

# **RULE OF THE SACRED HEART MISSION CRUSADE**



## **Our Mission:**

We are an army of creatives, utilizing the power of new technologies and ancient talents, and united around the common cause of building up the Catholic Church, sharing the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and welcoming the goodness of Mary's Immaculate Heart into our culture.

Our local chapters consist of the builders of culture, including artists, teachers, as well as ministry and business leaders. This unique assembly places you on a team, a

local chapter, where the assistance of mentorship, resource sharing, and formation can help you make the most of your talents for the sake of the salvation of souls. You will become close friends with those on your team, tackle local challenges, utilize your apostolic fervor, and enjoy the benefits of this fraternity.

Each chapter will host opportunities and events for the local community, potentially support a youth chapter, and work in union with other chapters both nationally and globally.

We invite you to join this worldwide initiative, become an initiated member or supporter, and commit yourself to this mission.

Through Jesus and Mary, may our crusade be accomplished for the good of countless souls. The Sacred Heart for the World! The World for the Sacred Heart!

If you are interested in joining, read through the Rule below (which outlines more about the fraternity) and/or send us an email:

## **Preface “On the Urgency of a Mission Crusade”:**

O how great is the foundation of the Holy Catholic Church? The Bride of Christ the King is anointed with miraculous beauty and splendor, united as one all throughout the world, bearing the honor of innumerable saints that have given their entire lives in its service and promulgation. This light beckons us once more to its aid.

Are you willing to add your own life to this temple? Have no fear, only courage, your Lord and Savior, Jesus, gives you this assurance: “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more...And I will write on him My new name.” (Revelation 3:12)

There exist now frontiers of evangelization novel to our age that would have been unimaginable to our forefathers, yet the potential for reaching souls would have been just as enticing for them as it should be for us. Let their zeal inspire us now. Now is the time to take up faith and dedicate your life to something that will assuredly be heavenly rewarding, and to a mission that is dutifully necessary.

When Jesus chose the Twelve, he chose men that were ordinary to the world. Many of you now are ordinary, as the world sees it. That is not to say that your purpose will remain unfruitful, as even now God plants seeds within you that will sprout into talents for this timeless call of sharing the Gospel.

For too long has evil grasped its talons onto these new technologies which are rightfully instruments to bring God glory. Thus, our war is one of rooting out these channels of wickedness. The light of Christ and His Church must shine in the most unlikely of places. It is our obligation to work toward accomplishing this, for all to hear the Gospel is the will of God.

In the twilight of these times, when it seems that the gate has been under siege longer than we have been alive, is now not the time to fight back? The wolves that have broken in have demoralized the city, taking away its resolve, taking away its desire to rescue those who have never heard the name of Jesus! They have convinced us that our efforts are in vain. That our very existence is in vain, only to end in nothingness. The destruction of the human soul is their goal, and we must refute them by proclaiming the infinite dignity accorded to it and its right to the Gospel. Let the zeal of the great missionary Fr. Charles Nerinckx now inflame our hearts, as he exclaims: "Souls! Souls! and nothing but souls, for the love of Jesus."

Take up the cross. Your Lord commands you to follow Him and He will not fail you. Let Mary be our guide. Through her Immaculate Heart we will conquer! Let all the angels and saints join us on this field of battle for the salvation of souls! With their intercession, we will be victorious. May the Sacred Heart triumph! The world for the Sacred Heart and the Sacred Heart for the world!

“This is, I say, a new kind of knighthood and one unknown to the ages gone by,” St. Bernard remarks. Certainly, with our untrekked path, it is difficult to predict what snares lay ahead. We shall place our hope in the Holy Spirit, and according to the measure of our faith, He shall reveal countless graces and blessings before our eyes, and bestow abundant goodness that we shall reap in this life and the next. “Go forth confidently then, you knights, and repel the foes of the cross of Christ with a stalwart heart. Know that neither death nor life can separate you from the love of God which is in Jesus Christ, and in every peril repeat, ‘Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.’ ”

In Jesus do we surrender our lives and in His love resides our souls. Now. hear the loving Sacred Heart, longing to see the world ablaze: “Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my beautiful one, and come. For winter is now past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers have appeared in our land, the time of pruning is come...” (Song of Songs 2:10-12)

## Preamble:

*We dedicate ourselves to prayer, study, and sacrifice to the Sacred Heart, with reparation to the Immaculate Heart, so that the light of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, may shine through all efforts of evangelization, and that the love of Mary may flourish in all hearts and throughout the entire world.*

## Obligations:

1. Make the consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary
2. To do all things out of love for Jesus and Mary.

