

ACT OF CONSECRATION
Of the Diocese of Saint Catharines to the
SACRED HEART OF JESUS
And to the
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

I, Gerard Paul Bergie, by grace a successor of the apostles, and the Pastor of this Particular Church, this diocese of St. Catharines, acknowledge you, O Jesus, as LORD. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, you are the almighty Creator of the universe. You are the Head of your body, the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, and of this local Church. I wish to recognize and ratify once again, that we belong to you. We are yours, and yours we wish to be.

We worship and adore you: in your Heart are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All power in heaven and on earth has been given to you. All things were made through you and all things were made for you. You are worthy, O Lamb of God, to receive honour and power and glory and dominion. All authority comes from you and through you.

Therefore, I give, entrust and consecrate to you, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, this diocese of Saint Catharines, all our parishes, and each one in particular, and each and all of our faithful. I entrust to your merciful protection and love, and I consecrate to you all the land and people of the Niagara peninsula.

Protect us from war, famine and disease. Give us greater security and also material welfare. Bless our local economy. Make our crops abundant and revive our industrial base: bring many good and fulfilling jobs to Niagara. Enable our young people to stay among us and to prosper. Give us grace to use wisely, generously and charitably the goods you bestow upon us and entrust to us. Since, with your help, we intend to seek first of all your kingdom and your justice, add everything else we need to us.

Help me, and all our priests, deacons, our consecrated men and women, and all your people to grow always closer to you. Raise up many vocations to the sacred ministry. Strengthen our families. Heal and comfort our sick.

Above all we worship You, whose Heart is filled with goodness and love. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

I also give, entrust and consecrate to you, O Immaculate Heart of Mary, this diocese of Saint Catharines, all our parishes, and each one in particular, and each and all of our faithful. I entrust to your merciful protection and love, and I consecrate to you all the land and people of the Niagara Peninsula.

All graces and the entire order of mercy have been entrusted to you. To you has been entrusted the peace of the world. We acknowledge that God gives graces and mercy to us through your Sorrowful and Immaculate heart.

We renew and ratify the promises of our baptism in your hands, renouncing the devil, with all his works and empty promises, and proclaiming our faith in the one, true and living God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

O Mother of the Church, renew your wonders among us! Pray for us and pray with us as you did in the days leading up to the first Pentecost. Ask for and obtain for us a superabundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Help us to set the Diocese of St. Catharines on fire with God's love.

Pour out the grace and mercy entrusted to you on each and every one of us. May we all respond to our most fundamental vocation: to be faithful servants and perfect friends of the Sacred Heart.

Gather us finally together, without the loss of anyone, in the kingdom of God's love and glory in paradise forever and ever. Amen.

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