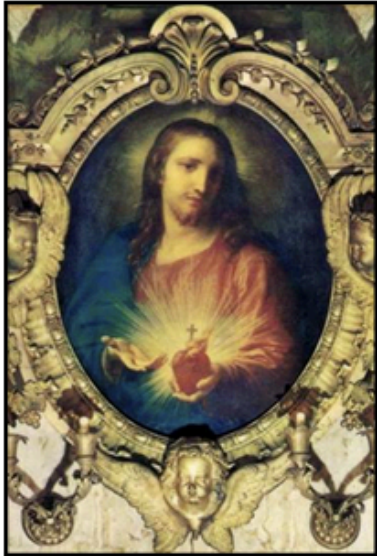


Bridgeport To Be Re-Consecrated to the Sacred Heart, a National Act



On the weekend of June 13-14, 2026, the Diocese of Bridgeport will join Catholic dioceses across the US in re-consecrating itself to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The consecration unites our diocese with a nationwide act of faith led by the U.S. bishops, who are entrusting the country to the Sacred Heart in observance of the 250th anniversary of America's founding.

Bishop Caggiano has invited every parish, family, and individual in Fairfield County to enter this moment with sincere personal devotion. To consecrate the diocese to the Sacred Heart is to commit ourselves to a way of life shaped by Christ's love: in our homes, parishes, and workplaces, and especially in service to those who are poor, forgotten, or on the margins. **Read Bishop Caggiano's message for the diocese.** Also, **click here to download the special prayer card for this devotion.**

A Brief History of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is among the most beloved expressions of Catholic spirituality, drawing the faithful into the mystery of Christ's redeeming love. Though the devotion took its modern form in the seventeenth century, its roots reach far deeper into the life of the Church.

The earliest stirrings appeared in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, when medieval mystics meditated on the wound in the side of the crucified Christ as an opening into his Heart. Saints such as Bernard of Clairvaux, Bonaventure, Gertrude the Great, and Mechtilde of Helfta shaped the devotion's early language, contemplating the Heart of Jesus as the wellspring of mercy.

The devotion entered a new chapter between 1673 and 1675 at the Visitation Convent of Paray-le-Monial in France, where Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque received a series of revelations from Our Lord. Christ revealed his Heart aflame with love for humanity and asked for acts of reparation, frequent Communion, and the keeping of the First Fridays. The devotion spread rapidly across Catholic Europe.

In 1856, Blessed Pope Pius IX extended the Feast of the Sacred Heart to the universal Church. Pope Leo XIII consecrated the human race to the Sacred Heart in 1899 through the encyclical **Annum Sacrum**, and in 1956 Venerable Pope Pius XII issued **Haurietis Aquas**, a rich theological reflection on the devotion. Saint John Paul II likewise urged the faithful to find in the Heart of Christ the fullness of God's love.

Today the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart is celebrated on the Friday following Corpus Christi, and the entire month of June remains dedicated to this enduring sign of divine love. This year, it will be celebrated on June 12, 2026.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June 2026

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for June 2026 is "that sport may be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that it may promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth" [EWTN News](#)