

Act of Entrustment to Mary Help of Christians

O God, Father of infinite love, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son and sent the Holy Spirit for the redemption and sanctification of man; we salesians, gathered together in the unity of your trinity, kneel in worship before you as Don Bosco has taught us. All glory to you, merciful Father, redeeming Son and sanctifying Spirit. We praise you, Triune God of infinite love, for having given Mary a part in your work of redemption, raising her up to be the mother of God and our own mother too. And you, Lord Jesus, Son of Mary and first fruits of the new covenant, give us your Spirit so that our hearts may be enkindled with a share of your love. We beg you to renew for us your wondrous testament uttered on the cross, when in title and endowment you made the Apostle John the son of your own mother Mary. Repeat also for each of us those words, "Woman, behold your Son," so that we may live always with Mary in our home. May she remain with us as our mother; may she take us by the hand and be our inspiration as we bring the Gospel message to the poor and the humble. May she help us to be active pillars of the Church, and order our lives and activities in union with the Pope and the bishops. May she help us to be attentive to God's word, zealous in the apostolate, and true prophets of hope in the forthcoming third millennium of our Christian faith. May she teach us creativity in our pastoral concern, and help us achieve that persuasive kindness and mortification that will make us skilled promoters of dialogue and friendship, especially among the young who are most in need. O Help of Christians and Mother of the Church, we Salesians of Don Bosco entrust ourselves today to your kindly intercession on our behalf as individuals and as communities. We place in your care the priceless riches of our Constitutions, our pledge to be faithful and united in our Congregation, the sanctification of all members, the work by which we worship in intention and act, the increase of vocations, the toilsome responsibility of formation, the courageous and generous labours of our missionaries, the animation of the Salesian Family, and in a special way our assiduous ministry of predilection for the young. With you we proclaim you mistress and guide of our Congregation. Accept, we beg you, this filial Act of Entrustment and help us to participate ever more zealously in the final wish of your Son on Calvary: through him, with him and in him we resolve to live and labour untriflingly to establish the Kingdom of our Father in the hearts of all men.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us. Amen.
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