

**ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOMBAY TO THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY TO BE RECITED ON 15TH AUGUST**

O Mary choicest daughter of God the Father, Mother of Jesus and Spouse of the Holy Spirit we joyfully greet you on this Feast day of your glorious Assumption into heaven. We come before you on the anniversary of our Nation's Independence to consecrate ourselves and our Archdiocese to your Immaculate Heart. Into your hands we lovingly entrust all our Bishops and in a special way those who have the grave responsibility of shepherding the flock entrusted to their spiritual care. We commend to you the Priests and the Religious men and women who with prayer and apostolic works, sustain the pastoral thrust of our Archdiocese, as well as our seminarians and novices who are preparing themselves for service in your Son's vineyard. We consecrate to you all our families – the Parents, the children and the youth – with the many challenges they are facing each day, to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, and all our friends and benefactors. We lift up to you O Mother of mercy and compassion, the broken families and the lapsed Catholics in our Archdiocese, our sick, poor, aged and lonely brethren and all those who are in any way being discriminated against or are being denied their human rights and liberties. We confidently place under your maternal protection all our parishes, small Christian communities, associations and institutions: our Schools and colleges, our hospitals and clinics and our homes for the aged, the abandoned, the disabled and the dying. O Mother of all mankind, we pray for the spiritual and political leaders of our nation: give them a world vision where moral and ethical values have an important place and priority and a determination to work selflessly for the common good of our country and its people. We remember also our sisters and brothers of other faiths and denominations: help us all to live as loyal citizens united under the same national banner and as children of the loving Father who is in heaven. We commend to you in a special way those who misunderstand, ill-treat or persecute us: teach us to forgive them, for they know not what they do. Most Holy Mary, Mediatrix of all graces, intercede for our beloved Motherland before the throne of Almighty God: that His peace may reign on our national frontiers; that the people of India may live in harmony within diversity of their cultures, customs and beliefs and that many may be led to acknowledge as their personal Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with God our Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.