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## **S Y L L A B U S**

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### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

The Saint Augustine Institute of Catholic Studies is the educational division of the Crusade of Saint Benedict Center. Its purpose is to provide a well-rounded and conveniently simple course of instruction in Catholic thought.

The goal of the Institute is the formation of a large and ever growing body of well instructed lay apostles in the Church Militant who will become a mighty force for expelling the modernist heresy from within the Church, and for spreading the True Faith throughout the world.

The course of instruction is basically the same as that which has been offered at Saint Benedict Center since 1942. Our teachers are the popes, the councils, the saints, the Fathers and Doctors of the Church and, most especially, Holy Scripture and Catholic Tradition. By learning from these unchangeable foundational sources, we continue to keep our eyes fixed on the narrow path to salvation, no matter how distorted and distracting the world around us becomes; no matter what is taught by self-proclaimed “experts;” and no matter where wolves in sheep’s clothing attempt to lead the flocks.

The course will have the aspect of continued adult education. Catholic men and women, in any ordinary occupation in life, can form a Circle of Study which could meet weekly for the purpose of increasing their knowledge of the Faith, and of things pertaining to it.

In order to give the course form and purpose, every person enrolled will aim at obtaining a Diploma of General Catholic Education, by means of completing a program which we describe below, and with the help and guidance of the Saint Augustine Institute of Catholic Studies at Saint Benedict Center.

For those who would like to participate, here are some essential guidelines for the formation of a Circle of Studies:

1. The number of participants in each circle should range from two to twelve. Such a group can meet conveniently in a home. This will keep the class in the nature of a seminar, rather than a lecture. When the Circle grows to a larger number, we advise that it be divided into two Circles.
2. A patronal name should be chosen for each Circle, such as “The Holy Family Circle” or “The Saint Thomas Aquinas Circle.”
3. A Moderator should be selected for each Circle. His or her duties will be detailed below.
4. The members of each Circle should agree on an appropriate time and place for the meetings. Each meeting should last about 100 minutes so that attendance at it will count for two Academic Hours.

### **DUTIES OF THE MODERATOR**

1. Make arrangements for the time and place of the weekly meetings.
2. Plan the program for each meeting. Some suggestions about the program will be given in a special section of this booklet.
3. Keep an attendance list for the meetings.
4. Receive Book Reports from the students and mail them to the Center with the Semi-Annual Reports.
5. Keep in stock a sufficient supply of Form B (to be given to the students on request),

- and of Form C, the Semi-Annual Report. Forms A, B, and C are shown in Appendix I.
6. Send to the Center, on Form C, the Semi-Annual Reports (one in January and one in July), containing:
    - (a) Names of the members on the date of the Report.
    - (b) Addresses of new members and changes of address, if any, for old members.
    - (c) Number of Academic Hours for every student during the period since the previous report. This last item is to be based on the attendance list.
  7. To take care of secretarial and mailing expenses, the Moderator should send, with every Semi-Annual Report, a sum equal to two dollars for every member of the Circle. The cassettes will have to be paid for separately.

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR THE WEEKLY PROGRAM**

In order to maintain the interest of the participants, the program for the weekly meetings should have a variety of different types of activity — reading, memory drills, discussions, auditing cassettes, etc. No one of these activities, however, should exceed ten to twenty minutes in duration. Here are some suggestions for a typical meeting:

1. Read one chapter, or a part of a chapter, from one of the books of Holy Scripture (twenty minutes; discussion should take up perhaps another ten minutes). An old Catholic Bible with footnotes, or a good Catholic commentary, would be of great help.
2. Spend five to ten minutes drilling on some memory item, like learning to name the Twelve Apostles in the same assigned order, or to recite the Ave Maria in Latin.
3. Read together a good history of the Church, like a volume of Mourett-Thompson (twenty to thirty minutes).
4. Listen to a cassette from the Saint Augustine Institute for about one half hour. You will receive our Saint Augustine Institute Sales Notices regularly every quarter, and they will include listings of all tapes available.
5. Members should be encouraged to read quotations from books they are studying by themselves. Throughout the session, members should be free to ask questions or make suggestions, but discussion should never be allowed to become a complete take-over.
6. Short prayers should begin and end each session. Eventually it would be good to say these prayers in Latin.

### **THE DIPLOMA AND WHAT IT REPRESENTS**

The course leads to a Diploma In General Catholic Education. The Diploma signifies the fact that the student has successfully achieved the following five objectives:

1. A reading knowledge of Church Latin (the Gospels, the Psalms, the Mass, Liturgical Hymns, Traditional Prayers, etc.)
2. Knowledge of Holy Scripture
3. General acquaintance with Catholic Philosophy and Theology (the Summa of Saint Thomas and other writings of the Doctors of the Church)
4. Knowledge of Church History
5. General Catholic Erudition (standard memory items, some of which are given in Appendix II)

### **DURATION OF THE COURSE**

The Course consists of eight terms, which can be run through in a minimum time of four years. There is no maximum time, so every student can move at his or her own pace. Graduation from term to term depends exclusively on the acceptance of three Book Reports required for each term. The student should have a total of 300 Academic Hours (about 40 per term) in order to receive the Diploma.

## **THE TWENTY-FOUR BOOK REPORTS REQUIRED FOR THE ENTIRE COURSE**

Ten specific books are required of all participants. These ten constitute the bond of unity for our school of thought. They are the following:

1. The Four Gospels
2. The Acts of the Apostles

These two items from Holy Scripture are by far the most important part of our program. The students are advised to continue their work on these two assignments throughout the whole length of the course, and to report on them (treating the Four Gospels as one unit) only near the very end.

The Circles are also advised to dedicate some time in each meeting for readings from the Gospels or the Acts. Every student can count the work done together in the group as part of the work required of each individually, but the Book Reports should be submitted by each student on his own.

