

December 10

- 1861 *Mgr. de La Tour d'Auvergne becomes Archbishop of Bourges.*
- 1869 *Father Chevalier leaves Rome, where he had arrived on November 14.*
- 1873 *Father Chevalier preaches on the vigil of the coronation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Sittard (NL).*
- 1937 *Mgr. Buchholz, MSC (ND), is appointed Apostolic Prefect of Shiqian, China.*

Conference at the coronation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Sittard (NL), (1)

As Mother of the whole human race, Mary merits also the title, Queen of the Sacred Heart. At the foot of the cross, she received from the lips of Jesus, or rather from his Heart, all humanity as her heritage. She is declared to be our Mother. She received all the rights this implies, but also all the obligations.

A mother has to take care of her children, watch over them, and save them from every danger. Would you want the Blessed Virgin to accept this crushing task until the end of time without possessing the means to carry it out? That would be impossible. But what are the means? The grace of the Heart of Jesus, if given sparingly to Mary, would not suffice. If the graces received from the Sacred Heart were given to her in the measure in which even the greatest saints have received them, they would soon be exhausted in the lavish hands of this most tender, compassionate Mother.

Do you not seem to hear Mary exclaim: "O Jesus, give me all the graces of your Heart beyond number, or else remove from me the title of Mother of the human race. Torrents of graces would not suffice; I need the source itself; I need your Heart. If you refuse me that gift, it is futile that I be called Refuge of Sinners, the Hope of the Hopeless; I would not be able to assist all those invoking my help."

It is not possible to consider Mary as Mother of the Church and of the human race, if she is not the Sovereign Lady of the Heart of Jesus.

(Annales NDSC 1874, p. 32f)