

the little servants of Christ The King prayer community Sudbury, Ontario

. . . . proclaiming the power of the Holy Spirit and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

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Our Mission Statement: *"If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow in all ways into Christ, who is the head by whom the whole body is fitted and joined together, every joint adding its own strength, for each separate part to work according to its function. So the body grows until it has built itself up, in love."* - Ephesians 4:15-16

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VISION

The little servants of Christ the King prayer community is a spiritual group within the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. It is incorporated and designated as a registered charity under the income tax act. Our goal is to advance and teach the Message of Jesus Christ as announced and practiced by the Catholic Church with an emphasis on having a personal relationship with Jesus and expressing the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our time and resources are dedicated to the work of **EVANGELIZATION**.

In everything we do, everyone is invited from the different Sectors of our Diocese (English, French, and Native). Although, all our activities are conducted in English, we do everything possible to reach out to all.

Outside our weekly meetings, we use the Diocesan office, regular mail, E-mail (for approximately 350 members), phone calls, Facebook, YouTube, and our website for all our outreach.

The prayer community is divided into **THREE STREAMS**:

STREAM 1. Building our faith through Weekly prayer meetings and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist (Mass).

STREAM 2. Promoting Our Chapel of Perpetual Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

STREAM 3. Teaching through special days of reflection.

- a. Lenten Mission of 5 weeks.
- b. Annual Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi Retreats.
- c. Life in the Spirit and Future Growth seminars.
- d. Special Fall Retreats.

We are a group that rely wholly on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother of Perpetual Help.

QUOTE: "**FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GOD**" - **Luke 1:37**

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2022 MAY

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

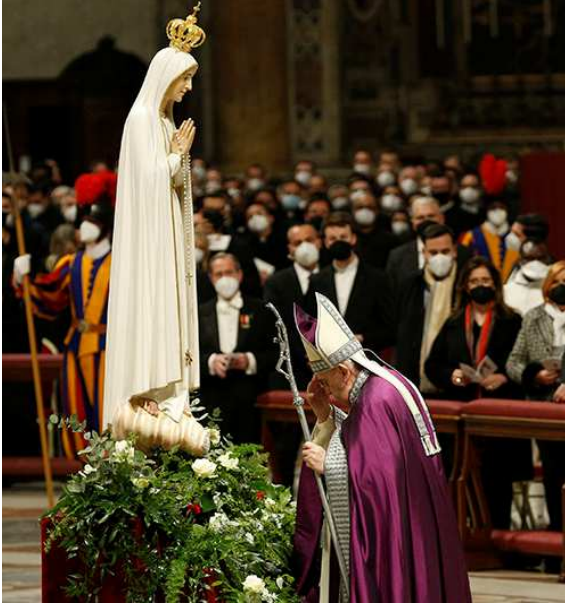


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Pope Francis' Act of Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to The Immaculate Heart of Mary



On March 25, 2022 Pope Francis led a celebration of the sacrament of penance, and the act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in St. Peter's Basilica. The following is the full text of the pope's prepared homily.

In the Gospel reading for today's Solemnity, the angel Gabriel speaks three times in addressing the Virgin Mary.

The first is when he greets her and says, "Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28) The reason to rejoice, the reason for joy, is revealed in those few words: the Lord is with you. Dear brother, dear sister, today you can hear those words addressed to you. You can make them your own each time you approach God's

forgiveness, for there the Lord tells you, "I am with you." All too often, we think that Confession is about going to God with dejected looks. Yet it is not so much that we go to the Lord, but that He comes to us, to fill us with His grace, to fill us with His joy. Our confession gives the Father the joy of raising us up once more. It is not so much about our sins, as about His forgiveness. Think about it: if our sins were at the heart of the sacrament, almost everything would depend on us, on our repentances, our efforts, our resolves. Far from it. The sacrament is about God, who liberates us and puts us back on our feet.