3. To strive to be a good Christian and to evangelize in all the ways God wills.

4. To say each day the official SHMC prayer:

*“Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, pray for our missions, that all may know the Savior of the World.”*

## Benefits:

- Sharing in the prayer and penances of all members of the Crusade.
- To accomplish greater things than any could accomplish alone.
- To participate in united Catholic action for the salvation of souls.
- A consistent prayer life and route of spirituality
- Personal fruits, especially leadership and many virtues.
- Participation in a daring adventure to build up the Church

## Conduct:

### *1. Love*

— “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind, and with thy whole strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like to it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31)

—God, His will, and His glory should be at the center of everything.

—All of our actions shall be concerned with the salvation of souls.

## *2. Obedience*

—We pledge full fidelity to the Holy Father, the See of Peter, and the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church established and sustained, unto the end, by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## *3. Prayer*

—Constant and unceasing prayer is necessary for any success of this community whatsoever.

—All members are encouraged, though not required, to take up the sword of the Rosary and the shield of the Brown Scapular.

## *4. Study*

—Through education for our members, and the spread of information about our missions to the wider public, our efforts will not be fleeting, as spurs of emotion, but as lasting and significant pillars of evangelism.

## *5. Sacrifice*

—It is necessary to meet all given obligations and to pursue hidden ways of penance for the conversion of mankind, also accepting with resignation all possible obstacles that arise as the means for this goal.

**Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart**

*Preferable before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, or at least aware of His presence in your heart, and in the presence of Mary, say the following prayers:*

*This ritual can be done privately or with a group. Preparation of one's heart and a discernment of God's will should precede this ritual.*

I consecrate myself today to Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God. I offer myself as a servant in the conquest of the world for the Sacred Heart. I will pray, I will sacrifice, I will serve, that the Kingdom of Christ may be spread on earth. Dear Jesus, King of this new Crusade, accept my pledge of loyal service. I surrender my heart to thee. Inspire in me loyalty to your Sacred Heart and zeal for souls.

Our Lady, Mother of Jesus and Mother of all mankind, I consecrate myself to thee and give thee my whole heart and soul. I will serve thee with all of my strength. You are my Queen and shall defend me against all evil spirits and wicked schemes. There is no obstacle I shall not overcome. I will follow you, dear Mary, wherever you lead me. May your Immaculate Heart triumph and may it be my guide.

## **Registration:**

Email the details of your consecration to [sacredheartchristiancreators@outlook.com](mailto:sacredheartchristiancreators@outlook.com)

We will add you to our official record, keep you updated with information, and connect you with superior ranking members in the organization who will welcome you into your Squad.

Include the following in your email:

1. Name
2. Address

3. Date of your consecration to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart, this marking your entry into our Crusade.

## **Ritual of Initiation**

After you make your consecrations, you will be contacted by a Crusade official to discuss if, how, and when you can undertake this initiation ritual:

Any Officer, or any member who ranks higher than Officer, may bestow membership on other members. Novices should be interrogated beforehand to determine if they are fit to join this Crusade as 2nd degree members.

Preferably, any who seek to become a Knight or a Lady should undergo a private time of discernment before initiation. Confession within 1 month of this initiation, before or after, is recommended, as well as Holy Communion on the day of. If Communion can not be achieved, Spiritual Communion is highly encouraged.

This ritual can either be done in a chapel, before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, or remotely anywhere.

All present shall invoke Mary and the Saints, including all the patron saints of the Crusade: (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Bernard, St. Alphonsus, St. Francis Xavier, St. Philip Neri, St. Anthony, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Francis de Sales, and Bl. Pauline Jaricot).

After: Welcome God to dwell in all of the hearts of those present, making the Sign of the Cross as all go silent.

After a long period of silence, a novice, kneeling, and preferably holding a Rosary, shall meditate on and, when they are ready, say the words of the prophets. In crowds of more than one novice, the officiating member can say the words to exit the moment of silence:



*“Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.” (1 Samuel 3:9)*

*“And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send? and who shall go for us? And I said: Lo, here am I, send me.” (Isaiah 6:8)*

The officiating member shall then pray the following prayer:

*Lord Jesus, you continue to raise up servants to accomplish all that you have commanded, inspire the heart of this (or these) novice(s) to be a beacon of your light in the world. Make them a firm soldier of thy Church Militant, and especially as an instrument of this Crusade.*

The officiating member shall then ask the novice:

Are you ready to become members of the Crusade and to strive your best, by the grace of God, to follow all impulses of the Holy Spirit, obey all that Jesus may ask of you, and do all for the glory of the Father?

