

US BISHOPS CONSECRATE THE UNITED STATES TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



"On June 11th we celebrated the **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**. This feast honors the physical heart of Jesus as the ultimate symbol of his boundless divine love and mercy for all humanity. In a special act of devotion, the American bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart today.

This celebration, which became a universal feast in 1856 following the 17th-century revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, invites us to meditate on the

"incarnate Word and his Heart which, out of love for men, he allowed to be pierced by our sins" (CCC 2669). As St. John Paul II beautifully noted, the Sacred Heart has given us everything—our redemption, salvation, and sanctification. By honoring this divine source of love, especially in the month of June, we reconnect with the very core of our faith: God is love."

~ Excerpt from Word On Fire, Bishop Robert Barron

Join us in saying the prayer below throughout the month of June.

Prayer on the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!