

in the public consecration of your parish to the Sacred Heart which will be renewed this year on the 24th June.

If we cannot do so, let us at least give ourselves most heartily to Jesus in private.

Throughout our lives, let us retain the sentiments of a *consecrated*, or a *vowed*, of a *given* person : *Sive vivimus, sive morimur, Domini sumus* (Rom. xiv, 8.) Hereafter we should say : « I no longer belong to « myself ; I belong to Jesus for life and death. He is my master ! I will « obey Him faithfully. He is my beloved friend, I will serve Him with « all the ardor of love. I have chosen Him for ever as the God of my « heart and my lot for eternity. »

FORM OF CONSECRATION

TO THE

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

composed by His Holiness Leo XIII.

O most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of mankind, cast a look on us humbly prostrate before Thine altar. We are Thine, we wish to be Thine and in order to unite ourselves closely to Thee each of us to-day willingly consecrates Himself to Thy Sacred Heart.

A great many men have known Thee ; a great many, despising thy commandments, have rejected Thee. Have pity on all these, O most merciful Jesus and attract them to thy divine Heart.

Lord, be Thou the King, not only of the faithful who have never separated from Thee, but also of the prodigal sons who have abandonet Tree ; bring them back to the port of truth and the unity of the faith in order that there may soon be « but one fold and one pastor.»

Finally, be Thou the King of all those who are plunged in the ancient superstition of paganism and deign to call them from the darkness to light and to God's kingdom.

Grant, Lord, to Thy Church salvation, calm and freedom ; grant to all peoples order and peace ; grant that from one end of the earth to the other there be but one and the same cry : « Praise unto the divine Heart by whom salvation has been obtained for us. Glory and honor to it through all ages. Amen. »

THE MARTYR OF BOURGET

An Incident of the Franco-Prussian War.

Note. — During the War of 1870, the Brothers of the Christian Schools served in the Ambulance Corps of the French Army as litter bearers, and converted many of their houses into hospitals for the care of the wounded soldiers. As soon as peace was restored, in recognition of the self sacrifice and bravery of the Brothers, the Government of France conferred the Cross of the Legion of Honor upon their Superior-General Rev. Brother Phillip.