



Dear Families of the Diocese of Evansville,

In July, Bishop Siegel announced his intention to consecrate the Diocese of Evansville to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This will take place on September 12, after Mass at St. Benedict Cathedral.

I want to urgently ask every family/single person in the Diocese of Evansville to similarly consecrate your families/yourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in these times of uncertainty and unrest. I realize that for some of us, this will be a new faith experience and that is understandable.

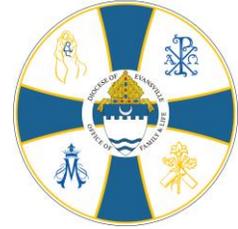
In collaboration with the Office of Worship, the Office of Family & Life has developed another way for you and your family to do the above. Below is simple guidance for families/individuals to follow on the four Sundays leading up to September 12 in order to consecrate themselves and their families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

1. On August 16, 23, 30, and September 5, offer your Masses up as a family/individually to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and pray the prayer of Consecration (P. 2). If you have children, discuss this process with them.
2. On September 5, pray the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary as a family/individually and pray the prayer of Consecration (P.2).

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

Sincerely,

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
TO THE
IMMACULATE HEART
OF MARY**



Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
patroness of the Diocese of Evansville,
united with your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ,
and enflamed by the love of the Holy Spirit,
we consecrate our parish
or (we consecrate our family) or (I consecrate myself)
to your Immaculate Heart.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus continually overflows
with divine love offering pardon to all
and reparation for sins.

Your most pure, maternal and loving Immaculate Heart
is intimately linked with His,
in God's plan for our salvation.

Queen of Peace,
pray that our hearts become more fully converted,
finding peace from anger, hatred, bigotry,
war, and violence,
which tear apart communities and families.
Obtain peace and liberty for the Church
and help us overcome all division
preventing the faithful practice and public witness
of Christian life.

Mother of Sorrows,
whose Immaculate Heart is pierced by human suffering,
awaken in us compassion for the homeless,
the impoverished, the refugee, the oppressed,
the grief-stricken, the hopeless
and those sick in mind, soul and body.
Teach us God's love for the poor and vulnerable
on the margins of our consciences and our communities.

Patroness of the Unborn and Mother of the Living,
deliver us from all sins against human life
from conception until natural death.
Assist us in defending the sanctity
of marriage and the family.

Teach us to preserve and nurture the dignity
of every human being as children of God.

Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelization,
enable our hearts to embrace the truths
of our Catholic faith.

Make us docile and obedient to the promptings
of the Holy Spirit

and help us always to discern good from evil.

Instill in us your zeal to proclaim the Gospel of your Son
in every time and place.

Mother of the Church and first among disciples,
guide us on the path of holiness.

Awaken in each of us a desire to draw ever closer
to your beloved Son.

Under the mantle of your love,
we consecrate our parish)

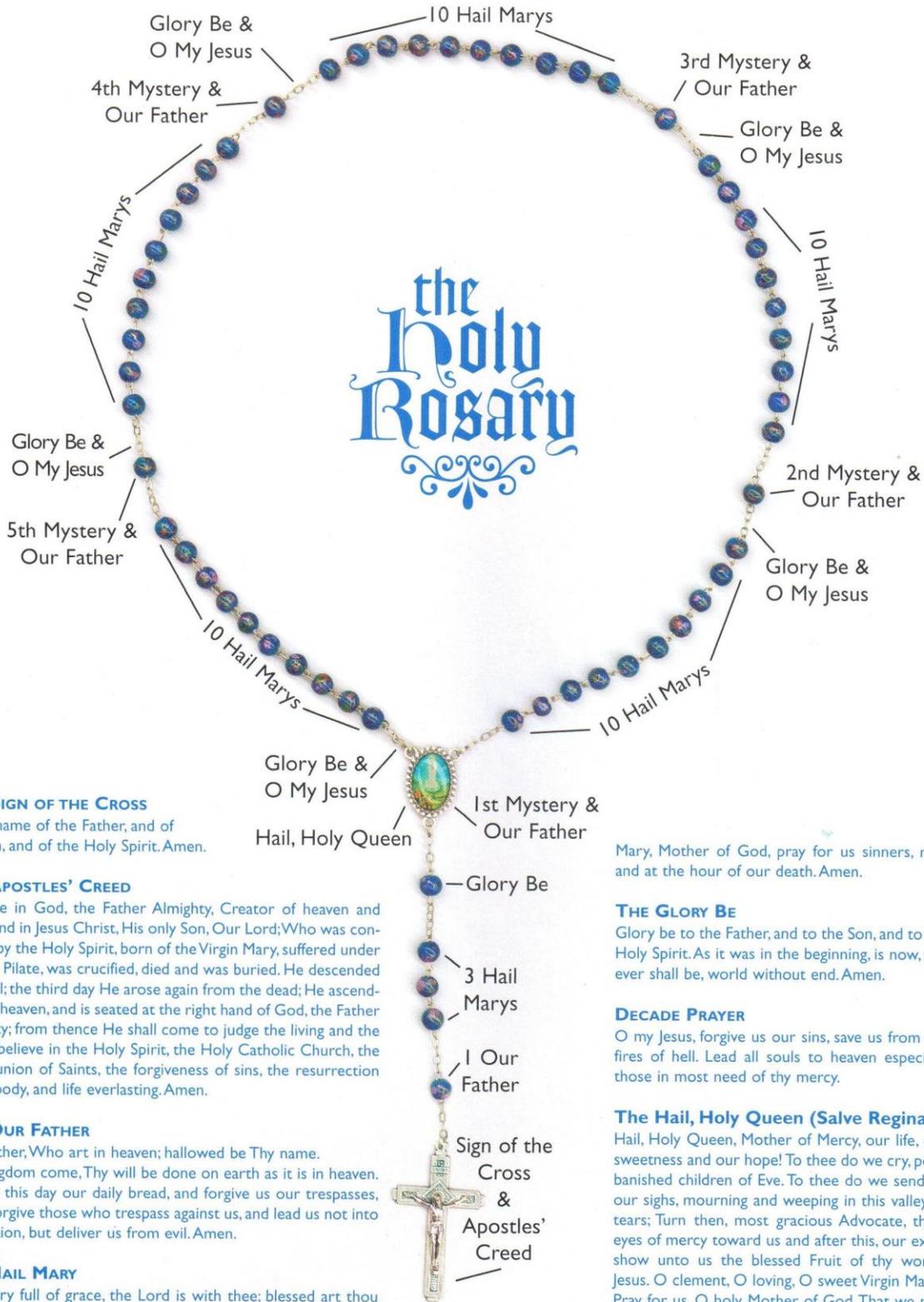
or (we consecrate our family) or (I consecrate myself)
to your maternal protection in this our 75th Jubilee Year
and entrust all to your beloved Son,

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns yesterday, today and forever.
Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Bishop Joe Vasquez, Diocese of Austin



For more information and resources, please visit
www.evdio.org/consecration



THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE HAIL MARY

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

Glory Be & O My Jesus
Hail, Holy Queen

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

THE GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

DECADE PRAYER

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

The Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears; Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Glory Be
3 Hail Marys
1 Our Father
Sign of the Cross & Apostles' Creed



First Glorious Mystery: The Resurrection.

"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen" (Lk 24:1-5).

Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension.

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God" (Mk 16:19).

Third Glorious Mystery: The descent of the Holy Spirit.

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption.

"Henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me" (Lk 1:48-49).

Fifth Glorious Mystery: The crowning of Our Lady Queen of Heaven.

"And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 12:1).