Let us recognize once more the primacy of grace, and ask for the gift to realize that Reconciliation is not primarily our drawing near to God, but His embrace that enfolds, astonishes and overwhelms us. The Lord enters our home, as He did that of Mary in Nazareth, and brings us unexpected amazement and joy. Let us first look at things from God's perspective: then we will rediscover our love for Confession. We need this, for every interior rebirth, every spiritual renewal, starts there, from God's forgiveness. May we not neglect Reconciliation, but rediscover it as the sacrament of joy. Yes, of joy, for our shame for our sins becomes the occasion for an experience of the warm embrace of the Father, the gentle strength of Jesus who heals us, and the "maternal tenderness" of the Holy Spirit. That is the heart of Confession.

And you, dear brother priests who are ministers of God's forgiveness, offer to those who approach you the joy of this proclamation: Rejoice, the Lord is with you. Set aside rigidity, obstacles and harshness; may you be doors wide open to mercy! Especially in Confession, we are called to act in the person of the Good Shepherd who takes his sheep into his arms and cradles them. We are called to be channels of grace that pour forth the living water of the Father's mercy on hearts grown arid.

A second time the angel speaks to Mary. She was troubled by his greeting, and so he tells her, “Do not be afraid.” (v. 30) In the Scriptures, whenever God appears to those who receive Him, He loves to utter those words: Do not be afraid! He says them to Abraham (cf. Genesis 15:1), repeats them to Isaac (cf. Matthew 1:20), to Jacob (cf. Genesis 46:3) and so on, up to Joseph (cf. Matthew 1:20) and Mary. In this way, He sends us a clear and comforting message: once our lives are open to God, fear can no longer hold us in thrall. Dear sister, dear brother if your sins frighten you, if your past worries you, if your wounds do not heal, if your constant failings dishearten you and you seem to have lost hope, do not be afraid. God knows your weaknesses and is greater than your mistakes. He asks of you only one thing: that you not hold your frailties and sufferings inside. Bring them to Him, lay them before Him, and from being reasons for despair, they will become opportunities for resurrection. Do not be afraid!

The Blessed Virgin Mary accompanies us: she cast her own anxiety upon God. The angel’s proclamation gave her good reason to be afraid. He proposed to her something unimaginable and beyond her abilities, something that she could not handle alone: there would be too many difficulties, problems with the Mosaic law, with Joseph, with the citizens of her town and with her people. Yet Mary did not object. Those words – do not be afraid – were sufficient for her; God’s reassurance was enough for her. She clung to Him, as we want to do tonight. Yet so often we do the exact opposite. We start from our own certainties, and when we lose them, we turn to God. Our Lady, on the other hand, teaches us to start from God, trusting that in this way everything else will be given to us. (cf. Matthew 6:33) She invites us to go to the sources, to the Lord, who is the ultimate remedy against fear and emptiness in life. There is a lovely phrase written above a confessional here in the Vatican that reminds us of this. It addresses God with these words: “To turn away from You is to fall, to turn back to You is to rise, to abide in You is to have life.” (cf. SAINT AUGUSTINE, Soliloquies 1, 3)

In these days, news reports and scenes of death continue to enter our homes, even as bombs are destroying the homes of many of our defenceless Ukrainian brothers and sisters. The vicious war that has overtaken so many people, and caused suffering to all, has made each of us fearful and anxious. We sense our helplessness and our inadequacy. We need to be told, “Do not be afraid.” Yet human reassurance is not enough. We need the closeness of God and the certainty of His forgiveness, which alone eliminates evil, disarms resentment, and restores peace to our hearts. Let us return to God and to His forgiveness.

A third time the angel speaks to Mary and says: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you.” (Luke 1:35) That is how God intervenes in history: by giving His very Spirit. For in the things that matter, our own strength is not enough. By ourselves, we cannot succeed in resolving the contradictions of history, or even those of our own hearts. We need the wisdom and gentle power of God that is the Holy Spirit. We need the Spirit of love who dispels hatred, soothes bitterness, extinguishes greed and rouses us from indifference. We need God’s love, for our love is fragile and insufficient. We ask the Lord for many things, but how often we forget to ask Him for what is most important, and what He desires most to give us: the Holy Spirit, the power to love. Indeed, without love, what can we offer to the world? It has been said that a Christian without love is like a needle that does not sew: it stings, it wounds, and if it fails to sew, weave or patch, then it is useless. This is why we need to find in God’s forgiveness the power of love: the same Spirit who descended upon Mary.

