



JUNE 2017

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it's June already? The Church will be celebrating Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi. This is a special month!

Our Fraternity will be celebrating Robin Solomon's profession on Sunday, June 11th, at the 10 a.m. Mass, in St. Francis Village Catholic Chapel. This will be a special time for Robin and for St. Clare Fraternity. Fr. Lambert is expected to be the celebrant for that Mass, which also will be his last Mass here in St. Francis Village. There will be a reception for Father after Mass, at which time we can also congratulate Robin. Please try to come and be with your Fraternity for these festivities.

We are very blessed! After reading the above let's all think about the blessings in our lives, enjoy the thoughts of them, and thank God for all He has done for us. We are never alone. He is always with us. He is always present in the Blessed Sacrament and is always pleased when we stop by a church and/or an Adoration Chapel just to say hello to Him. We all know St. Francis had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Let us keep each other in prayer.
Pax et bonum, Sue

PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore

You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.



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Regular Meetings - Second Sunday of the Month
Starting at 2 pm in the St Francis Village Chapel

Please feel free to bring a snack - if you are not able - come anyway as there is always plenty.

Council Meetings - Second Sunday of the Month - Starting at 12:30 pm in the St Francis Village TV Room

Formation Meetings - Second & Third Saturdays of the Month - Starting at 10 am in St Francis Village Dining Room



MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Savior, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.

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The Popes on Devotion to the Sacred Heart

The feast of the Sacred Heart was approved for specified dioceses by Clement XIII in 1765, and extended to the whole Church by Pius IX in 1856. In 1889 Pope Leo XIII elevated it to the rank of first class, and through an encyclical letter in 1899 dedicated the whole Catholic world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

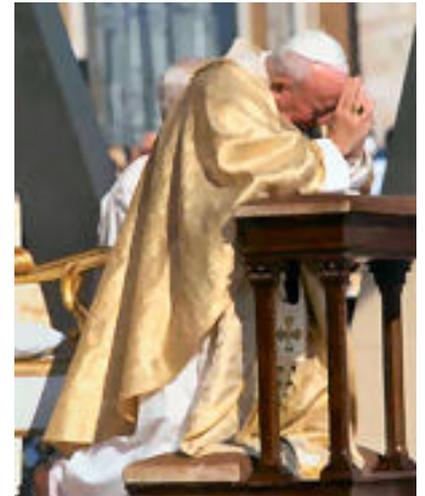
Devotion to the Sacred Heart was also an essential component of Pope John Paul II's hopes for the "new evangelization" called for by the Church.

"For evangelization today," he said, "the Heart of Christ must be recognized as the heart of the Church: It is He who calls us to conversion, to reconciliation.

It is He who leads pure hearts and those hungering for justice along the way of the Beatitudes. It is He who achieves the warm communion of the members of the one Body. It is He who enables us to adhere to the Good News and to accept the promise of eternal life. It is He who sends us out on mission. The heart-to-heart with Jesus broadens the human heart on a global scale."

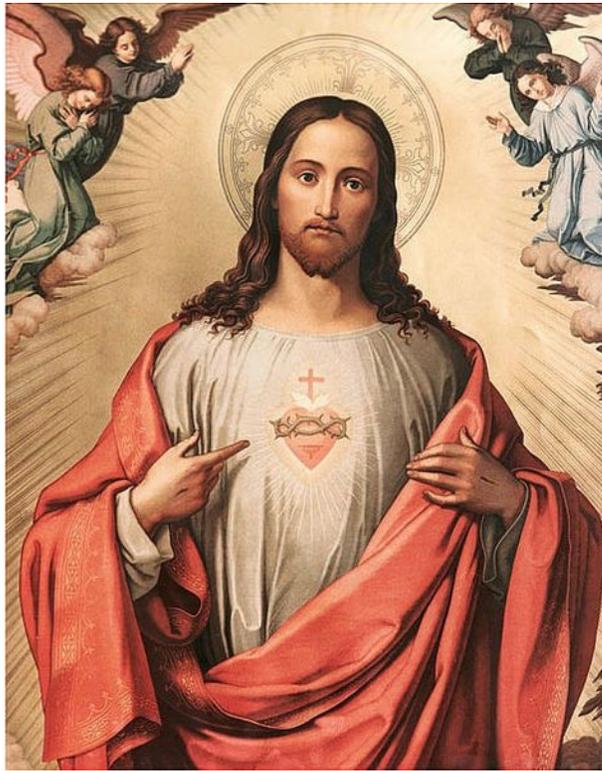
Here are some of the relevant documents: Leo XIII in his Encyclical Letter *Annum sacrum* (1889) on the consecration of mankind to the Sacred Heart; Pius XI in *Caritate Christi Compulsi* (On The Sacred Heart) and *Miserentissimus Redemptor* (On Reparation To The Sacred Heart); Pius XII in his Encyclical Letter *Haurietis aquas*; Paul VI in his Apostolic Letter *Investigabiles divitias Christi* (1965) and John Paul II in *Message on the centenary of the consecration of mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* (1999), in *L'Osservatore Romano*, 12 June 1999.

