

THE IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH

Submitted by the Order of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary

THE ANNUNCIATION: *for those discerning God's Will*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, you earnestly sought God's will for your life and generously embraced it when it was made clear. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all those in the Diocese of Steubenville who are discerning God's will for their lives. May they sincerely seek what would be most pleasing to Your Son Jesus, and humbly and courageously allow His will to be done.

THE VISITATION: *for pregnant mothers*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, as soon as you conceived Jesus in your womb, you went to serve your cousin Elizabeth who was also pregnant. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all pregnant mothers throughout the Diocese and especially those who are considering abortion. May they be granted the grace to cherish the gift of life within their wombs, and trust that the Lord will provide for all their needs.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS: *for the homeless and those in desperate poverty*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, when you went to Bethlehem, there was no room at the inn; you were homeless. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all those who are homeless and in desperate poverty. Please inspire us with practical ways that we can generously share our Heavenly Father's love with them, and grant them the grace to open their hearts as a home for your Son.

THE PRESENTATION: *for the safety and protection of children*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, you presented your Son Jesus in the Temple when He was a very small child. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all children throughout the Diocese of Steubenville. May they be protected from all harm and evil, and come to understand how cherished they are to God our Father. May those children who have been abused in any way, find the healing the Lord offers to them.

THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE: *for those who don't believe in God*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, when Jesus was absent from you, you searched diligently for Him for three long days. Many people in this Diocese do not believe in God; they are searching for something, but they don't know what. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all those who do not believe in God, that they may realize that it is He whom their hearts are longing for. May they allow themselves to be found by Him.

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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS: *for the unity of all Christians*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, your Son Jesus humbled Himself and was baptized by John in the Jordan River. With baptism we become children of God, and also brothers and sisters of all those who are baptized. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray that we may do our part to bring about that unity among all Christians, which Jesus longed for when He prayed, "Father . . . may they be one!" We pray as well for all the Catholics in this Diocese who are baptized, but have fallen away from practicing the faith.

THE WEDDING AT CANA: *for holy marriages*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, you and your Son Jesus went to a wedding, and there He worked His first public miracle. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony, and those who are married. Whenever their love and mercy are running low, please see their need dear Mother, and intercede for them, that they may be filled with an abundance of the best of the Lord's own Mercy and Love.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM: *for Catholic education*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, your Son Jesus boldly proclaimed the Kingdom of His Father and called all souls to conversion. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray that those involved with passing on the faith within the Diocese of Steubenville will courageously and clearly proclaim the fullness of Truth with love, so that souls will appreciate the Beauty and Goodness of the Catholic Faith and live it with conviction.

THE TRANSFIGURATION: *for an increase in Eucharistic Adoration*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, when your Son Jesus led Peter, James and John up the mountain and was transfigured before them, Peter declared, "It is good that we are here!" With this decade of the Rosary, we pray that many souls will realize how good it is to be in the Lord's Eucharistic Presence, and that there will be an increase of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Diocese of Steubenville, throughout this country, and throughout the world.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST: *for vocations to the priesthood*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, your Son Jesus gave to the Church the gift of the priesthood, so that His Presence in the Eucharist may be always with us. Without priests we would not have the Eucharist. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray that many young men will hear and answer the call to be priests of the Diocese of Steubenville.

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THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN: *for the sick and suffering and those who serve them*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, your Son Jesus wanted the cup of suffering to pass Him by, but submitted Himself to the Father's will. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all the sick and suffering throughout the Diocese. May they receive help to alleviate their suffering, and may they also appreciate the value that suffering has as a means to a deeper union with your Son Jesus. We pray for those who serve the sick and suffering as well, that they will be true angels of consolation.

THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR: *for purity*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, your Son Jesus was cruelly scourged. His mystical Body continues to be scourged through sins of impurity. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray that the Blood He shed with infinite mercy and love may cleanse the hearts and minds of all who have fallen into sins of impurity, and guide them to embrace their true dignity as children of God. We pray that all your sons and daughters throughout the Diocese may be given a deep desire and sincere resolution to be pure.

THE CROWNING WITH THORNS: *for those with addictions*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, your Son Jesus was humiliated and cruelly crowned with thorns. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all those who suffer from the humiliation of an addiction. May they realize that they are not alone, that help is available for them, and that the forgiveness of Jesus is unconditional. May the suffering they face because of addiction help them draw closer to your Son Jesus, who suffered for love of them.

THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS: *for the clergy*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, your Son Jesus wasn't able to carry His cross to Calvary by Himself; He needed help. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all the priests and deacons of this Diocese, and for me, your shepherd. Although being a priest, deacon, or Bishop is richly rewarding, we also need help in carrying our crosses. May all the clergy throughout the Diocese receive the help needed to courageously persevere in serving the Lord and all the souls entrusted to our care.

THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS: *for renewed hope*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, when your Son Jesus was crucified, this could have seemed like the ultimate defeat. But you trusted it was not, and believed instead that it was the greatest of victories. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all those throughout the Diocese who are losing hope and sinking into despair, that they too may trust in the Lord with all their hearts, regardless of external circumstances.

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THE RESURRECTION: *for renewed appreciation of Confession*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, the death of your Son Jesus was not the end: He rose to new life! With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all those throughout the Diocese who are dead in sin. May they be granted the courage and humility they need to approach the merciful Heart of Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession. There, may they experience the healing and freedom He longs to give, and be brought to life again!

THE ASCENSION: *for those who are unemployed*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, when your Son Jesus ascended into Heaven, there was much work to be done. They waited, though, until the Lord's timing was made clear. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for all those who are unemployed and are looking for work. May this time of waiting be filled with trust in the Lord, who is with them through it all and understands the pain of their particular suffering.

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: *for a new Pentecost in the Diocese*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, united with the disciples of your Son Jesus, you prayed with them for the coming of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit of Jesus came, they were transformed from frightened men hiding behind locked doors, into bold witnesses of Jesus, willing to give up their lives for Him. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for a new Pentecost within the Diocese of Steubenville, so that we may be transformed and empowered by the Lord and Giver of Life to proclaim with boldness and joy His victory over sin and death.

THE ASSUMPTION: *for the elderly and the dying and those who care for them*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, when your earthly pilgrimage was complete, you were brought Home to Heaven. With this decade of the Rosary, we pray for the elderly and the dying, that they will keep their hearts fixed on their destination: Heaven. And as long as they are here on earth, may we help them remember their dignity as beloved children of God our Father, and that their patience and suffering have great value in His eyes.

THE CORONATION OF OUR LADY: *for trust in our Mother's intercession*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, you were crowned by your Son Jesus as Queen of Heaven and earth. He will deny you nothing! With this decade of the Rosary, we pray that your sons and daughters throughout the Diocese will greatly increase in their confidence in your powerful intercession, and turn to you in all their needs.