If we want the world to change, then first our hearts must change. For this to happen, let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Let us gaze upon her Immaculate Heart in which God dwelt, “our tainted nature’s solitary boast.” Mary is “full of grace” (v. 28), and thus free from

sin. In her, there is no trace of evil and hence, with her, God was able to begin a new story of salvation and peace. There, in her, history took a turn. God changed history by knocking at the door of Mary's heart.

Today, renewed by God's forgiveness, may we too knock at the door of her Immaculate heart. In union with the Bishops and faithful of the world, I desire in a solemn way to bring all that we are presently experiencing to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I wish to renew to her the consecration of the Church and the whole of humanity, and to consecrate to her in a particular way the Ukrainian people and the Russian people, who with filial affection, venerate her as a Mother.

This is no magic formula but a spiritual act. It is an act of complete trust on the part of children, who amid the tribulation of this cruel and senseless war that threatens our world, turn to their Mother, reposing all their fears and pain in her heart, and abandoning themselves to her. It means placing in that pure and undefiled heart, where God is mirrored, the inestimable goods of fraternity and peace, all that we have and are, so that she, the Mother whom the Lord has given us, may protect us and watch over us.

Mary then uttered the most beautiful words that the angel could bring back to God: "Let it be to me according to your word." (v. 38) Hers was no passive or resigned acceptance, but a lively desire to obey God, who has "plans for welfare and not for evil." (Jeremiah 29:11) Hers was the most intimate sharing in God's plan of peace for the world. We consecrate ourselves to Mary in order to enter into this plan, to place ourselves fully at the disposal of God's plans. After having uttered her "Fiat," the Mother of God set out on a long journey to the hill country, to visit a relative who was with child. (cf. Lk 1:39) May she now take our own journey into her hands: may she guide our steps through the steep and arduous paths of fraternity and dialogue, along the way of peace.

Act of Consecration Prayed by Pope Francis

March 25, 2022



O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars.

We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbour's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (John 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.

Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.

Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.

Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your

side, said: "Behold your son" (John 19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

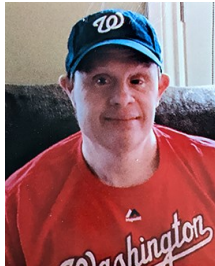
Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "Fiat", on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope", water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

In Memory of...

We would like to extend our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following members of our prayer community:



Noreen Helen Talbot (nee Leblanc)
Friday, March 18, 2022



Kevin Joseph Lalonde
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

***Beautiful souls, full of love and faith, ascended to heaven, away from us,
but closer to God.***

Putting the Peace Plan of Our Lady into Action

History has recorded as already having taken place many of the terrible disasters predicted by the Mother of God in 1917. These things cannot be undone. But we still have the future ahead of us. It can be a happy future, filled with peace, if we live our lives according to Our Lady's requests.

These requests are: **1)** penance and reparation **2)** the daily recitation of the Rosary **3)** the five First Saturdays, and **4)** consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is what forms the **"Peace Plan From Heaven"**—our only hope.

1) PENANCE AND REPARATION



By penance, Our Lady explained that men must amend their lives, give up their easy lives of sin, ask pardon for their sins, and make reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so grievously offended by the sins of men. By reparation, Our Lady means: a) offering sacrifice to atone for our sins b) fulfilling our daily duties to the best of our abilities c) accepting the responsibilities of our state in life d)

obeying the Commandments of God. The sacrifice Our Lord requires of each of us is that sacrifice necessary to avoid sin and the occasion of sin, and to accept with submission all the suffering sent to us. Also, we should make everything we do a sacrifice, and in offering it to God, we should say this prayer:

"O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of poor sinners, and in reparation for all the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

2) THE DAILY ROSARY



Our Lady pleaded and insisted that everyone must say the daily Rosary. Reparation holds back the hand of God from striking the world in just punishment for its many crimes. The Rosary is like a sword or weapon the Mother of God can use to cut down heresy, and the forces of evil. It is most powerful, and many times it has saved the world from situations as bad as, if not worse than, the one facing us today.

