

Diocesan Prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, patroness of the Diocese of Austin under the title of the Immaculate Conception, united with your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ, and enflamed by the love of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate our Diocese and family 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, 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 and body. Teach us God's preferential 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 its beginning until natural death. Assist us to defend 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 truth of God. 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 Diocese to your maternal protection and entrust all to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

- **Bishop Joe Vasquez,
Diocese of Austin**