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## CONSECRATION OF A GIRL TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



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O Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, to your Immaculate Heart, the channel of graces, we consecrate this child whom we have received from God's goodness.

We offer her to you that you may present her to your Divine Son, and that you may take her under your loving, maternal protection.

Preserve this child from dangers and keep her from all sin. Help this child to remain faithful to the promises made in Baptism so that she may go through life having you always as her refuge and mother.

May all virtues shine in her and may she never offend your maternal heart. May the Eternal Father always look upon this child with delight and see in her a ray and reflection of your Immaculate Beauty.

And as today she gladdens our home, so may she one day gladden the Eternal Home which we pray will be hers.  
Amen.

## MOTHER'S CONSECRATION OF A CHILD TO MARY

Holy Mary, Mother of God and Mother of all faithful, I place my little child under your mothering protection. To you I completely consecrate her – body and soul. Take her under your care and keep her always. Protect her in her infancy and keep her sound in body and mind. Guard over her youth and keep her heart pure, her thoughts ever holy and directed to God and spiritual things. Protect her always throughout life – in her joys and sorrows, in her dealings with others. Always and in all things be a true mother to her, Mary, and preserve her. I commend her entirely to you.

Remember Mother Mary, that through this act of consecration she is by a special claim your child as well as mine; guard her and keep her as your property and possession. Amen.

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**ACT OF CONSECRATION  
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN  
FOR INFANT GIRL  
AT TIME OF BAPTISM**

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O blessed Virgin Mary  
our Mother, when the Son of  
God decided to take upon  
Himself our human life in order  
that we might share in His  
Divine Life, He did not wish to  
come to us without your free  
cooperation. He deliberately  
willed to have need of you.

Look down today from heaven  
upon little (name of infant).  
She has received from her  
parents the life of man,  
and now by the Holy Sacrament  
of Baptism, she has been given a  
life which is infinitely superior,  
the very life of God.  
We know that just as God is her  
Father and our Father, you are,  
in regard to her spiritual life,  
her Mother and our Mother.

We confide this child to you.  
Show yourself her Mother.  
Watch over her education;  
nourish her with the life of  
grace; make her progress in her  
Christian life just as her human  
parents aid her to progress in  
physical as well as spiritual life.

Protect the precious life  
which has just been received.  
Be for her a real Mother  
to guard her in your arms  
when the devil seeks to destroy  
her spiritual life in your Son  
Jesus Christ.

May she love you as Jesus  
Christ loved you,  
for our love for you  
is nothing else but a  
participation in the love  
of your Son for you.

In the name of this child  
(name of infant), we wish to  
make today her first prayer  
to her heavenly Mother.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with Thee,  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour  
of our death.  
Amen.