3. *True Devotion to Mary* by Saint Louis Marie de Montfort
4. *The Autobiography* of Saint Therese of Lisieux
5. *Bread of Life* by Father Leonard Feeney, M.I.C.M.
6. *Gate of Heaven* by Sister Catherine, M.I.C.M.
7. *The Challenge of Faith* by Fakhri Maluf (Brother Francis, M.I.C.M.)
8. *Our Glorious Popes* by The Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
9. *The Loyolas and the Cabots* by Sister Catherine, M.I.C.M.
10. *Father Feeney and The Truth About Salvation* by Brother Robert Mary, M.I.C.M. Tertiary

In addition to the above 10 books, every student should read a rather long and well-written biography of some favorite saint. This leaves 13 books which may be chosen freely by each student, in consultation with Saint Augustine Institute.

## **OTHER TYPES OF BOOKS RECOMMENDED**

While the student enjoys great liberty in choosing, in accordance with his own interests and talents, the remaining 13 books, the sum total ought to make a well-rounded program in which no major topic is entirely neglected. For example, a student who may not have much interest in philosophy must still choose at least one book on that subject which is in the nature of a general survey, such as Brother Francis' *An Introduction to Philosophy as Wisdom*, or something equivalent.

The following list merely suggests types of books that might be chosen. They are listed in groupings according to subject matter. To determine which books are available from the Institute, the student should refer to the latest Special Sale Notice of books and cassettes currently available, published quarterly.

### **Holy Scripture:**

1. Specific books like Genesis, Machabees, Psalms, Wisdom, Tobias, Judith, Esther, Paul to Romans, Paul to Hebrews, the two Epistles of Saint Peter, etc.
2. *Meditations on the Gospels* by Bishop Ottokar Prohaszka

### **Church History:**

3. *The Ecclesiastical History of England* by Saint Bede
4. *The Continuity of Religion* by Bossuet
5. *Europe and the Faith* by Hilaire Belloc
6. *The Thirteenth, Greatest of Centuries* by Dr. James Walsh
8. *The Facts about Luther* by Msgr. Patrick O'Hare
9. *Philip II* by William Thomas Walsh
10. *A History of the Protestant Reformation in England and Ireland* by Cobbett
11. *World Revolution* by Nesta Webster

12. *Grand Orient Freemasonry Unmasked* by Msgr. George Dillon
13. *Freemasonry and the Vatican* by Vicomte Leon de Poncins
14. *History of the Catholic Church* by Murret-Thompson (any of 7 volumes)
15. *Church History* by Father John Laux, M.A.
16. *After The Boston Heresy Case* by Gary Potter

**Philosophy:**

17. *An Introduction to Philosophy as Wisdom* by Brother Francis, M.I.C.M.
18. *An Introduction to Philosophy* by Father Paul J. Glenn

**Theology:**

19. *Summa Theologica* of Saint Thomas Aquinas (any one of the 35 treatises)
20. *The City of God* by Saint Augustine (or any of his works)
21. *Treatise on the Love of God* by Saint Francis de Sales
22. *Christ in His Mysteries* by Dom Marmion
23. *God the Redeemer* by Father Charles G. Herzog, S.J. (or any theological work by a competent theologian, such as any volume of *Dogmatic Theology*, a multi-volume series by Pohle-Preuss)
24. *The Spiritual Life* by Father Adolphe Tanquerey

**Doctrine:**

25. *The Glories of Mary* by Saint Alphonsus de Liguori (or any of his works)
26. *They Fought the Good Fight* by Thomas Mary Sennott
27. *What is Liberalism?* by Father Felix Sarda Y Salvany
28. *The Apostolic Digest* by Michael Malone
29. *The Mystical Body of Christ in the Modern World* by Father Denis Fahey (or any of his works)

**Miscellaneous:**

30. *The Divine Comedy* by Dante, or any other major poetic work
31. *Saint Thomas Aquinas* by G.K. Chesterton, or most any of his books
32. *Our Quest for Happiness* by Msgr. Clarence E. Elwell et al. (This is an excellent course in religion for Catholic High Schools which we recommended for adults. It contains one volume for each year.)
33. *The Apostleship of Prayer* by Father Henry Ramiere
34. *The Whole Truth About Fatima* by Frere Michel de la Sainte Trinite (This is a highly recommended three volume series.)

**A P P E N D I X I**

**THE THREE FORMS REQUIRED BY THE INSTITUTE**

Following this page are examples of the three standard forms needed for administering the course, and for keeping records of individual students and of Circles.

FORM A — For the registration of the individual student, and for keeping the scholastic record of each registrant. This form will be kept in the archives of the Institute, in a folder bearing the name of the student. In the same folder will be kept all the accepted Book Reports.

FORM B — This is a standardized form to be filled in by the students as a Book Report. Every Moderator of a circle must keep many of these forms in stock to be given to students upon request. By the end of the course, every student's folder must contain 24 of these forms — one for each of the books required.

FORM C — For the registration of a Circle, and also for the Semi-Annual Reports. These reports will be kept in the archives of the Institute, in folders bearing the names of the Circles. The Moderator should always have on hand a few copies of this form.

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**Form A: REGISTRATION FORM**

Name ..... Registration Date .....  
 Address ..... City ..... State ..... Zip .....  
 Telephone ..... Email.....