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Scriptural Basis for Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Jesus, who is one with the Father (cf. John 10, 30), invites his disciples to live in close communion with him, to model their lives on him and on his teaching. He, in turn, reveals himself as "meek and humble of heart" (Mt 11, 29). It can be said that, in a certain sense, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a cultic form of the prophetic and evangelic gaze of all Christians on him who was pierced (cf. John 19, 37; Zac 12, 10), the gaze of all Christians on the side of Christ, transfixed by a lance, and from which flowed blood and water (cf. John 19, 34), symbols of the "wondrous sacrament of the Church" (*St. Augustine*).



The Gospel of St. John recounts the showing of the Lord's hands and his side to the disciples (cf. John 20,20), and of his invitation to Thomas to put his hand into his side (cf. John 20, 27). This event has also had a notable influence on the origin and development of the Church's devotion to the Sacred Heart.

These and other texts present Christ as the paschal Lamb, victorious and slain (cf. Apoc 5,6). They were objects of much reflection by the Fathers who unveiled their doctrinal richness. They invited the faithful to penetrate the mysteries of Christ by contemplating the wound opened in his side. Augustine writes: "Access is possible: Christ is the door. It was opened for you when his side was opened by the lance. Remember what flowed out from his side: thus, choose where you want to enter Christ. From the side of Christ as he hung dying upon the Cross there flowed out blood and water, when it was pierced by a lance. Your purification is in that water, your redemption is in that blood".

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Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee.

I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee.

I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.

-- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Family Consecration

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

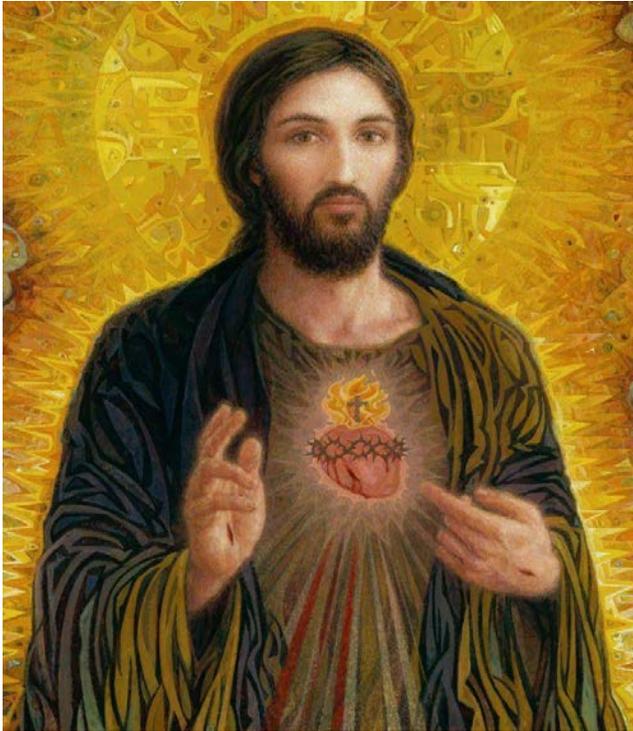
Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The First Fridays

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

Twelve Promises of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary





The Sacred Heart and Our Spiritual Life

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful historical expression of the Church's piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work.

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are numerous. Some have been explicitly approved and frequently recommended by the Apostolic See. Among these, mention should be made of the following:



Personal Consecration

Personal consecration, described by Pius XI as "undoubtedly the principal devotional practice used in relation to the Sacred Heart" (*Miserentissimus redemptor*).



Family Consecration

Family consecration to the Sacred Heart, in which the family, by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony already participating in the mystery of the unity and love of Christ for the Church, is dedicated to Christ so that he might reign in the hearts of all its members (*Aliae concessiones*).



Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, approved for the whole Church in 1891, which is evidently biblical in character and to which many indulgences have been attached (*Aliae concessiones*).



Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart

The act of reparation, a prayer with which the faithful, mindful of the infinite goodness of Christ, implore mercy for the offences committed in so many ways against his Sacred Heart (*Aliae concessiones*).



The Practice of the First Fridays

The pious practice of the first Fridays of the month which derives from the "great promises" made by Jesus to St. Margaret Mary. At a time when sacramental communion was very rare among the faithful, the first Friday devotion contributed significantly to a renewed use of the Sacraments of Penance and of the Holy Eucharist. In our own times, the devotion to the first Fridays, even if practiced correctly, may not always lead to the desired spiritual fruits. Hence, the faithful require constant instruction so that any reduction of the practice to mere credulity is avoided and an active faith encouraged so that the faithful may undertake their commitment to the Gospel correctly in their lives. They should also be reminded of the absolute preeminence of Sunday, the "primordial feast" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*), which should be marked by the full participation of the faithful at the celebration of the Holy Mass.

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FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

The Twelve Promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary

In the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus gives these twelve promises for those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

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Franciscan Connections**NATIONAL FRATERNITY SFO**

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<http://lostrescompaneros.org/>

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<http://www.ciofs.org/>

FRANCISCAN RULE

<https://www.nafra-sfo.org/OFSrule.html>

GENERAL CONSTITUTIONS

<https://www.nafra-sfo.org/GC2000.doc>

NAFRA STATUTES

https://www.nafra-sfo.org/OFS_National_Statutes_FINAL_07_24_13_OFS_withSignatures.pdf

NAFRA GUIDELINES

<https://www.nafra-sfo.org/NationalOFSGuidelines/>

TAU – USA (SPRING 2017)

www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/articles/spring17/Issue_Num_91_spr17.pdf

VOX – INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

www.ciofs.org/portal/images/Circ_PDF/VoxFranciscana/EN_Vox_Franciscana_2_Spring_2017.pdf

THE FRANCISCAN ARCHIVE

<https://franciscan-archive.org/index2.html>



Franciscan Calendar – June – The Month of the Sacred Heart

01. Saint Justin Martyr
02. Saints Marcellinus & Peter
03. Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions
04. Blessed Angeline of Marsciano
05. Saint Boniface
06. Saint Norbert
07. Blessed Franz Jaegerstaetter
08. Saint William of York
09. Saint Ephrem
10. Blessed Joachima



Formation Meeting – Dining Room @ 10 am

11. Saint Barnabas

Profession – Chapel @ 10 am Mass

Profession & Fr Lambert Reception after Mass

All invited to attend (This will replace our monthly meeting)

12. Blessed Jolenta (Yolanda) of Poland
13. Saint Anthony of Padua
14. Saint Albert Chmielowski
15. Saint Marguerite d'Youville
16. Saint John Francis Regis
17. Saint Joseph Cafasso

Formation Meeting – Dining Room @ 10 am

18. Venerable Matt Talbot
19. Saint Romuald
20. Saint Paulinus of Nola
21. Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
22. Saint Thomas More
23. Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
24. Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist
25. Blessed Jutta of Thuringia
26. Blessed Raymond Lull
27. Saint Cyril of Alexandria
28. Saint Irenaeus
29. Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul
30. First Martyrs of the Church of Rome



Our fraternities are the nurseries where God prepares, nurtures and strengthens us for our work in the world. In these “gardens of love,” all plants (us) are unique, varied and purposeful. Each has the capacity to give honor to God and to benefit others in some way.

Now temptations blow through the garden, and often the way we “rub against each other” causes us to become irritated. If we rely on, or take pride in, our own gifts, friction and division will occur. If we learn to die to self and submit to the loving care of the Gardener (and our lawful superiors), His beauty, His love, and His peace will increase in us and overflow to all the world.

~ Mary Ann Julian, OFS (The Cord: Volume 48, No. 3, 138)

The In beautiful things St. Francis saw Beauty itself, and through His vestiges imprinted on creation he followed his Beloved everywhere, making from all things a ladder by which he could climb up and embrace Him who is utterly desirable. - St. Bonaventure

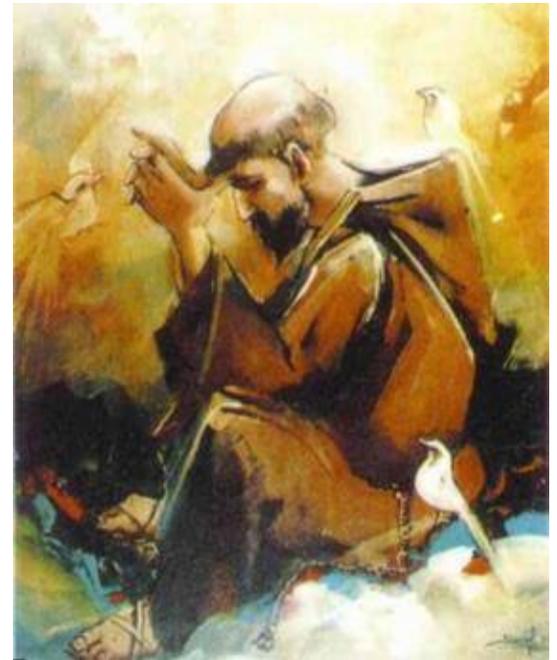


PRAYERS FOR
OUR SICK

Margaret Aldrich
Richard Block
Chuck Brewer
Dayle Brewer
Howard Covey
Fr. Ricardo Duffy
Ann Felton
Frances Hudson
Al Kelsey
Br. Lester Kochlin
Jo Kuffel
Fr. Lambert Leykam
Fr. Bob Leonhardt
Ellie Markovich
Mary Mazotti
Bob Palmer
Diana Gutierrez Pierson
Hulda Sellingsloh
Vickie Stanford
Vince Staszak
Carol Sweeney
Betty Tighe
Louise Traylor, and
Mary Wallace.

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER

Catherine Khalid is in
Waterford Nursing Home,
6799 Granbury Road
And Francis Hudson is in
Garden Terrace,
7500 Oakmont.



As Francis indicated in his Admonitions, the heart must not turn away from God under “pretexts” of occupations. Too often today in our busy world we hear complaints of “I do not have enough time” to pray, or “I am too busy to pray.” We are burdened by appointments, commitments, responsibilities or simply overloaded with the demands of daily life, journeying through life in the fast lane of a complex culture. When we arrive at “burnout” and wonder why life is so empty, we may recall Francis’ admonition that our hearts may turn from God under the disguise of being “too busy.” ~ Ilia Delio, Franciscan Prayer



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June 2017

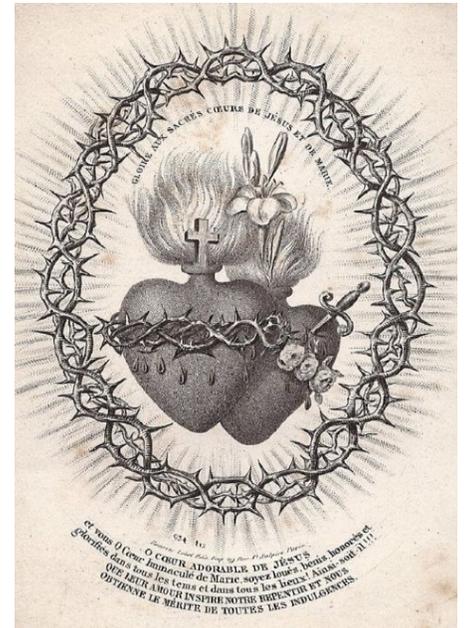
National Leaders: That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

Focus of the Liturgy

- June 4th - Pentecost Sunday** In this Gospel, Jesus gives priests the power to forgive sins.
- June 11th - Trinity Sunday** This Gospel tells us that whoever believes in Jesus might not perish but might have eternal life.
- June 18th - Corpus Christi** "I am the living bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever."
- June 25th - 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill the body but rather those who can destroy both body and soul in hell.

Highlights of the Month

As we begin to feel the warmth of summer, we can reflect that we celebrate the feasts of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** (June 23) and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** (June 24). God is Love and the Sacred Heart of Jesus — present on earth in the Blessed Sacrament — is the human manifestation of God's Love for men. Appropriately June is considered the month for weddings where human hearts join and cooperate with the Creator in bringing forth new life. The family they create is a human reflection of the Blessed Trinity.



SACRED HEART DOCUMENTS

[*The Sacred Heart And The Eucharist*](#) — John A. Hardon, S.J.

[*Doctrinal Foundation of Devotion to the Sacred Heart*](#) — John A. Hardon, S.J.

[*Litany of the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart*](#)

[*Worship Of The Physical Heart Of Christ*](#) — Fr. Bertrand de Margerie, S.J.

[*The Revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Paral-le-Monial, France*](#) — George Pollard

[*Devotion To the Sacred Heart: Part 1*](#) — Peter C. Milward, S.J.

[*Devotion To the Sacred Heart: Part 2*](#) — Peter C. Milward, S.J.

