

SUPPLEMENT TO THE
LITURGY OF THE HOURS
FOR THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

JANUARY 1
THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
GIVING OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
(TITULAR FEAST OF THE SOCIETY)
SOLEMNITY

On this day we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, an occasion on which "the giving of the Holy Name Jesus is especially commemorated" (*Roman Calendar*, 1969, p. 16, n. 35f). Accordingly this is an appropriate day on which to celebrate the Titular Feast of the Society which Saint Ignatius and his companions wished from its very beginning to be "designated by the name of Jesus" (cf. *Form. Inst.*, n.1), in the hope that the name would serve as a motto to express the end, the spirit, and the form of the way of life to which we are called.

All as in the Roman Liturgy of the Hours. The following may be used as an alternative Concluding Prayer:

Lord God, you gave the name of Jesus to your eternal Word, born of your handmaid, the Virgin Mary. Open our minds and hearts to receive in our own day the word you speak to us in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.