

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of Mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to thine Immaculate Heart. We consecrate to thee our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To thee we give our homes, our families, our country.

WE desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to thee, and may share in the benefits of thy Motherly blessing.

AND that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting, we renew this day at thy feet the promises of our baptism and our first Holy Communion.

WE pledge ourselves to profess bravely and at all time the truths of our Holy Faith, and to live as befits Catholics. We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and His Holy Church; in particular to keep holy the Lord's Day. We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all Holy Communion, a central part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able to do so.

FINALLY, we promise thee, O Glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of men, to devote ourselves whole heartedly to the service of thy blessed veneration in order to hasten and assure, through the Queenship of thine Immaculate Heart the coming of the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart of thy dear Son in our hearts and in those of all men, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven so on earth.

R. Amen.

Concluding hymn: *Salve Regina*.

A Solemn Coronation of the

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



After the Asperges, kneeling before the altar, the Celebrant intones the following antiphon:

VII
S UB tu-um præ-sí-di- um confú-gimus, * sancta De-
 i gé-ni-trix: nostras depre-ca-ti- ó-nes ne despí-ci- as in
 ne-ces-si- tá-ti-bus, sed a pe-rí-cu-lis cunctis lí-be-ra nos
 sem-per, Virgo glo-ri- ó-sa et be- ne-díc-ta.

The celebrant blesses the crown, held before him by an acolyte:

- V. Adjutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.
 R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.
 V. Dóminus vobíscum.
 R. Et cum spírítu tuo.

Oremus

OMNÍPOTENS sempitérne Deus, cujus clementíssima dispensatióne cuncta creáta sunt ex nihilo, Majestátem tuam súplices deprecá-mur : ut hanc corónam pro ornátu Sacrae Imáginis Beatíssimæ Vírginis Maríæ fabricátam bene ✠ dícere, et sancti ✠ ficáre dignéris. Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Incense is imposed. The celebrant sprinkles with holy water and incenses the crown. The celebrant processes with the master of ceremonies, thurifer and acolyte to the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where he kneels and intones:

VI
R E-gí-na cae-li * lae-tá- re, al-le-

lú-ia: Qui- a quem me- ru- í-sti por-
 tá- re, al-le- lú-ia: Re-sur-ré- xit,
 sic-ut di-xit, al-le- lú-ia: O- ra pro no-bis De- um, al-
 le- * ** lú- ia.

While the chanters continue the antiphon *Regina Cœli*, the celebrant crowns the statue saying:

**Sícuti per manus nostras coronáris
 in terris, ita et per te a Jesu Christo
 Fílio tuo glória atque honóre coronári
 mereámur in cœlis.**

Once the statue is crowned, the celebrant incenses the image with three double swings, standing, making a medium bow before and after. Once the chanters have finished the antiphon, or after incensing the statue, the celebrant, standing, chants:

- V. Gaude et lætáre, Virgo María, allelúja.
 R. Quia surrexit Dóminus vere, allelúja.

Oremus

DEUS, qui per resurrectionem Fílii tui, Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, mundum lætificáre dignátus es : præsta, quæsumus; ut, per ejus Genetrícem Vírginem Maríam, perpétuæ capíamus gáudia vitæ. Per eúndem Christum Dóminum nóstrum.

R. Amen.

The celebrant, kneeling, now makes the Act of Consecration: