



CONSECRATION OF THE FAMILY TO THE HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY

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Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, you have loved humanity to the extreme, without sparing anything to save us and give us your love, your life, your grace, and your truth. You have loved humanity to the point of allowing yourself to be pierced and you thus become an open fountain from which flow in abundance the graces of salvation, conversion, and the strength to be faithful to the most sublime vocation of the human person: the vocation to love, manifested in sincere, total, and permanent self-donation. Your Pierced Heart is the Home of humanity, and the School where we learn the splendor of truth about the Gospel of the Family and where we are formed to live the salvific potency of the Gospel of Love and Life.

We consecrate, today, our family to your Pierced Heart, Oh Jesus, so that within your Heart, we may be protected from everything that opposes conjugal and familial love. Formed in the School of your Heart, may we learn to live in the authentic communion that is born from the covenant of permanent and indissoluble love, of fidelity and respect of spouses and upon which is built the gift of communion in the love between all the members of the family. May our family be a community of love, a sanctuary of life, school of humanity, and path of maturation in Christian and human virtues, to be able to form men and women in the good, that they may be instruments for the building of a new civilization of love, truth, life, peace and solidarity. May your Heart, oh Jesus, reign in our families and homes, so that with the strength of your love, we may live according to the dignity of the vocation that we have received. May the luminous, joyful, and demanding potency of authentic love that can never be bought or sold, but can only be freely, mutually, and gratuitously given triumph in our family.

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, you are the home, the dwelling place of God made Man, your Heart was the Home of the Heart of Christ, the place where he grew in wisdom, grace, and stature before God and men. Your Heart, oh Mother, is the luminous School of the human heart. We learn there to contemplate and imitate the life of Jesus, to know the overwhelming strength of love that is always disposed to care for, sustain, defend, mature, and cultivate the precious gift of family love.

To your Immaculate and Maternal Heart, we consecrate our family today. You who are the Mother of the Holy Family which is the image and model of every human family, help us to guide our families in the spirit of the House of Nazareth. Teach us to guard the gift of love, the gift of life, the gift of joy, the gift of fidelity, of communion and unconditional service. Teach us, in the school of your Heart, to value the gift of the vocation, identity and mission of the Christian family in today's world. Teach us to make our homes small sanctuaries of prayer and listening to the Word of God. Teach us to walk the path of authentic discipleship following Jesus very closely, obeying his commandments and frequently receiving his grace and power in the sacraments. Teach us to be faithful and generous in times of difficulties and sufferings. Mother of the Holy Family, protect our family from everything that can bring it spiritual, moral, material, or physical harm. Teach us to guard the beauty, truth, and goodness of the family vocation with wisdom, grace, prayer, sincere dialogue, and with daily sacrifices of oblation love.

Oh, Hearts of Jesus and Mary, hope of the Family! We consecrate our family to your Hearts today! May we learn in the school of your Hearts to be living and luminous witnesses of the treasure of being Family. May we, with the strength of your Love, be firm in the commitments that flow from the covenant of love and fidelity upon which the Family is founded. By the power of this consecration, may our Family belong to you and be sealed forever with the sign of your Hearts. May it be protected under this sign from all threats of the devil, the world, and the passions of the flesh that forcefully attack the dignity, integrity and unity of the Family. May the love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary triumph in everything and in everyone in our homes and in our families. May the luminous potency of the Gospel of Love, life, peace, authentic humanity, solidarity and communion be lived in everything and everyone in our families. May the Gospel of the Family triumph! Amen.

The family is the center and the heart of the civilization of love!

(St. John Paul II, Letter to Families)