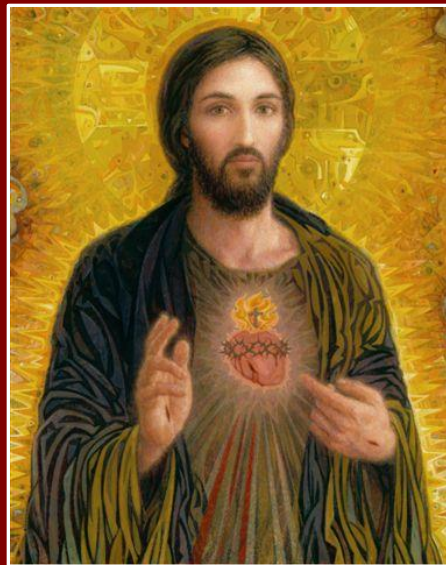


# DEDICATION TO THE HEART OF CHRIST



Heavenly Father, as Ignatius prayed in the small chapel of La Storta, you granted by an extraordinary grace to answer the request which he had been begging of you for a long time through the intercession of Our Lady:

To be placed with your Son.

In your words to him you assured him of your support:

“I shall be with you”.

You asked Jesus carrying his cross to take him as your servant.

This he did. He turned to Ignatius with those unforgettable words:

“It is my will that you serve us.”

As a follower of Jesus, I address to you the same prayer,

asking to be placed with your Son and to serve

“under the banner of the Cross”

where Jesus is nailed out of his infinite love.

His side is pierced and his heart is opened

As a sign of his love for me and for all people.

I now consecrate myself to the Heart of Jesus

And promise you my allegiance.

Please give me the grace to serve your Son  
with the same spirit and same intensity as Ignatius.

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary who received the prayer of  
Ignatius, and before the Cross where Jesus Christ gives to us the treasures of

His open heart, through Him and in Him,

I say from the very depths of my being:

Take, O Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory,

My understanding, and my entire heart.

Whatever I have or hold, you have given me.

I give it back to you and surrender it wholly to be governed by your heart.

Give me only your love and your grace,

And I am rich enough, for I need or desire nothing else.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The Dedication Prayer to the Sacred Heart is adapted from Pedro Arrupe's prayer of the Consecration to the Heart of Christ.