

*Consecration of our
Monastic Congregation
to the Sorrowful and
Immaculate Heart of Mary*



Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Paschal Mystery and Mother of the Passionist Congregation, you inspired our holy founder, St. Paul of the Cross to found the male and female branches of the Passionist Congregation.

Here in this chapel and before this miraculous icon, you inspired St. Paul to make the vow to promote devotion to the Passion of your Son. You were his faithful companion and protector as he struggled to found the institute devoted to the love of your Crucified Son, showing your heavenly intercession in many remarkable ways.

We come before you today to consecrate to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart our new Monastic Congregation. Open wide your maternal Heart and embrace each Nun, each monastery and all those your Son is calling to Passionist life. Take over, loving Mother, the difficult situations in which we find ourselves. Guide us by the light of the Holy Spirit to do all that the Father desires. Renew in us the spirit of contemplative prayer. Enkindle again a great fire of love for your Crucified and Risen Son and a desire to help others to know and love Him in His Paschal Mystery!

Make us open, free and docile to the Church. Drive away the common foe. Obtain for us a great release of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. O Mary! Place in our minds and on our lips the thoughts and words that would bring the greatest glory to God.

Share your own love with us, dear Mother, that we may know how to love, comfort and uplift one another in a spirit of the joy and hope ever flowing from the death of Your Son. You are the true superior of each monastery, and the true Mother President of our Congregation. Spread the warm mantle of your concern and protection over all of us. Keep your right hand raised in blessing over us, and your left hand resting on our shoulders so that like trusting children, we may allow you to guide us in everything, for the greatest possible glory to our Triune God and to our beloved Paschal Bridegroom!

Place these petitions in the Heart of Your Son and grant that we may receive an outpouring of all these graces through Christ our Lord. Amen!