TERM	BOOKS	Total Academic Hours on Date Indicated	
I	1 .....		
	2 .....		
	3 .....	_____	_____
II	4 .....	(Date)	(Hours)
	5 .....		
	6 .....	_____	_____
III	7 .....		
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	12 .....	_____	_____
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VIII	22 .....		
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	24 .....	_____	_____

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**Form B: BOOK REPORT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Note favorite quotations from the book —

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**FORM C: CIRCLE REGISTRATION**

Name of Circle \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Regular time of Meetings \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Members (names, and unless already given, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers):

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## APPENDIX II

### SOME STANDARD MEMORY ITEMS

**Item 1:** The Twelve Apostles in the order in which we name them:

Peter, Andrew — James and John — Simon, James and Jude  
 — Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas and Matthias

**Item 2:** The Seventy Two Books of Holy Scripture which may be found in any Catholic Bible. In order to be able to recite from memory the entire list, it will be easier if we first commit to memory smaller groups:

- (a) The Five Books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.
- (b) Historical Books: Josua, Judges, Ruth, Four Books of Kings, Two Books of Paralipomenon, Two Books of Esdras, Tobias, Judith, Esther.
- (c) The Seven Books of Wisdom: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Cantic of Canticles, Wisdom and Ecclesiasticus.
- (d) Major Prophets: Isias, Jeremias, (Baruch), Ezekiel, Daniel.
- (e) The Minor Prophets: Osee, Joel, Amos, Abdias, Jonas, Micheas, Nahum, Habacuc, Sophanias, Aggeus, Zacharias, Malachias.
- (f) The Two books of the Machabees.
- (g) The (New Testament) Historical Books: The Gospels of Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; Acts of the Apostles.
- (h) The Fourteen Epistles of Saint Paul: Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I and II Thessalonians, I and II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews.
- (j) The Catholic Epistles: St. James; I and II St. Peter; I, II and III St. John; St. Jude.
- (k) The Apocalypse of Saint John.

**Item 3:** The Doctors of the Church and the year of death of each (all are A.D.):

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| (1) — 368 — Saint Hilary of Poitiers   | (18) — 1072 — Saint Peter Damian               |
| (2) — 373 — Saint Athanasius           | (19) — 1109 — Saint Anselm                     |
| (3) — 373 — Saint Ephrem               | (20) — 1153 — Saint Bernard                    |
| (4) — 379 — Saint Basil the Great      | (21) — 1231 — Saint Anthony                    |
| (5) — 386 — Saint Cyril of Jerusalem   | (22) — 1274 — Saint Thomas Aquinas             |
| (6) — 389 — Saint Gregory Nazianzen    | (23) — 1274 — Saint Bonaventure                |
| (7) — 397 — Saint Ambrose              | (24) — 1280 — Saint Albertus Magnus            |
| (8) — 407 — Saint John Chrysostom      | (25) — 1380 — Saint Catherine of Siena         |
| (9) — 420 — Saint Jerome               | (26) — 1582 — Saint Teresa of Avila            |
| (10) — 430 — Saint Augustine           | (27) — 1591 — Saint John of the Cross          |
| (11) — 444 — Saint Cyril of Alexandria | (28) — 1597 — Saint Peter Canisius             |
| (12) — 450 — Saint Peter Chrysologus   | (29) — 1619 — Saint Lawrence of Brindisi       |
| (13) — 461 — Saint Leo the Great       | (30) — 1621 — Saint Robert Bellarmine          |
| (14) — 604 — Saint Gregory the Great   | (31) — 1622 — Saint Francis de Sales           |
| (15) — 636 — Saint Isidore of Seville  | (32) — 1787 — Saint Alphonsus Maria de Liguori |
| (16) — 735 — Saint Bede                | (33) — 1897 — St. Thérèse of Lisieux           |
| (17) — 749 — Saint John Damascene      |  |

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**Item 4:** The Councils of the Church, and the year(s) convened:

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| (1)  | — | Nicaea I           | — | 325         |
| (2)  | — | Constantinople I   | — | 381         |
| (3)  | — | Ephesus            | — | 431         |
| (4)  | — | Chalcedon          | — | 451         |
| (5)  | — | Constantinople II  | — | 553         |
| (6)  | — | Constantinople III | — | 680 - 681   |
| (7)  | — | Nicaea II          | — | 787         |
| (8)  | — | Constantinople IV  | — | 869 - 870   |
| (9)  | — | Lateran I          | — | 1123        |
| (10) | — | Lateran II         | — | 1139        |
| (11) | — | Lateran III        | — | 1179        |
| (12) | — | Lateran IV         | — | 1215        |
| (13) | — | Lyons I            | — | 1245        |
| (14) | — | Lyons II           | — | 1274        |
| (15) | — | Vienne             | — | 1311 - 1312 |
| (16) | — | Constance          | — | 1414 - 1418 |
| (17) | — | Florence           | — | 1431 - 1445 |
| (18) | — | Lateran V          | — | 1512 - 1517 |
| (19) | — | Trent              | — | 1545 - 1563 |
| (20) | — | Vatican I          | — | 1869 - 1870 |
| (21) | — | Vatican II         | — | 1962 - 1965 |

**Item 5:** The Nine Choirs of Angels

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| (1) Angels         | (4) Powers    | (7) Thrones  |
| (2) Archangels     | (5) Virtues   | (8) Cherubim |
| (3) Principalities | (6) Dominions | (9) Seraphim |

**Item 6:** Devotions for the Twelve Months of the Year

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| Jan — The Holy Name of Jesus  | Jul — The Precious Blood   |
| Feb — The Passion of Our Lord | Aug — The Immaculate Heart |
| Mar — Saint Joseph            | Sep — The Sorrows of Mary  |
| Apr — The Blessed Eucharist   | Oct — The Holy Rosary      |
| May — Our Lady                | Nov — The Holy Souls       |
| Jun — The Sacred Heart        | Dec — The Divine Infancy   |

**Item 7:** Devotions for the Seven Days of the Week

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| Sun — The Holy Trinity | Thu — The Holy Eucharist                              |
| Mon — The Holy Angels  | Fri — The Sacred Heart and<br>the Passion of Our Lord |
| Tue — The Apostles     | Sat — Our Lady  |
| Wed — Saint Joseph     |   |

**Item 8:**

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| A) The Theological Virtues: | Faith, Hope, and Charity                     |
| B) The Cardinal Virtues:    | Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance |

- C) The Gifts of the Holy Ghost: Wisdom, Understanding,  
Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge,  
Piety, and Fear of the Lord
- D) The Fruits of the Holy Ghost: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Benignity,  
Goodness, Long-suffering, Mildness,  
Fidelity, Modesty, Continency, and Chastity

