

Canonical Coronation of the Sacred Statue

DECREE

of the Canonical Coronation
of the Statue of the Most Holy Virgin of Good Success,
venerated in the church of the Convent
of the Immaculate Conception of the city of Quito.

CONSIDERING:

1. That since 380 years the Catholic devotees of Quito and of Ecuador have rendered public and continuous cult to the Statue of Mary of Good Success, in the church of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, specially on the occasion of the Novena and the Feast of Candlemas, on February 2 of each year;
2. That, according to historical data located in the Convent, the sacred Statue of Mary of Good Success had been sculptured by the Spanish artist Francisco de la Cruz Castillo upon request of the Servant of God, Mariana de Jesus Torres y Berriochoa, who, in a mysterious apparition of February 2, 1610, received the order from the Mother of God to execute it;
3. That the Mother of God, under the invocation of Mary of Good Success, has often shown Her maternal protection to the religious Community of the Convent as to its devotees of the city of Quito and of the whole Ecuador;
4. That the devotion to Mary of Good Success has always been growing, especially starting from 1986, with the opening of the Cause of Beatification of Mother Mariana, co-founder and second Abbess of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception; and
5. That the Community of the Convent, the auxiliary Committee for the Cause of Beatification of the Servant of God, and the Metropolitan Chapter, the Curia's officers and several devotees have addressed the ecclesiastical Authorities with a respectful petition;

According to the functions conferred by the "**Ordo Coronandi imaginem Beatae Mariae Virginis**", published by the Holy See on March 25, 1981,

DECREES

1. **The Canonical Coronation of the Sacred Statue of Mary of Good Success**, as filial homage to the fervent devotion and rendering of thanks to the Mother of God on behalf of the religious Community of the Convent and of the devotees of the city of Quito and of the whole Archdiocese; and
2. That the **ceremony of the solemn Canonical Coronation to be held on Saturday February 2, 1991, at 19:30**, in the Archdiocese's Marian Sanctuary of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception of Quito.

Archbishop's Palace of Quito, January 7, 1991.

Mons. Antonio J. Gonzalez Z.,
Archbishop of Quito

Declaration of Marian Sanctuary

DECREE

in which the Church
of the Convent of the Immaculate
Conception of Quito
is declared an
Archdiocesan Marian Sanctuary



CONSIDERING:

1. That the church of the Convent of the Immaculate Conception of the city of Quito accomplishes 414 years of existence and service to the divine cult;
2. That in this church the sacred Statue of Mary of Good Success is venerated since 380 years;
3. That the Religious of the Convent and many devotees of the city of Quito, of the Archdiocese and of Ecuador have cultivated, with great enthusiasm, the devotion to the Mother of God in this church;
4. That many devotees of the city and of this Country continue to take care of this church in a monumental way, most especially on occasion of the Novena and the Feast of Candlemas, on February 2 of each year, rendering to Mary of Good Success a fervent homage of love and gratitude and placing their trust in Her maternal protection, all this with approval of the ecclesiastical Authority;
5. That the Religious Community of the Convent, the auxiliary Committee for the Cause of Beatification of the Servant of God, Mariana Francisca de Jesus Torres y Berriochoa, the Metropolitan Chapter and the Curia's officers, interpreting the will of the Catholic people, have addressed the Prelate of the Archdiocese a respectful petition.

According to the faculties conferred to the Ordinary of the city, along with the Canons 1230 and 1232 of the in force Canon Law Code, for the present Decree,

WE DECLARE
THE CHURCH OF THE CONVENT
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF QUITO
AN ARCHDIOCESAN MARIAN SANCTUARY,
DEDICATED IN HONOUR
TO MARY OF GOOD SUCCESS.

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