



ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM ROME

THE following important letter has been received from His Eminence Cardinal Mazzella, Perfect in the Congregation of Rites, naming a new day for a universal consecration to the Sacred-Heart, and renewing the privileges given last year.

MOST REVEREND SIR :

The hope and confidence expressed by our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., in his Encyclical Letter *Annum Sacrum* of the 25th day of May, of this year, on the Consecration of Mankind to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, that this act would be productive of very great good, not only to the individual, but for the whole Christian family, have been confirmed and augmented by the unanimous acclaim and ready good will of Christendom. No sooner was the voice of the Supreme Pastor heard urging the world to deserve well of the Divine Victim of love, and to surrender itself entirely to His service, than at once the Romans in the first place, and after them all Europe and the most distant and widely separated regions, seemed to vie with each other in yielding obedience to the desires and wishes of the Sovereign Pontiff. With what joy these tidings filled the Holy Father, I have already sufficiently made known in my letter of July 21, of this year, in which by command of the Pope himself, and in his name, I congratulated most warmly, and returned thanks to you and to each member of your clergy.

Now, however, word has been brought to us that the said Encyclical Letter reached some of the more remote countries too late to carry out its recommendations within the prescribed period. Wherefore humble prayer has been made His Holiness that he satisfy their pious desire also by granting them authority to consecrate themselves to the Most Sacred Heart on the same conditions as if they had rendered this solemn tribute with the rest of their brethren at the specified time. To this petition the Holy Father has kindly assented ; nay more, going still farther in his indulgence, he has granted that not only the faithful whom his Encyclical reached too late, but those who