

## ACT OF CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

I PRESENT myself before thee at the close of these exercises, to consecrate the remainder of my life to thee. Accept, I beseech thee, this poor offering, and, in union with thy immaculate Spouse, present it to Jesus, thy divine Son, by Him to be offered to His Heavenly Father, to receive the smile of approbation and the grace of final perseverance. I consecrate to thee my thoughts, that they may be always subject to reason, and guided by faith. Preserve me from being biased in my opinions by the vain judgments of a wicked, deceitful world. I consecrate to thee my heart, with its emotions, desires, and affections ; it needs more restraint than my understanding, on account of its many attractions, preferences, and weaknesses. I consecrate my senses to thee, together with all the actions in which they participate. Grant that, in being organs of the soul, they may be used in procuring the greater honor and glory of God. Instill into my soul a love of virtue which will be the governing principle of all my actions, and guard me by thy grace and love against all the attacks of the evil one. I am surrounded by dangers which threaten to prove my ruin ; even the little good I do is so fraught with self-love that it corrupts my best intentions. Overwhelmed with fear at the sight of so many obstacles, I cast myself before thee, imploring thy assistance, and renewing the offerings already made, as also the resolution of doing all for Jesus, in Him and through Him, that, serving Him faithfully in this life, I may enjoy Him for all eternity. Amen.