**Item 9:** The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)

- 1) I am the Lord, thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.
- 2) Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
- 3) Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
- 4) Honor thy father and thy mother.
- 5) Thou shalt not kill.
- 6) Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 7) Thou shalt not steal.
- 8) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- 9) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
- 10) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

**Item 10:** The Works of Mercy

(A) Spiritual

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| (1) Counsel the doubtful  | (4) Comfort the afflicted            |
| (2) Instruct the ignorant | (5) Forgive offenses                 |
| (3) Admonish the sinner   | (6) Bear wrongs patiently            |
|                           | (7) Pray for the living and the dead |

(B) Corporal

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| (1) Feed the hungry           | (4) Harbor the homeless |
| (2) Give drink to the thirsty | (5) Visit the sick      |
| (3) Clothe the naked          | (6) Ransom the captive  |
|                               | (7) Bury the dead       |

**Item 11:** Important Dates in History

B.C. (c. before a date means "circa" which means "about")

- c. 5000 — The Creation
- c. 3000 — The Flood
- c. 2500 — The Tower of Babel
- c. 2000 — Abraham
- c. 1500 — Moses
- c. 1000 — David
- 776 — Olympic Games begin (Start of classical Greek histories)
- 753 — City of Rome built (A.U.C., ie., *Ab Urbe Condita* (Start of classical Roman dates)
- c. 600 — Transmigration of Babylon
- c. 450 — Age of Pericles (First Classical Age)
- 323 — Death of Alexander the Great
- 44 — Assassination of Julius Caesar

— THE INCARNATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST —

A.D. (*Anno Domini*, ie., The Year of Our Lord)

- 64 — The Edict of persecution by Nero
- 100 — The Death of Saint John the Evangelist
- 313 — The Edict of Milan
- 476 — The Fall of the Western Roman Empire
- 622 — The Hejira (Rise of Islam)
- 800 — Crowning of Charlemagne (Holy Roman Empire in the West)
- 1000 — Crowning of Stephen of Hungary
- 1095 — The First Crusade, preached by Blessed Urban II
- 1291 — Fall of St. John of Acre (End of the Crusades)
- 1453 — Fall of Constantinople
- 1517 — The Protestant Revolt
- 1789 — The Masonic Revolution

**Item 12:** Great Feasts Everyone Should Know

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| (1) Easter Sunday                            | The first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21; thus, any date between March 22 and April 25 |
| (2) Ash Wednesday                            | Forty-six days before Easter  |
| (3) Ascension Thursday                       | Forty days after Easter   |
| (4) Pentecost Sunday                         | Fifty days after Easter   |
| (5) Trinity Sunday                           | Sunday after Pentecost  |
| (6) Corpus Christi                           | Thursday after Trinity Sunday   |
| (7) Sacred Heart                             | Friday after Octave of Corpus Christi   |
| (8) The Circumcision                         | January 1   |
| (9) The Epiphany                             | January 6   |
| (10) Saint Joseph                            | March 19  |
| (11) The Annunciation (or The Incarnation)   | March 25  |
| (12) Nativity of Saint John the Baptist      | June 24   |
| (13) Saints Peter and Paul                   | June 29 and June 30   |
| (14) Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Brown Scapular) | July 16   |
| (15) Saint Anne                              | July 26   |
| (16) The Transfiguration                     | August 6  |
| (17) The Assumption                          | August 15   |
| (18) Immaculate Heart of Mary                | August 22   |
| (19) Our Lady's Birthday                     | September 8   |
| (20) The Holy Angels                         | October 2   |
| (21) The Holy Rosary                         | October 7   |
| (22) All Saints                              | November 1  |
| (23) Miraculous Medal                        | November 27   |
| (24) Immaculate Conception                   | December 8  |
| (25) Christmas                               | December 25   |

**A P P E N D I X   I I I**  
**L A T I N**

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| (1) In nomine Patris, et Filii,<br>et Spiritus Sancti, Amen.   | In the name of the Father, and of<br>the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen  |
| (2) Credo in Deum, Patrem omni-<br>potentem, Creatorem caeli et<br>terrae; et in Jesum Christum,<br>Filium eius unicum, Dominum nostrum,<br>Qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto,<br>natus ex Maria Virgine, passus sub<br>Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus<br>et sepultus; descendit ad inferos;<br>tertia die resurrexit a mortuis,<br>ascendit in caelum, sedet ad<br>dexteram Dei, Patris omnipotentis,<br>inde venturus est iudicare vivos et<br>mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum;<br>Sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam,<br>sanctorum communionem; remissionem<br>peccatorum; carnis resurrectionem;<br>vitam aeternam. Amen. | I believe in God, the Father<br>Almighty, Creator of heaven and<br>earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only<br>Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by<br>the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin<br>Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,<br>was crucified, died, and was buried;<br>He descended into hell; the third<br>day He rose again from the dead; He<br>ascended into heaven, sitteth at the<br>right hand of God, the Father<br>Almighty; from thence He shall come<br>to judge the living and the dead. I<br>believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy<br>Catholic Church, the communion of<br>saints; the forgiveness of sins; the<br>resurrection of the body; and life ever<br>lasting. Amen. |
| (3) Pater noster, Qui es in coelis,<br>sanctificetur nomen Tuum;<br>adveniat regnum Tuum; fiat voluntas<br>Tua, sicut in coelo et in terra.<br>Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis<br>hodie; et dimitte nobis debita<br>nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus<br>debitoribus nostris; et ne nos<br>inducas in tentationem; sed libera<br>nos a malo. Amen.  | Our Father, Who art in heaven,<br>hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom<br>come; Thy will be done on earth as<br>it is in heaven. Give us this day<br>our daily bread; and forgive us our<br>trespasses, as we forgive those who<br>trespass against us; and lead us not<br>into temptation; but deliver us from<br>evil. Amen.  |
| (4) Ave Maria, gratia plena,<br>Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in<br>mulieribus, et benedictus fructus<br>ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria,<br>Mater Dei, ora pro nobis<br>peccatoribus, nunc et in hora<br>mortis nostrae. Amen.   | Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord<br>is with thee; blessed art thou amongst<br>women, and blessed is the fruit of<br>thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother<br>of God, pray for us sinners, now,<br>and at the hour of our death. Amen.   |
| (5) Gloria Patri, et Filio, et<br>Spiritu Sancto. Sicut erat in<br>principio, et nunc, et semper, et in<br>saecula saeculorum. Amen.   | Glory be to the Father, to the Son,<br>and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in<br>the beginning, is now, and ever<br>shall be, world without end. Amen.  |
| (6) Salve, Regina, Mater miseri-<br>cordiae! vita, dulcedo, et<br>spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus,<br>exules filii Evae. Ad te suspira-   | Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,<br>our life, our sweetness, and our<br>hope. To thee do we cry, poor<br>banished children of Eve. To thee do  |

