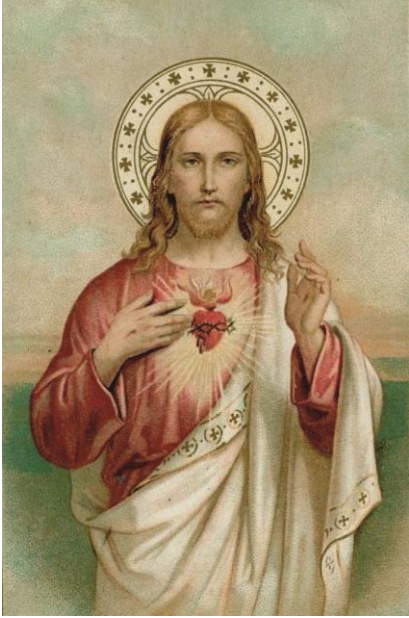


Tridentine Community News

January 7, 2018 – The Holy Family

Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart



On this Feast of the Holy Family, it is fitting to print the prayer of Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart. This prayer is taken from the 1961 British publication, *Excérpta e Rituáli Románo* [Extracts from the Roman Ritual]. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to the members of a family on the day on which it is first consecrated, under the usual conditions. A Partial Indulgence is granted for reciting the Act of Consecration before an image of the

Sacred Heart on the anniversaries of consecration.

The priest blesses in the home the statue or picture of the Sacred Heart, using [the Latin version of] the formula given below.

✠. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

✠. Who made heaven and earth.

✠. The Lord be with you.

✠. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O almighty, everlasting God! Thou dost approve of the sculptured or painted images of Thy Saints, in order that when we behold them, we may be led to contemplate and imitate their lives and holiness. Wherefore, we beseech Thee to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ this image (or statue) wrought to the memory and honor of Thy Sole-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And grant that whosoever through the inspiration of this image earnestly strives to honor and worship Him, may by His merits obtain grace in this life and eternal glory in the next. Through the same Christ our Lord.

✠. Amen.

The image is sprinkled with Holy Water. The priest then sets up the picture or statue in a prominent place and all present recite the Apostles' Creed. Finally all recite the Act of Consecration [in the vernacular]:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thou hast revealed to Blessed Margaret Mary Thy desire to reign over Christian families. Behold us, therefore, assembled here today to proclaim Thy absolute dominion over ours. We desire henceforth to shape our lives in accordance with Thy life, to cultivate at our hearth those virtues to which Thou hast promised peace here below, and to allow no place to that worldly spirit which Thou hast condemned.

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Thine it will be to reign in our minds by the simplicity of our faith and in our hearts by love for Thee alone, a love whose flame we intend to keep brightly burning by the frequent reception of the Eucharist. Deign, O Divine Heart, to preside over us when we are gathered together, to bless our spiritual and temporal affairs, to banish our cares, to sanctify our joys, and to lighten our sorrows. If any one of us should ever, alas, offend Thee, remind him, O Divine Heart, that Thou hast nothing but kindness and mercy for the repentant sinner. And when the hour of parting comes and death shall bring bereavement to our home, then both those who are to be called away and those who are to be left will be resigned to Thy eternal decrees. One thought shall uphold us, that a day will come when our family, reunited in heaven, will extol Thy glories and Thy goodness for ever. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glorious Patriarch, St. Joseph, present to Thee this our consecration, and keep us mindful of it all the days of our lives.

Hail, Sacred Heart of Jesus, our King and Father!

Liturgical Colors

A reader asked for a list of the various liturgical colors specified for use in the Traditional Mass throughout the course of the year:

Green is used for Sundays and Weekday Ferias After Epiphany and Sundays and Weekday Ferias After Pentecost.

Violet is used for Sundays and Weekday Ferias in Advent and Lent and for certain Votive Masses. It is the penitential color.

White represents joy, innocence, purity, and sanctity. It is used on the Feast Days of our Lady, of non-martyr Saints, and during the Christmas and Easter octaves if gold is not used.

Rose is used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It represents a blending of the violet penitential color and the white color of joy.

Red is used for Pentecost, representing the Fire of the Holy Ghost, and Feasts of Martyrs, representing their blood shed.

Black is used for Funerals, All Souls Day, and memorial Requiem Masses.

Gold may be substituted on solemn occasions for any color except violet, rose, and black. One typically sees gold during the Christmas and Easter octaves and on occasions of local significance.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Mon. 01/08 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *St. Josaphat* (Feria After Epiphany [Mass of First Sunday After Epiphany])

Tue. 01/09 7:00 PM: Low Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Feria After Epiphany [Mass of First Sunday After Epiphany])

Sat. 01/13 8:30 AM: Low Mass at *Miles Christi* (Baptism of the Lord)