



ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE
HUMAN RACE TO THE SACRED HEART¹

MOST sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thine altar². We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee; many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord holds aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Be Thou King of all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism, and refuse not to draw them all into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once Thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Savior; may It now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life. Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: "Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honor forever." *Amen.*

¹ Indulgence of 5 years.—Plenary, if recited devoutly every day for a month, with the required Confession, Communion and visit of a church or public oratory.

Indulgence of 7 years granted to the faithful who are present at the public act of consecration on the Feast of Christ the King, celebrated in a church, public or semi-public oratory; the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart, p. 1403, is prescribed and ought to be said before the exposed Blessed Sacrament.—Plenary, when adding the usual conditions of Confession and Communion only.

²Outside the church or chapel is said ...before Thy Face, instead of ...before Thine Altar.