mus, gementes, et flentes, in hoc lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria!

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!

V. Ora pro nobis, Sancta Dei Genetrix,  
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Oremus: Gratiam tuam quaesumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde, ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus per passionem eius et crucem, ad resurrectionem gloriam perducamur, per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Let us pray: Pour forth we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(7) O Bone Jesu, libera nos a peccatis nostris; libera nos ab ignibus gehennae; perduc in paradysum omnes animas praesertim eas quae plus misericordia tua indigent!

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!

With these seven prayers given above, one can say the Rosary in Latin. And now we name the mysteries:

(8) Mysteria Gaudiosa

Primum Mysterium Gaudiosum :  
Annuntiatio  
Secundum Mysterium Gaudiosum:  
Visitatio  
Tertium Mysterium Gaudiosum:  
Nativitas  
Quartum Mysterium Gaudiosum:  
Presentatio  
Quintum Mysterium Gaudiosum:  
Inventio in Templo

The Joyful Mysteries

The First Joyful Mystery:  
The Annunciation  
The Second Joyful Mystery:  
The Visitation  
The Third Joyful Mystery:  
The Nativity  
The Fourth Joyful Mystery:  
The Presentation in the Temple  
The Fifth Joyful Mystery:  
The Finding in the Temple

Mysteria Dolorosa

Primum Mysterium Dolorosum:  
Agonia in Hortu  
Secundum Mysterium Dolorosum:  
Flagellatio  
Tertium Mysterium Dolorosum:  
Coronatio Spinis

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The First Sorrowful Mystery:  
The Agony in the Garden  
The Second Sorrowful Mystery:  
The Scourging at the Pillar  
The Third Sorrowful Mystery:  
The Crowning with Thorns

Quartum Mysterium Dolorosum:  
Bajulatio Crucis  
Quintum Mysterium Dolorosum:  
Crucifixio et Mors

Mysteria Gloriosa

Primum Mysterium Gloriosum:  
Resurrectio  
Secundum Mysterium Gloriosum:  
Ascensio  
Tertium Mysterium Gloriosum:  
Descensus Spiritus Sancti  
Quartum Mysterium Gloriosum:  
Assumptio  
Quintum Mysterium Gloriosum:  
Coronatio in Coelis

**(9) The Angelus**

V. Angelus Domini nuntiavit  
Mariae;  
R. Et concepit de Spiritu  
Sancto

Ave Maria, etc.

V. Ecce Ancilla Domini,  
R. Fiat mihi secundum verbum  
tuum.

Ave Maria, etc.

V. Et Verbum caro factum est,  
R. Et habitavit in nobis.  
Ave Maria, etc.  
V. Ora pro nobis,  
sancta Dei Genitrix,  
R. Ut digni efficiamur  
promissionibus Christi.

Oremus  
Gratiam tuam, quaesumus,  
Domine, mentibus, nostris  
infunde; ut qui, Angelo  
nuntiante, Christi Filii Tui  
Incarnationem cognovimus, per  
passionem eius et crucem, ad  
resurrectionis gloriam  
perducamur. Per eundem  
Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery:  
The Carrying of the Cross  
The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery:  
The Crucifixion and Death

The Glorious Mysteries

The First Glorious Mystery:  
The Resurrection  
The Second Glorious Mystery:  
The Ascension  
The Third Glorious Mystery:  
The Descent of the Holy Ghost  
The Fourth Glorious Mystery:  
The Assumption  
The Fifth Glorious Mystery:  
The Coronation in Heaven

The Angel of the Lord declared unto  
Mary;  
And she conceived of the Holy  
Ghost

Hail Mary, etc.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord,  
Be it done unto me according to Thy  
word.

Hail Mary, etc.

And the Word was made flesh,  
And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary, etc.  
Pray for us,  
O holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray  
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,  
Thy grace into our hearts; that we,  
to whom the Incarnation of Christ  
Thy Son has been made known by the  
message of an Angel, may, by His  
passion and cross, be brought to the  
glory of His resurrection. Through  
the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**A P P E N D I X   I V**  
**OUR YEARLY NOVENA SCHEDULE**  
**plus a private prayer for Father Feeney**

When he founded the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Father Leonard Feeney intentionally established a simple devotional life for members of his foundation. Because his was to be an active Order, not primarily contemplative, and would be engaged in constant doctrinal combat with enemies of the Church, he limited required devotional practices to just three: daily recitation of the Rosary, wearing the Brown Scapular, and wearing the Miraculous Medal. Individual members could retain whatever other personal devotions they had, but they were not to attempt to spread them within the Order.

When we speak of a yearly novena schedule, as we do now, we are not violating this rule laid down by Father. The novenas described herein are not private devotions; they are well established within Holy Mother Church, and she strongly recommends several of them for the participation of the faithful. Furthermore, they are not daily devotions, but are occasional, and have very specific intentions.

Not one of these novenas is to be considered as absolutely mandatory for members of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Yet, they are a regular part of our yearly prayer life here at Saint Benedict Center, and we ask those of you who can do so to join with us in offering them in the spirit of the Order. This request applies most especially to the Novena to the Holy Ghost because, at its conclusion on Pentecost Sunday, all members of the Order, wherever they may be, renew their Act of Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to the method of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort.

Here, in chronological order, are the six novenas we celebrate at the Center:

Chair of Unity Octave plus One	January 17 thru January 25
Novena of Grace	March 4 thru March 12
To the Holy Ghost	Friday after Ascension Thursday thru Saturday, Vigil of Pentecost
To the Immaculate Heart of Mary	August 14 thru August 22
In Honor of Christ the King	October: Saturday before 2nd to last Sunday thru last Sunday
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory	November 1 thru November 9

The final page of this Appendix contains the Father Feeney Prayer.

This prayer is for private devotion only.

Now follows a brief description of each of our novenas and the form for each.

**CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE — plus ONE**  
**January 17 — January 25**

The Chair of Unity Octave is celebrated between January 18 and January 25, and January 17 is the anniversary date of the founding of our Order. We add this latter date, so important to us, to the octave to get our nine novena dates.

Primary Intention: On each day of the octave, pray for the specific intention of the whole Church as shown below. Secondary Intention: On January 17, pray for effective unity among the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Specific Intentions:

- January 17 — Unity among the Slaves of IHM
- January 18 — Return of “Other Sheep”
- January 19 — Return of Oriental Separatists
- January 20 — Submission of Anglicans
- January 21 — Return of European Protestants

January 22 — Return of American Protestants  
January 23 — Return of Lapsed Catholics  
January 24 — Conversion of the Jews  
January 25 — Missionary Conquest of the World

Form for the Novena: State the day's intention, then pray as follows:

ANTIPHON: "That they may all be One, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me" (John 17-21).

V: "I say unto thee, that thou art Peter;

R: "And upon this Rock I will build My Church."

LET US PRAY: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst say to Thine Apostles: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you," regard not our sins but the Faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy Will: Who livest and reignest, God forever and ever. Amen.

V. Mary, Mother of the Church, R. pray for us.

V. St. Peter, First Pope of Rome, R. pray for us.

V. St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, R. pray for us.

[The Memorare] Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but hear and answer me. Amen.

### **THE NOVENA OF GRACE March 4 — March 12**

This is the powerful novena to Saint Francis Xavier which, in times past, was solemnly celebrated on the above dates throughout the entire Church. This great Jesuit Saint is the Exemplar of our Crusade, and in March of every year we beg for his help in obtaining from God a favorable response to a particular request. We know he has heard us, for our requests have been granted.

The special intention for this novena will vary from year to year, and will be announced beforehand in the January or February *Mancipia*. The form for a public Novena of Grace follows:

#### **Preparatory Prayers**

Priest: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. O Jesus, answer our petitions as we kneel before Thee.

People: O Heart of Jesus, hear and grant our prayers.

Priest: Pray for us, Saint Francis Xavier,

People: that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: Let us pray: Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful. Enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy spirit and they shall be created,

People: and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest and People (together):

O most lovable and loving Saint Francis Xavier — in union with thee — I adore the Divine Majesty. — The remembrance of the favors —with which God blessed thee during life — and of thy glory after death — fills me with joy; — and I unite with thee — in offering to

Him — my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. — I implore thee to secure for me — through thy powerful intercession — the inestimable blessing — of living and dying — in the state of grace. — I also beseech thee — to obtain for me — the favor I ask in this novena. — (PAUSE FOR PETITIONS) — But if what I ask — is not for the glory of God — and for the good of my soul — do thou obtain for me — what is more conducive to both. Amen.

Our Father — Hail Mary — Glory Be

Priest: Pray for us, Saint Francis Xavier,

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### **Hymn to Saint Francis Xavier**

Oh, Father Saint Francis, we kneel at thy feet, While blessings and favors we beg and entreat, That thou from thy bright throne in heaven above wouldst look on thy clients with pity and love. Saint Francis Xavier, Oh pray for us! Saint Francis Xavier, Oh pray for us!

Oh, Father Saint Francis, thy words were once strong against Satan's wiles and an infidel throng. Not less is thy might where in heaven thou art; Oh, come to our aid, in our battle take part. Saint Francis Xavier, Oh pray for us! Saint Francis Xavier, Oh pray for us!

### **Xavier's Prayer for Unbelievers**

[Priest and People:] Eternal God, Creator of all things — remember that the souls of unbelievers — have been created by Thee — and formed to Thy own image and likeness. — Behold, O Lord, how to Thy dishonor — hell is being filled with these very souls. — Remember that Jesus Christ, Thy Son — for their salvation suffered a most cruel death. — Do not permit, O Lord, I beseech Thee — that Thy divine Son be any longer despised by unbelievers, — but rather, being appeased by the prayers of Thy saints — and the Church — the most holy spouse of Thy Son — deign to be mindful of Thy mercy — and forgetting their idolatry and their unbelief — bring them to know Him Whom Thou didst send — Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord — Who is our health, life, and resurrection — through Whom we have been redeemed and saved — to Whom be all glory forever. Amen.

Priest: Pray for us, Saint Francis Xavier,

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: O God, Who did deign, by the preaching and miracles of Saint Francis Xavier, to join unto Thy Church the nations of the Indies, grant, we beseech Thee, that we who reverence his glorious merits, may also imitate his example, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn Before Benediction Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

#### **Closing Hymn — Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

When the novena is made privately, the Hymn to Saint Francis may be recited, and everything from the Sermon through the Closing Hymn may be omitted.

## NOVENA TO THE HOLY GHOST

### Friday after Ascension Thursday — Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost

This is the prototype of all novenas. It commemorates the nine days between the Ascension of Our Lord and the descent of the Holy Ghost on the first Pentecost Sunday. During this time Our Lady and the twelve Apostles prayed in the Cenacle for the coming of the Paraclete. Our Lord Himself instituted this novena, and it is celebrated every year by the whole Church.

