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Dear Friends in Christ,

This June, 2026, the bishops of the United States will consecrate the nation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This act of consecration will take place, as our country marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Saturday, July 4th.

This moment invites us to reflect more deeply on the mercy of Christ revealed in His Most Sacred Heart, a love poured out for us from His wounded side, pierced by soldier's lance.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart draws us into the mystery of Christ's mercy and His abiding compassion for His people. For generations, the Church has turned to the Heart of Jesus as a source of healing, reconciliation, and hope. Numerous popes have encouraged the consecration of individuals, families, and nations so that the Gospel of our crucified Lord may more fully shape our lives and our common life in society.

As we prepare to join in this national consecration, I ask each parish in the Diocese of Sacramento to take part in this spiritual preparation through prayer and works of charity. I invite every parish to complete **250 hours of Eucharistic Adoration** and **250 works of mercy**, either corporal or spiritual, by July 4, 2026.

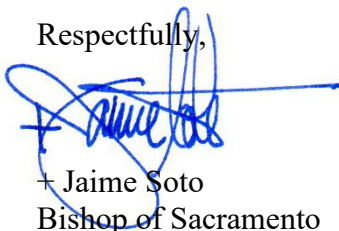
In Eucharistic Adoration, we draw near to the Heart of Christ, present among us. In the works of mercy, we allow His love to be made visible in concrete acts of charity, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and imprisoned, comforting the afflicted, and caring for those most in need.

These are not simply good tasks to be completed, rather an invitation to unite our sacrifices to the one saving sacrifice of Christ and become more faithful witnesses of His love in the world. Both spiritually and socially, they are acts of reparation intended to heal our nation with the redeeming balm of Christ's mercy.

Resources to assist you in this effort can be found on our diocesan website at scd.org/consecration.

Together, let us entrust ourselves more fully to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, may the mercy of her Beloved Son renew our hearts, strengthen our communities, and build a society marked by life, liberty and justice for all.

Respectfully,



+ Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento