

## ACT OF CONSECRATION AND ENTRUSTMENT TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(December 8)

We have recourse to your protection, O holy Mother of God.  
As we recite the words of this antiphon  
with which the Church of Christ has prayed for centuries,  
we find ourselves today before you, our Immaculate Mother.

We, who make up the Body of Christ present in our land,  
recite the words of this Act of Consecration and Entrustment,  
in which we gather, first of all,  
the hopes and anxieties of our Filipino people,  
at this moment of our history.

Mother of our people,  
we rejoice in the name, *Pueblo amante de Maria*,  
a people who love Mary,  
*bayang sumisinta kay Maria*.

You know all our sufferings and our hopes,  
you who have a mother's awareness  
of all the struggles between good and evil,  
between light and darkness, which afflict the world today.  
Mother of our people, accept the cry which we,  
deeply moved by the Holy Spirit,  
address directly to your heart.

Embrace with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord,  
our people and our land,  
which now we entrust and consecrate to you,  
for we are truly concerned for the earthly and eternal destiny  
of every individual among us and for all our people.  
“We have recourse to your protection, O holy Mother of God;  
despise not our petitions in our necessities.”

From hatred, violence, and conflicts  
which divide and destroy our people, deliver us.  
From sins against human life, from its very beginning, deliver us.  
From the demeaning of the dignity  
of the children of God, deliver us.

From every kind of injustice in the life of society, deliver us.  
From readiness to trample  
on the commandments of God, deliver us.  
From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.  
From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.  
Accept, O Immaculate Mother of Christ, this cry,  
laden with the hopes and burdens,  
the sufferings of each one of us,  
and of all our people.

Let there be revealed once more, in our own history as a people,  
the infinite power of the Redemption, the power of merciful love.  
May it destroy the power of sin and evil among us.  
May it transform consciences.  
O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope!  
Amen.