Primary Intention: Like the Apostles, we pray that the Holy Ghost will come into our lives and set the Church and faithful on fire with true Apostolic zeal.

Secondary Intention: On Pentecost Sunday every year, we renew our consecration to Jesus through Mary as prescribed by Saint Louis Marie de Montfort. On this solemn occasion, we pray that we may be true to our consecration and live it ever more faithfully during the year to come. Every member of the Crusade should feel that he or she has a special obligation to make this novena.

Form for the novena: State the intentions given above, and then open your heart to God the Holy Ghost in this prayer:

O Holy Ghost, O my God, I adore Thee, and acknowledge, here in Thy divine presence, that I am nothing and can do nothing without Thee. Come, great Paraclete, Thou father of the poor, Thou comforter the best, fulfil the promise of our blessed Savior, Who would not leave us orphans, and come into the mind and the heart of Thy poor, unworthy creature, as Thou didst descend on the sacred day of Pentecost on the holy Mother of Jesus and on His first disciples. Grant that I may participate in those gifts which Thou didst communicate to them so wonderfully, and with so much mercy and generosity. Take from my heart whatever is not pleasing to Thee, and make of it a worthy dwelling-place for Thyself. Illumine my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal good. In flame my heart with pure love of Thee, that I may be cleansed from the dross of all inordinate attachments, and that my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen my will, that I may be made conformable to Thy divine will, and be guided by Thy holy inspirations. Aid me by Thy grace to practice the divine lessons of humility, poverty, obedience, and contempt of the world, which Jesus taught us in His mortal life.

Oh, rend the heavens, and come down, consoling Spirit! that inspired and encouraged by Thee, I may faithfully comply with the duties of my state, carry my daily cross most patiently, and endeavor to accomplish the divine will with the utmost perfection. Spirit of love! Spirit of purity! Spirit of peace! Sanctify my soul more and more, and give me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give. Bless our Holy Father the Pope, bless the Church, bless our bishops, our priests, all Religious Orders, and all the faithful, that they may be filled with the spirit of Christ and labor earnestly for the spread of His kingdom.

O Holy Ghost, Thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant me, I beseech Thee, the intentions of this novena. May Thy will be done in me and through me. Mayest Thou be praised and glorified forevermore! Amen.

## NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

August 14 — August 22

Holy Mother Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On August 15 we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, and on August 22, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. Our novena begins on the 14th, the Vigil of the Assumption, and ends on the 22nd, the patronal feast of our Order and doctrinal Crusade. The intention of this novena is twofold:

- 1) We pray that our doctrinal Crusade may be victorious, and that each and every member will remain true to the ideals upon which it was founded.
- 2) We pray that the Church — Pope, hierarchy, clergy and faithful — will conform to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima, that Russia will be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart and thereby converted, and that devotion to Her Immaculate Heart will then be established throughout the world, as Our Lord desires.

The form of this novena is quite simple. It consists of these three parts (the prayers are given below):

- 1) State the intention of the novena.
- 2) Pray the Magnificat.
- 3) Pray the Litany of Loreto (or the Blessed Virgin Mary).

We earnestly hope that you will join with us in praying this novena to Our Lady, and in celebrating, in a fitting manner, the two great Marian feasts with the intervening octave.

### The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

- 46) My soul doth magnify the Lord:
- 47) And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior
- 48) Because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
- 49) For He that is mighty hath done great things to me: and Holy is His Name.
- 50) And His mercy is from generation to generations, to them that fear Him.
- 51) He hath showed might in His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
- 52) He hath put down the mighty from their throne, and hath exalted the humble.
- 53) He hath filled the hungry with the good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.
- 54) He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy.
- 55) As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed, forever.

### The Litany of Loreto (the Blessed Virgin Mary)

(Versicle)

Lord, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us  
God the Father of Heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Ghost,

(Response)

Christ, have mercy.  
Christ, graciously hear us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God,  
[Response to the following: "pray for us"]

have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,  
Holy Mother of God,  
Holy Virgin of virgins  
Mother of Christ,  
Mother of divine grace,  
Mother most pure,  
Mother most chaste,  
Mother inviolate,  
Mother undefiled,  
Mother most amiable,  
Mother most admirable,  
Mother of good counsel,  
Mother of our Creator,  
Mother of our Savior,  
Virgin most prudent,  
Virgin most venerable,  
Virgin most renowned,  
Virgin most powerful,  
Virgin most merciful,  
Virgin most faithful,  
Mirror of justice,  
Seat of wisdom,  
Cause of our joy,  
Spiritual vessel,

Vessel of honor,  
Singular vessel of devotion,  
Mystical rose,  
Tower of David,  
Tower of ivory,  
House of gold,  
Ark of the covenant,  
Gate of heaven,  
Morning star,  
Health of the sick,  
Refuge of sinners,  
Comforter of the afflicted,  
Help of Christians,  
Queen of Angels,  
Queen of Patriarchs,  
Queen of Prophets,  
Queen of Apostles,  
Queen of Martyrs,  
Queen of Confessors,  
Queen of Virgins,  
Queen of all Saints,  
Queen conceived without original sin,  
Queen assumed into heaven,  
Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
Queen of peace,

Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord!  
Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord!  
Lamb of God Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. That we made be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray:**

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may enjoy lasting health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from the present sorrow and enter into the joy of eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**NOVENA TO HONOR CHRIST THE KING**  
**October: Saturday before 2nd to last Sunday — last Sunday**

The Feast of Christ the King is always celebrated on the last Sunday in October. Therefore, our novena begins on the Saturday before the preceding Sunday.

The novena consists of the three parts given below. The first two express the intention. The third part is optional, but strongly recommended.

- 1) An Act of Dedication of the Human Race
- 2) The Prayer
- 3) The Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**An Act of Dedication of the Human Race**

Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thine Altar [if outside a church or oratory, say: “in Thy presence”]. We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united to Thee, behold, each one of us this day freely dedicates himself to Thy Most Sacred Heart. Many, indeed, have never known Thee; many, too, despising Thy precepts have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart.

Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal sons who have abandoned Thee; grant that they may quickly return to their Father’s house, lest they perish of wretchedness and hunger.

Be Thou King of those whom heresy holds in error or discord keeps aloof; call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be one fold and one Shepherd.

Be Thou King of all those who even now sit in the shadow of idolatry or Islam, and refuse not Thou to bring them into the light of Thy kingdom.

Look, finally, with eyes of pity upon the children of that race, which was for so long a time Thy chosen people; and let Thy Blood, which was once invoked upon them in vengeance, now descend upon them also in a cleansing flood of redemption and eternal life.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; unto all nations give an ordered tranquility; bring it to pass that from pole to pole the earth may resound with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Prayer**

O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge Thee to be the King of the universe; all that hath been made is created for Thee. Exercise over me all Thy sovereign rights. I hereby renew the promises of my Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and pomps, and I engage myself to lead henceforth a truly Christian life. And in an especial manner do I undertake to bring about the triumph of the rights of God and Thy Church, so far as in me lies. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee my poor actions to obtain the acknowledgment by every heart of Thy sacred kingly power. In such wise may the kingdom of Thy peace be firmly established throughout all the earth. Amen.

**The Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Lord, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us	Christ, graciously hear us.

[Response: “have mercy on us”]  
God, the Father of Heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God, the Holy Ghost,  
Holy Trinity, One God,  
Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,  
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother,  
Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God,  
Heart of Jesus, of Infinite Majesty,  
Heart of Jesus, Sacred Temple of God,  
Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High,  
Heart of Jesus, House of God and Gate of Heaven,  
Heart of Jesus, burning Furnace of charity,  
Heart of Jesus, Abode of justice and love,  
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,  
Heart of Jesus, Abyss of all virtues,  
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,  
Heart of Jesus, King and Center of all hearts,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom dwells the fullness of divinity,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father was well pleased,  
Heart of Jesus, of Whose fullness we have all received,  
Heart of Jesus, Desire of the everlasting hills,  
Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,  
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, Fountain of life and holiness,  
Heart of Jesus, Propitiation for our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium  
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses,  
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,  
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,  
Heart of Jesus, Source of all consolation,  
Heart of Jesus, our Life and Resurrection,  
Heart of Jesus, our Peace and Reconciliation,  
Heart of Jesus, Victim for our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, Salvation of those who trust in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, Hope of those who die in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, Delight of all the saints,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord!  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord!  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

**Let us pray:**

Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which He offers Thee in the name of sinners; and to those who implore Thy Mercy do Thou of Thy great goodness grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

## NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

November 1 — November 9

The souls in purgatory need our help. They are no longer able to merit for themselves, and it is only through the prayers of the Church Militant that they can be released from their torments. We are assured by our Holy Faith that they will be eternally grateful to those who pray for their release. But few Catholics pray for them in this time of weakening faith, so the responsibility to help them falls more heavily on the shoulders of those of us who will accept it.

The holy souls can be one of our secret weapons. We must remember that their prayers for us are heard by God, so they can be very powerful allies while we yet struggle in this valley of tears. In addition, to pray for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy.

The whole month of November is dedicated to the holy souls. The novena begins on the first day of the month, the feast of All Saints, and ends on November 9th, the feast of the dedication of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome, which is also known as the Basilica of the Holy Savior. It follows almost immediately after the Novena to Christ the King and is the last novena of the liturgical year.

The intention of the novena: We pray for the early release of holy souls from their sufferings, and their entrance into the Beatific Vision. This intention is stated in the prescribed prayers.

The form of the novena:

- 1) Prayer of Saint Gertrude (see below)
- 2) Say the prayer of the Church for the deceased:  
V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
V. May they rest in peace.  
R. Amen.  
V. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
R. Amen.
- 3) Our Father — Hail Mary — Glory Be

### Prayer of Saint Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout the world today. I offer them for all the holy souls in purgatory, and for sinners everywhere; for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

## **A PRAYER FOR OUR HOLY FOUNDER**

We have composed a prayer which we call: A Prayer for the Granting of Special Divine Favors through the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the Purpose of Confirming the Heroic Virtues of Father Leonard Feeney, M.I.C.M. In short, we call it simply “The Father Feeney Prayer.” It is not yet Church-approved, but may be said privately and confidently for the following good reasons:

- 1) The most effective way for the Church to restore the dogma we defend to universal belief is to canonize Father Feeney for defending it so heroically.
- 2) True peace will come to this world only when devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is established worldwide, as Our Lord requested at Fatima. This prayer will certainly further that end.
- 3) Our Lady will provide miraculous answers to this prayer in order to confirm the sanctity of Her Faithful Slave, and to confirm the efficacy of the Act of Consecration to Mary of Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, which is the basis and pattern of the spirit of our Religious Order.

If we pray confidently, Our Lady will grant what we ask, for it is for the greater glory of Her Divine Son. Our Crusade is advancing, and this prayer can speed the victory which we know must come soon.

### **THE FATHER FEENEY PRAYER**

O Most Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of God, we place under your protection the cause of Father Leonard Feeney, a true son of Saint Ignatius and devoted Slave of your Immaculate Heart. We come to you in childlike confidence to beg of you a divine favor. In order to enlighten the world with the Dogma of Faith for which our dear father fought and suffered while in this life, and to show the world the glory of True Slavery as personified in Father Feeney, we ask that you grant this our request: ...(state your petition)... We promise to be ever more faithful to the Sacred Heart of your Divine Son through the merits of your own Immaculate Heart. We promise to do all in our power to know God’s Holy Will for us, to be faithful to it, and to defend valiantly all the dogmas of our Holy Faith, especially those most under attack today, and most especially the absolute necessity of living and dying in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, outside of which there is no salvation at all.

Father Feeney, pray for us! Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! Amen.