sacrament of love..."*
—Jesus, to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



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O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
animated with a desire to repair the
outrages unceasingly offered to You,
we prostrate before Your throne of
mercy, and in the name of all
mankind, pledge our love
and fidelity to You.

V. The more Your mysteries are
blasphemed,

R. The more firmly we shall believe
them, O Sacred Heart of Jesus!

V. The more impiety endeavors to
extinguish our hope of
immortality,

R. The more we shall trust in Your
Heart, sole Hope of mankind!

V. The more hearts resist Your
Divine attractions,

R. The more we shall love You,
O infinitely amiable Heart of
Jesus!

V. The more unbelief attacks
Your Divinity,

R. The more humbly and
profoundly we shall adore It,
O Divine Heart of Jesus!

V. The more Your holy laws are
transgressed and ignored,

R. The more we shall delight
to observe them,
O most holy Heart of Jesus!

V. The more Your Sacraments are
despised and abandoned,

R. The more frequently we shall
receive them with love and

reverence, O most generous Heart
of Jesus!

V. The more the imitation of Your
virtues is neglected and forgotten,

R. The more we shall endeavor
to practice them,
O Heart, model of every virtue!

V. The more the devil labors to
destroy souls,

R. The more we shall be inflamed
with desire to save them, O Heart
of Jesus, zealous Lover of souls!

V. The more sin and impurity
destroy the image of God in man,

R. The more we shall try by purity of
life to be a living temple of the
Holy Spirit, O Heart of Jesus!

V. The more Your Holy Church is
despised,

R. The more we shall endeavor to be
her faithful children,
O Sweet Heart of Jesus!

V. The more Your Vicar on earth is
persecuted,

R. The more will we honor him as
the infallible head of Your Holy
Church, show our fidelity and
pray for him, O kingly Heart of
Jesus!

O Sacred Heart, through Your
powerful grace, may we become
Your apostles in the midst of a
corrupted world, and be Your crown
in the kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

**AN ACT OF CONSECRATION
OF THE HUMAN RACE TO
THE MOST SACRED
HEART OF JESUS**

*This consecration was promoted
and required for every parish by
Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical
Annum Sacrum (May 25, 1899).*

Most sweet Jesus,
Redeemer of the human
race, look down upon us
humbly prostrate before
Thine altar. We are Thine,
and Thine we wish to be;
but, to be more surely united
with Thee, behold each one
of us freely consecrates
himself today to Thy most
Sacred Heart. Many indeed
have never known Thee;
many too, despising Thy
precepts, have rejected Thee.
Have mercy on them all,
most merciful Jesus, and
draw them to Thy most
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
abandoned Thee; grant that
they may quickly return to
their Father's house lest they
die of wretchedness and
hunger.

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

Be Thou King of all
those who even now sit in
the shadow of idolatry or
Islam, and refuse not Thou
to bring them into the light

of Thy kingdom. Look,
finally, with eyes of pity
upon the children of that
race, which was for so long a
time Thy chosen people; and
let Thy Blood, which was
once invoked upon them in
vengeance, now descend
upon them also in a
cleansing flood of
redemption and eternal life.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy
Church, assurance of
freedom and immunity from
harm; give peace and order
to all nations, and 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 forever.
Amen.