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Solemn consecration of the Emmanuel Community to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary

*O Heart of Jesus, God-with-us, model of compassion,
O Heart of Mary, Mother-close-to-us, model of adoration,*

In the fire of the Holy Spirit, we come today once more to consecrate the Emmanuel Community to you.

We humbly ask forgiveness for all our sins, for our unfaithfulness in our commitments to prayer, for our failings in charity - especially towards the most fragile - for our excesses of pride, our desire for power, our over-hasty judgments, our hurtful accusations and our lack of courage.

We ask forgiveness for the times when we felt ourselves indispensable in carrying out our responsibilities, for those times when we did not seek to trust in ourselves, to understand and to forgive ourselves and for those occasions when we failed in our urgency in proclaiming the Gospel.

In union with Pierre Goursat and our Brothers and Sisters in Heaven, we give thanks for the founding of Emmanuel, for the human and spiritual richness of its history, its growth among so many peoples and cultures and for those of us who have offered their lives in love, sometimes even to martyrdom.

We give thanks for the Church, our Mother, for its Pastors and for the caring friends who have crossed our path, who counselled us and led us on the right ways,

Animated by the same faith, we look forward to the future with hope, asking for a new spirit of audacity, of strength and of charity in mission, so that a new generation of prophets may arise, open to new charisms that may be given in future times.

*O Jesus, obedient unto death,
O Mary, Mother always standing at the foot of the Cross,*

Give us a heart like yours,

A constant heart in adoration and in silence, that listens to the Word and puts it into practice, docile to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that intercedes unceasingly,

A happy heart that marvels at and praises the beauty of creation, the greatness of providence, and the work of salvation,

A heart that allows itself to be taught, in order to give an account of its understanding of the faith,



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A humble and poor heart, close to the poor and to all those who suffer,

A heart without fear that does not indulge in nostalgia and that takes the initiative in going out to meet those who are far away.

A heart of flesh, open to a missionary language accessible to those who seek God and to a language which also challenges those who do not seek Him.

A patient and merciful heart which acts accordingly and which is involved in caring for men, accompanying them on all their paths, however long and harsh they may be,

A heart that beats and resists mystification, deceptive ideologies and the totalitarian systems and violence of this world,

A pure heart that never lets itself be dragged into the slavery of lying money, in search of ephemeral pleasures, or in the consumption of images that divert us from true Love,

A generous and available heart, which testifies even by very small sacrifices that loving is in giving everything and giving oneself,

A heart that speaks to other Hearts...

O Jesus, Light of the world,

O Mary, Mother of Beautiful Love,

We dedicate to you all our past, present and future missions:

We entrust to you all our brothers involved in Fidesco, the Rocher, Love and Truth, the Summer Sessions, the Zacchaeus Courses, the parishes and shrines entrusted to us on all the continents, the traveling missions, the evangelization of young people, the university world, the Schools of Emmanuel and SOS prayer etc.

We entrust to you with gratitude all our benefactors, especially those who have already supported us so much. We beg you to give us new human and material resources in accomplishing our task.

We consecrate to you the lay people in the Emmanuel Community,

Bless couples and families, give them the grace of faithfulness and testimony to the joy of love,

Bless our children and our adolescents, that by seeing how we live, they may build their human and spiritual characters, so that they can set off themselves,

Bless those who live the trial of an unchosen celibacy, that they may find in community life the joy of giving themselves fully and in peace,



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Bless the young people who evangelize other young people! Allow us to welcome them for themselves and not be an obstacle to their missionary creativity,

Bless our old and sick brothers and sisters, especially those who are in the Glorious Cross. With Little Therese, always keep them to their missionary calling and protect them from doubt!

Bless those committed in celibacy for the Kingdom, give them the grace to bring birth to souls by leading a simple but passionate life.

*O Jesus, Good Shepherd,
O Mary, humble servant,*

We consecrate to you each of our brother priests, deacons and seminarians, as well as all future vocations. Be their support in their relationship with this world. Protect them from the temptations of power and loneliness. Keep them pure in mind and heart. Strengthen their priesthood in promoting the holiness of all the baptized. Make them always more fiery braziers of Mercy, ministers radiant with the Eucharist and men convinced that the word without an example is useless.

O Jesus and Mary,

We ask you for the grace of witnessing together to relationships forever better adjusted to the different states of life, supported by an authentic ecclesiology of Communion, so that the world may receive an outpouring of charity that finds its source in the Trinity.

*O Heart of Jesus, splendour of the Father,
O Immaculate Heart of Mary,*

Protect us from evil, keep away the one who divides, remove Satan and all his works from our Community forever!

Make us zealous servants of the Church, working towards its unity, resolutely confident in its Magisterium and faithful to Peter's successor.

*O Jesus and Mary,
we want to love you with all our strength.*

Our hearts must be set on fire!

Thus, we commit and consecrate ourselves together, today and forever, to your Hearts.

Laurent Landete, General Moderator, L'Ile Bouchard, December 9th, 2017 - Time of Advent