



ANTILLES EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE (AEC)

CONSECRATION OF THE REGION

TO

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH AND HELP OF THE SICK

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

(MOTHER'S DAY)

In communion with Pope Francis and our brother bishops of Latin America, Canada and the United States of America, we the bishops of the AEC Region will re consecrate our dioceses to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Help of the Sick.

Each year the Church seeks the intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May when we remember the desire of our Lady of Fatima. This year we turn to her maternal care imploring her intercession for all our people, but especially our health care workers and the vulnerable, and wisdom for those who have the responsibility of leading our nations through the covid-19 pandemic.

In times of challenge and difficulty, we instinctively turn to the maternal care of Our Blessed Mother asking her intercession and help that we may live as Christ asks us to live in these days. She was the first to consecrate herself to God with a complete yes to the will of the Father. Through this consecration, we pray that we would, like her, turn our hearts and will completely to the will of God. By turning our hearts and will to the Father, we become a more perfect image of His Son Jesus Christ. A more perfect manifestation of mercy in our lands and a more perfect witness of love and unity in this time of adversity.

On Sunday, May 10, we ask all our priests to join with us in celebrating mass, and join us in utilizing the media in this act of consecration. In preparation for this consecration, the faithful are asked to pray the family rosary daily. They are also asked to recite the ancient prayer "Sub Tuum Praesidium"

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

May the Divine assistance remain always with us! Amen.