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CONSECRATION OF A BOY TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



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 him to you that you may present him to your Divine Son, and that you may take him under your loving, maternal protection. Preserve this child from dangers and keep him from all sin. Help this child to remain faithful to the promises made in Baptism so that he may go through life having you always as his refuge and mother.

May all virtues shine in him and may he never offend your maternal heart. May the Eternal Father always look upon this child with delight and see in him a ray and reflection of your Immaculate Beauty. And as today he gladdens our home, so may he one day gladden the Eternal Home which we pray will be his. 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 him – body and soul. Take him under your care and keep him always. Protect him in his infancy and keep him sound in body and mind. Guard over his youth and keep his heart pure, his thoughts ever holy and directed to God and spiritual things. Protect him always throughout life – in his joys and sorrows, in his dealings with others. Always and in all things be a true mother to him, Mary, and preserve him. I commend him entirely to you.

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

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**ACT OF CONSECRATION
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
FOR INFANT BOY
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).
He has received from his
parents the life of man,
and now by the Holy Sacrament
of Baptism, he has been given a
life which is infinitely superior,
the very life of God.
We know that just as God is his
Father and our Father, you are,
in regard to his spiritual life,
his Mother and our Mother.

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

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

May he 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 his first prayer
to his 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.

