

Act of Consecration of the Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Virgin Mother of God, you revealed to the shepherd children at Fatima that the Lord wishes to establish in the world devotion to your Immaculate Heart. With a mother's love you participated in the mysteries of the life, death and resurrection of your Son, and you kept all these things and pondered on them in your Immaculate Heart. In order to put us in living communion with Jesus through your maternal Heart, you asked your children to pray the Rosary to obtain true and lasting peace in our world. And you asked for works of penance and acts of sacrifice, to make reparation for sins and for the conversion of sinners who have no one to pray for them.

Help each of us in the parish of *Our Lady, Star of the Sea and St. Drostan / St. Mary* to hear and follow your message. In keeping with your request at Fatima, we consecrate ourselves and our parish, this day and always, to your Immaculate Heart. Help us to persevere in penance and prayer for the salvation of the world, and to advance the kingdom of Christ more effectively each day. Pray for us, O Holy Virgin Mother of God, that we may be given a heart like yours, free from sin and attentive to God's will, so that, ever faithful to His commandments, we might love the Lord above all things and seek to help others in their need. Holy Mary, Virgin of Fatima, accept this, our act of consecration. As a sign of our unity in this prayer, and with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence, we join our voices to those of all generations who call you blessed, as together we pray:

[All:]

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.