

**EUCHARIST ADORATION
AND
BENEDICTION
RE-CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES
TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
May 1, 2020**

**Consecration of the United States to
Mary, Mother of the Church**



In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the Catholic Church in Canada and the United States will seek the intercession of Mary in a special way.

On May 1, bishops in the United States have an opportunity to reconsecrate the country to the care of the Blessed Mother, under the title: Mary, Mother of the Church.

“I am pleased to invite you to join me in a prayer of reconsecration of our nation to the protection of the Blessed Mother on May 1,” Archbishop José Gonzalez of Los Angeles, president of the USCCB, said in a statement.

“This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady’s continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus,” he said.

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, will celebrate a Service of Consecration at the Cathedral of St. Peter May 1 at 2 p.m. CDT.

You can tune into the service as it’s happening at livestream.com/archkck.

“This prayer entrusts the country to Mary, Mother of the Church, but does not change the official patronage of the United States, which remains the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception,” said a statement released by the archdiocesan office for liturgy and sacramental life.

“Our national patronal solemnity remains December 8,” the statement said.

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The consecration follows a similar action of the bishops’ conference of Latin America and the Caribbean (CELAM) who consecrated their nations to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Easter Sunday.

The renewal of the consecration planned on May 1 does not change the designation of Mary as Patroness of the United States under the title of the Immaculate Conception. Rather, this prayer reaffirms and renews previous Marian entrustments and unites us in solidarity with our Holy Father Pope Francis, who recently established the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, as a source of protection and strength.

“This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady’s continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus,” said Archbishop Gomez in a letter to the U.S. bishops. Each year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. “This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic,” he continued.

Through a collective dedication or entrustment of a nation to Mary, an act of consecration is meant to be a reminder to the faithful of the Blessed Mother’s witness to the Gospel and to ask for her effective intercession before her Son on behalf of those in need. Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore, the first bishop of the United States, promoted devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, and placed the U.S. under her protection in a pastoral letter of 1792. The 21 bishops attending the Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore in 1846 determined to name the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, as the Patroness of the United States, and Pope Pius IX approved this decision the following year. Several popes have likewise consecrated the world to Mary on various occasions.

**Renewal of the Consecration of the United States of America
to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love. You sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love. In this time of pandemic, we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort.

Pre-Liturgy

The Eucharist has already been exposed in the monstrance on the altar

From 6:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. there will be quiet time for personal prayer and reflection.

Incensation

Hymn:

**O saving Victim open wide, the gates of Heaven to us below, Our foes
press on from every side, Your aid supply, Your strength bestow.**

**To Your great name be endless praise, Immortal Godhead, One in Three; O
grant us endless length of days in our true native land with Thee. Amen.**

- P. Glory to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit;
- C. as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen

ANTIPHON

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PSALM

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INTRODUCTION

When our Risen Lord appeared to His disciples on Easter Sunday He said: "Peace be with you." We can be confident that He desires this same peace for all the members of His body, the Church, and for the people of the entire world.

In this difficult time we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of Peace, to ask that she intercede with her Son for all those who are affected in any way by this pandemic. As we renew the consecration of our country and of ourselves to the Mother of God, we implore her maternal care for her children.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten son, as He hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of The Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

SCRIPTURE READING

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (Jn. 19:25-27)

Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple there whom He loved, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ROSARY

Sorrowful Mysteries

PRAYER of RENEWAL of OUR CONSECRATION to THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Let us now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care:

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love;
you sing of the Father's mercy
and accompany us with a mother's love.
In this time of pandemic we come to you
our sign of sure hope and comfort.

Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid,
embrace our nation as well as this diocese and definitely our parish which we entrust and consecrate once again to you,
together with ourselves and our families.

In a special way we commend to you
those particularly in need of your maternal care.

Mary, Health of the Sick,
sign of health, of healing, and of divine hope for the sick,
we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation,
who console with a mother's love all who turn to you,
we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians,
who come to our rescue in every trial,
we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.

Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy,
who embrace all those who call upon your help in their distress,
we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom,
who were so wonderfully filled with the light of truth,
we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel,
who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ,
we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother
the act of consecration that we make today with confidence,
and help us to be your Son's instruments
for the healing and salvation of our country and the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand:
we ask your intercession for the needs of our country,
that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened,
that faith may be revived and nourished,
hope sustained and enlightened,
charity awakened and animated;
guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary our Mother,
bring everyone under your protection
and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Bestow the grace of Your kindness upon your supplicant people, O Lord, that, formed by You, their creator, and restored by You, their sustainer, through Your constant actin they may be saved. Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN:

**Down in adoration falling, this great Sacrament we hail;
over ancient forms departing newer rites of grace prevail,
faith for all defects supplying when our feeble senses fail.**

**To the everlasting Father and the Son who reigns on high
and the Spirit blest proceeding forth from each eternally
be salvation, honor, blessing, might and endless majesty.**

INCENSATION

DIVINE PRAISES

REPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST

CLOSING PRAYER

HYMN:

**Hail, Holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail Mother of Mercy and of Love. O Maria!**

**REFRAIN: Triumph all ye cherubim; sing with us ye seraphim! Heaven and
earth resound the hymn: Salve, Salve, Salve Regina!**

**Our life our sweetness here below, O Maria! Our hope in sorrow and in
woe, O Maria! REFRAIN**

**And when our life breath leaves us, O Maria! Show us thy Son, Christ
Jesus, O Maria! REFRAIN**

PERIOD OF REFLECTION AND ADORATION