

repeat the form of consecration on the next Feast of the Sacred Heart or the Sunday after it, and observe his other prescriptions, may by a privilege, altogether unusual, obtain the same indulgences as are set down in his Apostolic letter.

From this it can be easily understood how solicitous is the Sovereign Pontiff for this exercise of piety, and the dedication of all mankind to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For the Holy Father trusts, as he has already proclaimed, that then at last the many wounds inflicted on human society will be healed, that all justice will spring up with renewed life after the model shown in the old-time days of authority, that the splendors of peace will be restored, when "every tongue shall confess that our Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father."

I cherish the certain hope that all the bishops with the zeal and activity of which they have up to this given so illustrious an example, will in the future in no wise desist from their efforts, so that as many as possible of the Church's children, by availing themselves of the largess of Apostolic liberality for their salvation, may be gained to Christ and "draw water in joy from the fountains of the Saviour."

In the meantime, I sincerely pray for your Lordship's prosperity in all things.

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Your Lordship's Brother,

C. Bishop of Palestrina,

CARDINAL MAZZELLA.

Prefect S. C. R.

D. PANICI, Secretary.

OUR QUEEN-CROWNED.

The term of love's probation now was past
And Mary's ever-virgin soul was free :
Her body, temple of sweet purity,
Was not to nature's devastations cast,
But was upborne by angels to the vast
And glorious home of perfect harmony
Where soul and body rest eternally, —
The twilight years of yearning crowned at last.

Ah ! long, sweet Mother, were thy waiting years :
And yet each one was meted out by love, —
A love that kindled into day the night,
And made a solace of thy very tears ;
A love that bore thee to Itself above,
And crowned thee Queen in realms of endless light.

Ave Maria.