Novice replies: “I am.”

Officiating member: “Are you ready to contribute to this Crusade by prayer, study, and sacrifice?”

Novice: “I am.”

Officiating member: “God hears your willingness to serve him. I, your friend in this Crusade, also recognize your zeal. Again, I ask: “Are you ready to serve God and share the love of His Sacred Heart with the whole world?”

Novice: “I am.”

**Officiating member:** “May God bless you, dear (Knight or Lady, or Knights and Ladies) and Our Lady keep you forever. Hold fast to all that the Holy Catholic Church teaches and constantly renew yourself with the Sacraments. Welcome to this fight for the salvation of souls. We shall conquer! God wills it!”

All make the Sign of the Cross and then stand.

All say: “The Sacred Heart for the World! The World for the Sacred Heart!”

This ending chant can be repeated as many times as those present desire. It is optional to process out with the Blessed Sacrament, as is traditionally done.

**Spiritual Communion (optional):**

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

Celebration is appropriate now that the ritual has been completed.

## **Ranks and Units:**

### ***1st Degree:***

**Soldier:** Any who make the consecrations are made Soldiers. These are the warriors of prayer, a much necessary foundation for the success of the Crusade.

**Squire:** Promotion occurs after a soldier contributes to the cause financially or by some type of volunteer work.

**Novice:** All Catholic creators are automatically promoted to this rank, because of their potential to become a 2nd Degree member.

### ***2nd Degree:***

**Knight/Lady:** This is the entry rank of the Crusade. The skills and training at this stage are crucial for any success. Only those ready to provide creative labor are able to progress to this rank. To progress for Squire to Knight, one must undergo the special ritual of initiation.

**Lieutenant:** Members who have served the Crusade for longer than 3 months will automatically be promoted to this rank. The honor can be given before that in recognition of outstanding service.

**Captain:** Members who have served the Crusade for 1 year will automatically be promoted to this rank. The honor can be given before that in recognition of outstanding service.

**Major:** Knights of outstanding service can be promoted to this rank by Officers.

**Commander:** Elected by an Officer, this role shall serve the Officer as the next in command and prepare themselves in their leadership abilities.

### ***3rd Degree:***

**Officer:** The officer has authority over and leads a 5-10 member squad, or a ~4 member team.

**Master:** They are in control of 2-4 squads, leading a platoon.

**Provincial Master:** Leads and organizes 3-4 Masters to accomplish grander goals together.

#### **4th Degree:**

**Chaplain:** Clergy are automatically elevated to 4th degree rank, recognizing their spiritual superiority.

**Marshal:** Can be appointed by High Marshall to assist a region's operations.

**High Marshall:** In control of all chapters in their region, and in charge of all regional activities. High Marshalls shall be given the opportunity to serve on a worldwide council, elected to this council by the Grand Marshall, remaining for a term of two years unless voted out by at least two-thirds of members on the council.

**Seneschal:** Appointed by the Grand Marshall to assist them in their duties.

**Grand Marshall:** Elected by all 3rd and 4th degree members, the Grand Marshall is the master of the Crusade and its army.

#### **Units:**

Units shall mainly be constituted regionally, connected to local chapters.

**Papal Volunteers:** 2 Members

**Team:** ~4 Members, Commanded by Officer

**Squad:** 8-10 Members, Commanded by Officer

**Platoon:** 2-4 Squads, Commanded by Seneschal

**Company:** 3-4 Platoons, Commanded by Marshall

**Battalion:** 3-5 Companies, Commanded by High Marshall

## **Training and Mentorship:**

All members are encouraged to participate in our main 8 week comprehensive course for Mission Crusaders, then continue their education and specialization by completing further courses on areas of study that will be beneficial to them.

Each novice will be granted a senior ranking mentor, one who has experience in the novice's area of talents. It is recommended that the two work closely together and the lower ranking member consults often with their mentor.

## **Preservation and Increase:**

Each member is recommended to bring at least one other person to fight for the Crusade.

Members should do all they can to spread our Crusade, by their words and actions, including using all means to share our messages. Financial contributions are also encouraged.

