

Dear Readers,

The two great evils of the present time, as Pope Pius XI has said, are on the one hand materialistic and atheistic communism, and on the other hand an unrestrained nationalism that wills to establish the supremacy of the strong over the weak, without respect to the divine and natural law.

That is why, from different directions and for a long time, a good many interior souls, faced with the unprecedented disorders and the tragic sufferings of the modern world, feel the need to have recourse to Mary. Already towards the end of the 19th century, in diverse countries and in particular, in convents of the contemplative life, the request was made of a consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Father Dore, the Superior General of the Eudists, in 1908 and in 1912, and Father Lintel, Jesuit, in 1914, have taken the initiative of petitioning the Sovereign Pontiff in order to obtain this universal consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Afterwards, the Blessed Virgin made a request to Sister Lucy, on June 13, 1929, that the Pope, united with all the bishops of the entire world, make the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. But to Sister Lucy the Blessed Virgin explained her desires. She told her what must be the subject of this consecration: it is not the universal consecration of the entire world that she wishes, but the consecration solely of Russia.

Catholics know, consequently, that to remedy the evils of the modern world, this consecration of Russia is necessary. They feel the need of a collective prayer, which would assemble before God the profoundly Christian souls from different countries, to procure that the reign of God and of Christ be established more and more instead of the reign of pride and of covetousness. They likewise know that we will only obtain the exterior pacification of the world through the interior pacification of souls, in leading them to God, in working to establish in them the reign of Christ, to the innermost depths of their intelligence, of their heart and of their will.

For this return of lost souls to Him who alone can save them, it is important to have recourse to the intercession of Mary, universal mediatrix of all men. We say, of sinners that seem to be lost for good, that it is necessary to entrust them to Mary. It is the same for Christian people who are lost. All the influence of the Blessed Virgin is aimed at leading souls to her Son. Her prayer is so much the more powerful, as it is more enlightened and as it proceeds from a love of God and of souls that nothing can weaken or interrupt. The merciful love of Mary for all mankind exceeds that of all the saints and angels combined. The supplication of Mary is that of a Mother who is most enlightened, most loving, most strong. He who consecrates each day to Mary all his works, his spiritual exercises and all that he undertakes will experience this. He will regain faith and confidence, when all appears to be lost. And yet, if the individual consecration of a soul to Mary obtains for him daily great graces of understanding, of attraction, of love and of strength, what would not be the results of a consecration of the largest country in the world, made by the Supreme Shepherd, surrounded by the bishops of all the countries?

To obtain this act of the Sovereign Pontiff, it would be necessary that a great enough number of faithful have understood and grasped the meaning and the consequences of the requested consecration. As Mother Mary of Jesus, foundress of the Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Jesus (1841-1881), said it: "We do not live for ourselves; we must see everything in the plan of God. Our present sorrows – they would be heightened and we ourselves would be sacrificed in the disaster – purchasing and preparing the future and assured Triumphs of the Church. In the difficult times which we are going through, the Church has need of very generous, truly holy souls."

Then let us devote ourselves, as our Superior General has asked of us, to this Rosary Crusade, to obtain from the Sovereign Pontiff the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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