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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



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.