

Holiness, Pope Pius IX, was prompted when he instituted the Feast of the Most Precious Blood after he had obtained from heaven the miraculous close of his tedious exile at Gaeta.

Let us therefore endeavor during the month of July to enter into the evident purpose of the Church, and use this consoling and beautiful devotion to the Precious Blood chiefly in the spirit of praise and exultation, having in mind the fulness of redemption and the immensity of the graces which the Most Precious Blood procured for us all. Let us strive, however imperfectly, to correspond to the graces It purchased for us and take an active part to spread this salutary devotion more and more. The reverend clergy, and the venerable sisterhood could most effectively bring this devotion home to every Catholic heart under their charge, by introducing it into the prayers to be said during the children's Masses before their respective school hours begin. How easily and beautifully could not the chaplet of the Most Precious Blood with Its Seven Offerings be recited on Friday mornings of every week during the year? This would prove very beneficial to our dear children by imbuing them with the spirit of exultation and gratitude in considering the price of their redemption mingled with a humble acknowledgement of their sins, so well becoming a Christian during all the life.

In going over the record of indulgences granted to the devout adorers of the Most Precious Blood, we find that this devotion is one of the richest and most favored of the Catholic devotions. This makes it a remarkably valuable devotion, valuable for the Holy Souls in Purgatory as well as to ourselves. In every parish the confraternity of the Most Precious Blood for the repose of the suffering souls should be canonically established ; it directs us in a practical manner to make our prayers more acceptable for our dearly Beloved Departed.

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