

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH OF THE SCHOOL AND FAMILIES
OF ST. MARY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL**

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Blessed Mother you lovingly carry the Child Jesus in your Womb, please be free to always give Him birth in our hearts and in our School Family. Your Immaculate and Maternal Heart is the home and the School where Jesus was received, loved, educated and formed to grow in wisdom, grace and stature before God and before men (cf. Luke). We consecrate the School of St. Mary's Cathedral to your Immaculate Heart. Be our Mother, obtain for us the graces we need to allow Jesus to be the center of our lives, our hearts, our School and our families. Teach us to love Him and to follow Him in the path of holiness revealed in the Gospel. Immaculate Mother, teach us to make of His Eucharistic Presence our lives. Teach us to listen, to guard and to treasure His Word and to obey with loving determination all that He has taught us in the Gospel. Teach us, oh Mother, to be faithful disciples and friends of Jesus' Heart. Teach us to be faithful sons and daughters of our Mother, the Church.

Through this consecration we dispose ourselves, to be like your Heart, Blessed Mother, a dwelling place for God to dwell among us. Mother, guide us and take us to Jesus, be our sure path to His Heart and to the fulfillment of His designs of love for our School family. Oh, Mother and Formator of the human heart, teach us and mold us with your maternal hands so our School may live and teach the virtues of the House of Nazareth, that we may form the children in our school to be witnesses to faith, hope and authentic love. May they learn to serve and to work with responsibility and to grow daily in the maturity of Christian living. May our School, consecrated to your Immaculate and Maternal Heart, form living witnesses to the Gospel, so as to be fit instruments in the building of a new civilization of love, faith, truth, life, hope and responsibility. May our School, Blessed Mother, may be a living reflection of your maternal and formative mission.

St. Joseph, you received the Mother and the Child and prepared for them a home where to dwell. Your heart became their home and their guardian. You, St. Joseph, gave your life to love, serve, protect and guard the treasures that God the Father, had entrusted to your hands and loving care. To you, St. Joseph, we entrust today the School of St. Mary's, this place which is Hers, holds her name, is consecrated to Her, and desires to be a living reflection of her maternal and formative mission in the House of Nazareth. St. Joseph guard and defend, provide and build all that the School of St. Mary's may need in the present and in the future. Oh, St. Joseph, with your caring hands and your loving heart build a home, build every little detail needed to create the Holy House of Nazareth in our School Family. Place all things in the order of love, fill the empty spaces, expand the narrowness, bring light to the shadows, make firm the foundations and deepen our understanding of the mystery of love that has been entrusted to our school family. Be the guardian of the treasures that have been placed in this Home and School: the hearts of many children! As you were called to receive the Mother and the Child into your home, we ask you to receive the School of St. Mary's, and the children who come to be educated in this school family, into the home of your paternal and guardian's heart. Guard the treasure of all the children's lives, hearts and families that belong to our School; form them, St. Joseph, with the virtues of your heart and teach them to always make of their lives a gift of love for others and to become responsible men and women who build a new civilization where love and truth may always triumph.

Oh, Child Jesus, you are Love Incarnate, you are God made man, made a Child. Your Face, Oh Jesus is the Face of love, the greatest gift and dignity of the human heart. You revealed love to humanity, you showed us the path of elevation in love. We must first become a child, to be able to enter the Kingdom of God. We must learn from you, Child Jesus, to be humble, meek, obedient, docile, responsible, generous and pure, to be able to know God's love and to be witnesses of His love to the whole world. To your Heart, we consecrate today, the School of St. Mary's to be formed in the School of your little Heart, to grow in wisdom, grace and maturity in our human and spiritual life, in the home and school of the House of Nazareth, consecrated to Our Lady's Heart, to St. Joseph's and to your Heart, oh Child Jesus. May, in this home and School of St. Mary's, we learn to live the virtues and the holiness that love reveals, communicates and calls forth. May we, in your Heart, Child Jesus, become radiant witness of the face of love, of the power of faith, of the splendor of truth and of the strength of hope. We must become in the School of your Heart, Child Jesus, a face of love, a witness to love in a world so much in need of your presence, of your purity, of your humility and of your hope.

Through this act of consecration to your Heart, Oh Child Jesus, we offer the School of St. Mary's, the children and the families, to be a manger for you to dwell. May we receive you with the same tenderness, responsible love, care and gratitude of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. May we be a home like Nazareth to receive you, to hold you, to adore you, to love you, to listen to you, to treasure your living Word and to present you to the world.

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Holy Family, the Home and School of Love incarnate, pray for us!