In early 1964, the country of Brazil was within days of falling to Communism. The courageous Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro broadcast radio appeals for prayer and penance in keeping with Our Lady's Fatima requests. The response of Brazilians rose and rose until it culminated in a vast march of 600,000 Rosary-praying women in Sao Paulo. More such marches were scheduled, but on April 1, the Communists fled the country, and freedom was preserved. Today, we are threatened on all sides by Communism.

But the Blessed Virgin Mary can overcome these forces of evil overnight—if enough people will say the daily Rosary. Pope Pius IX said: "Give me an army saying the Rosary, and I will conquer the world." Particularly is the Family Rosary recommended, for "the family that prays together stays together," and today our families are threatened with breakup on all sides. After each decade of the Rosary, you should recite the prayer: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy."

3) THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS



This devotion consists of 1) going to Confession, 2) receiving Holy Communion, 3) reciting five decades of the Rosary, and 4) spending 15 minutes with Our Lady meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary — all with the intention of making reparation to her. **The Mediatrix of All Graces has**

promised, at the hour of death, all graces necessary for salvation to those who faithfully practice this devotion for the First Saturday of any five consecutive months.

(NOTE: The Confession may be made under the usual condition of 8 days before or after Holy Communion, provided the person is not in the state of mortal sin when he receives Holy Communion.)

The first Friday, first Saturday, and first Sunday of the month normally come together in the same week. The Confession good for one is good for the others. It is recommended that people receive Holy Communion in reparation on all three days, giving Our Lady a little more than she asks—and helping to make up for those who refuse to give her anything at all. In addition to assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, receiving Holy Communion is the most perfect form of reparation that can be offered.

4) CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

This consecration is the least understood but one of the most important parts of the message of Fatima. Our Lady is looking for people willing to become cells of prayer and sacrifice through consecration to her. **Personal consecration** to the Immaculate Heart of Mary can take many forms. It can be done simply by reciting with sincerity the act of consecration. This consecration can be renewed each day merely by saying the morning offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. However, the act itself should be repeated on all important feast days of the Blessed Mother. More important than reciting the act is to live up to the conditions which it sets forth, particularly by fulfilling Our Lady's requests at Fatima.

In consecrating oneself to Mary, a Christian pays her homage, places himself in her service and under her protection, and strives to imitate her virtues. One of the best forms of consecration for the average layman is to wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Sister Lucia has said that all Catholics should wear the Brown Scapular as part of the Fatima message. She said, "The Rosary and the Scapular are inseparable." The Brown Scapular of Mt. Carmel is an abbreviated form of the large Scapular worn by members of the Carmelite Order; thus it can be called a "holy habit" and "Our Lady's livery."

A person who wears this Scapular declares that he or she belongs to Mary. In return, the Mother of God has promised eternal life to those who die wearing this mantle. In 1251, when she gave the Scapular to St. Simon Stock and thereby to the world, the Queen of Heaven stated: **"Whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire."** Wearing the Scapular serves as a constant reminder of one's personal consecration to Mary, and of the necessity of imitating her virtues and heeding her requests.

NOTE: The Scapular Medal may be substituted when it is impossible or impractical to wear the cloth Scapular. However, to be worn validly, the person wearing the medal must first have been enrolled in the cloth Scapular, and the medal must be blessed by a priest. It is not necessary to have the cloth Scapular blessed.



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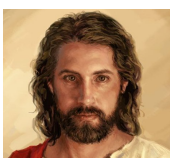
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