

Act of Consecration of Uganda to Mary Immaculate

Nabulagala 2nd July 1879

As soon as the whole team of the five pioneer missionaries met for the first time in Uganda at Nabulagala on the 25th June 1879, after celebrating the Eucharist (the first in Uganda), they started a Novena to our Lady and at the end of it, on the 2nd July 1879, Feast of the Visitation of the B. V. M, they consecrated their lives, work and this country to Mary. The text used on that day was lost but here is the one used the following year (31st May 1880) when they renewed the same act.

(Introductory note) "All of us are of the opinion that today we should renew the consecration of our Mission to Mary Immaculate, by writing an act and putting it under the feet of the Statue of the Good Mother, which is found on the altar of our poor chapel. Here is the act:

"Today, the last day of the month of Mary 1880, we the undersigned, Missionaries in Uganda, renew our act of consecration of the Mission of Lake Nyanza, to Mary Immaculate. We give her and consecrate all our bodies and souls, our works, our entire life, our death and our life to come.

We swear that the Blessed Virgin Mary will be our teacher and superior, so that by her, through her and with her, we may understand and fulfil the will of her Divine Son, for whose Glory, we would like to wholly sacrifice ourselves.

We declare that whatever good will be done here, it will be Mary who will have done it and therefore all glory will be given to her.

Our signatures on this act is the sign of our confidence and we have put this act under the feet of the Statue of Mary the Immaculate, our Sovereign Mistress."