## **Our Patron Saints:**

Patrons of the Mission Crusade:

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Bernard, St. Alphonsus, St. Francis Xavier, St. Phillip Neri, St. Anthony, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Francis de Sales, and Bl. Pauline Jaricot

## **Honors:**

All honors must be bestowed by 4th Degree members, however most of the recommendations for these honors will come from 3rd Degree members.

**Knight of Justice (Black)** – A recognition of outstanding leadership.

**Knight of Grace (Blue)** – A Knight who has volunteered above and beyond selflessly.

**Knight Paladin (White Cross)** – The second highest honor, a Paladin is recognized for their heroic virtues, contribution to the Crusade, or contribution to the evangelization.

**Knight Grand Cross (Red Cross)** – The highest honor, given rarely to the utmost pinnacle of service and excellence.

## **To Start a Local Chapter:**

If you feel called to start a local chapter of this Mission Crusade, or support it, send us an email at [sacredheartchristiancreators@outlook.com](mailto:sacredheartchristiancreators@outlook.com)

We can help provide you with resources and support to enroll members and glorify God.

## **Faithful and True (Anthem):**

**(Verse 1)**

**In our faith serene,**

**After Mary Our Queen,**

**We shall fight for Christ the King!—Marching ahead!**

**Faithful and true,**

**He died for me and you,**

**Let us fight for Christ the King!**

**(Chorus)**

**Oh, faithful and true, our swords ignite,  
In His name, we shall fight  
Hearts aflame, in His name we soar,  
For Christ our King, forevermore**

**(Verse 2)**

**To wherever sin holds sway,  
We'll kneel and pray,  
We march with Mary as our lead!—Marching ahead!  
In His love we are led,  
By His Body we are fed,  
It is Jesus who we adore!**

**(Chorus)**

**Oh, faithful and true, our swords ignite,  
In His name, we shall fight  
Hearts aflame, in His name we soar,  
For Christ our King, forevermore**

**(Bridge)**

**No foe too strong, no trial too dire,  
With Mary's help, we never tire  
And in His love, we firmly stand,  
Faithful and true, throughout the land  
Faithful and true, till the end of days—And Christ reigns eternally!**

**Hearts aflame, in His name we soar,  
For Christ our King, forevermore**

**(Alternate Chorus)**

**Oh, faithful and true, our swords ignite,  
In His name, we shall fight  
With hearts ablaze, His truth we'll spread,  
Till every soul to His love is led**

**(Verse 3, Optional)**

**With our souls raised high,  
We boldly proclaim,  
God's glory is our aim!—Glory to God!  
Until all praise Him,  
We won't back down,  
Till the world knows His saving grace—We'll march on!**

**(Chorus)**

**Faithful and true, our swords ignite,  
In His name, we shall fight  
With hearts ablaze, His truth we'll spread,  
Till every soul to His love is led  
Hearts aflame, in His name we soar,  
For Christ our King, forevermore**

**(Repeat Final Chorus, Optional)**

**List of Hymns:**

**For Christ the King (An Army of Youth) by Daniel A. Lord**



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9zXF0z\\_py4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9zXF0z_py4)

**(Chorus)**

**An army of youth flying the standards of truth,  
We're fighting for Christ, the Lord.  
Heads lifted high, Catholic Action our cry,  
And the cross our only sword.  
On earth's battlefield never a vantage we'll yield  
As dauntlessly on we swing.  
Comrades true, dare and do 'neath the Queen's white and blue,  
For our flag, for our faith for Christ the King.**

**Christ lifts His hands; the King commands;  
His challenge, "Come and follow Me."  
From every side, With eager stride, We form in the lines of victory.  
Let foemen lurk, and laggards shirk,  
We throw our fortunes with the Lord,  
Mary's son, till the world is won.  
We have pledged you our loyal word.**

**Our hearts are pure, our minds are sure;  
No sin our gleaming helmet taints.  
No foeman fierce our shield shall pierce;  
We're captained by God's unconquered saints.  
Yet peace we bring, and a gentle King,  
Whose law is light and life and love.  
Mary's son, may thy will be done  
Here on earth as it is above.**

*Soldiers of Christ, Arise by Charles Wesley*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44GUiMdFApA>

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus by George Duffield*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnoY5fzrj4M>

*Te Gloriosus Apostolorum by Giammateo Asola*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4IQxC8tNkc>