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Leo P.P. XIV

Habemus Papam!

We give thanks to Almighty God for the election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th pope of the Roman Catholic Church on May 8, 2025, following the traditional white smoke rising from the Sistine Chapel, signaling the conclusion of the conclave.

mycatholic.life — Born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost and Mildred Martínez, Robert Francis Prevost grew up in a culturally rich family of French, Italian, and Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph.

He studied Mathematics and Philosophy at Villanova University, graduating in 1977. That same year, he entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine in Saint Louis, Missouri, professed his first vows on September 2, 1978, and solemn vows on August 29, 1981. He *(Continued on page 2)*

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continued his theological formation at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, earning a diploma in theology.

At the age of 27, he was sent to Rome to study canon law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), where he earned a licentiate in 1984 and later a doctorate in 1987, with a dissertation entitled “The Role of the Local Prior in the Order of Saint Augustine.” He was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica in Rome by Archbishop Jean Jadot.

After brief service in Chulucanas, Peru (1985–1986), he dedicated over a decade (1988–1999) to missionary work in Trujillo, Peru. There he served as Community Prior, Formation Director, Judicial Vicar, and Professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary “San Carlos y San Marcelo.” He also ministered in impoverished parishes, particularly at Our Lady Mother of the Church, later established as Saint Rita Parish.

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of “Mother of Good Counsel” in Chicago. In 2001, he was elected Prior General of the entire Augustinian Order, relocating to Rome, where he served for two consecutive terms until 2013, providing global leadership and pastoral guidance to the Order.

In October 2013, he returned to Chicago, resuming service in formation and provincial leadership. On November 3, 2014, Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru. He was consecrated bishop on December 12, 2014, and formally appointed Bishop of Chiclayo on September 26, 2015. During this time, he became a Peruvian citizen, reflecting his deep bond with the people

of Peru. He also served as Second Vice President of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference and participated in several Vatican dicasteries.

On January 30, 2023, Pope Francis appointed him Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, raising him to the rank of Archbishop. He was created Cardinal on September 30, 2023, receiving the Diaconate of Saint Monica. On February 6, 2025, he was elevated to the Order of Bishops and assigned the suburbicarian see of Albano, placing him among the highest-ranking members of the College of Cardinals.

Pope Leo XIV is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, positioning him well to serve the universal Church. . . .

Cardinal Dominique Mamberti, Protodeacon of the College of Cardinals, announced the election with the traditional *Habemus Papam*, introducing Pope Leo XIV to the faithful gathered in St. Peter’s Square. In his first public words as pope, he greeted the world with the words, “Peace be with all of you,” signaling his intention to lead with a spirit of unity and charity.

By choosing the name Leo XIV, the new pope aligns himself with a legacy of pontiffs known for their theological depth and engagement with the great social and moral issues of their times. Notably, Pope Leo XIII, who served from 1878 to 1903, is remembered for *Rerum Novarum*, his groundbreaking encyclical on social justice and the dignity of labor. Pope Leo XIV’s choice of name may signal a similar dedication to addressing contemporary challenges through the wisdom of Catholic tradition.

With extensive experience as a missionary, pastor, religious superior, bishop, and Vatican official, Pope Leo XIV brings a unique combination of pastoral charity and ecclesial governance to the Petrine ministry. +

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Respect for Life Corner

By Rebecca Minninger



June bursts forth with life!! It is traditionally the month of roses, weddings, Father's Day, a host of the Church's solemnities: Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, accompanied by the memorial of Our Blessed Mother, Mother of the Church, as well as The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mother solemnity. All powerful signs of Hope, Life, and Blessing!

Our own Diocese held its **Second Annual Walk for Life** last month in Attleboro at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette. Several of our members went and were blessed by the speaker, the Mass with the Bishop, the Prayer Walk to the park across from the abortion clinic with the pregnancy resource center close by, the Rosary and Adoration. Let us plan to go and support the event next year!



Volunteers at the Cape Cod Mall included Becky Minninger, Francenete DaSilva, Claire Sintoni and Milvia Nogueira, all from St. Francis Xavier.

Last month our **Walking with Moms Ministry** went to Cape Cod Mall on Mother's Day weekend and interacted with many shoppers. We brought our volunteers, Walking with Moms brochures in English and (NOW in Spanish and Portuguese as well!) our banner, balloons, and candy. Two of our volunteers were able to speak

with the Portuguese speaking shoppers. We are most grateful to them and hope to gain some volunteers who speak Spanish as well. Any volunteers? An opportunity to gain training as a volunteer/sponsor for Walking with Moms will be the six-week Saturday morning training in October. Call Becky to learn more at 508-737-2181.

Walking with Moms made another appearance May 2 at the local National Day for Prayer where we had a table at the Hyannis Village Green. There was a large gathering of Christians to pray for our country. Both Father Michael and Father Marcos spoke at the event. Joe Meeks represented the Cape Cod Pro Life Alliance. There were talks, presentations and praise and worship music was performed.

The feast day of St. Rita of Cascia was May 22. Her emblem was the rose and St. John Paul II said of her, "Rita offers her rose to each of you: in receiving it, spiritually strive to live as witnesses to a hope that never disappoints and as missionaries of a life that conquers death." May it be so for us, that we live as missionaries of a life that conquers death AND as missionaries for ALL LIFE from conception til natural death.

The next Parish Rosary is Friday, June 19th at 7 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church. We are grateful for all our faithful participants and need and welcome all new participants to come pray with us for this compelling need for Life! +



Father Michael, Joe Meeks and event Organizer Inna Taylor at Hyannis Village Green.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast

What is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus?

EWTN — This is a moveable feast that honors the Sacred Heart. In 1675, Jesus told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that He wanted the Feast of the Sacred Heart to be celebrated on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave. In 1856, the Feast of the Sacred Heart became a universal feast. This year, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27.

St. John Paul II, a great devotee of the Sacred Heart, said, “This feast reminds us of the mystery of the love of God for the people of all times.”

Why Is the Sacred Heart

Important?

St. John Paul II said, “The Sacred Heart has given us everything — redemption, salvation, sanctification.” The Sacred Heart is the actual heart of Christ and also indicates His love for humanity.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “The prayer of the Church venerates and honors the Heart of Jesus just as it invokes His most holy name. It adores the incarnate Word and His Heart which, out of love for men, He allowed to be pierced by our sins.” (CCC 2669)

The History of the Sacred Heart Devotion

The foundation for the Sacred Heart devotion began in early Christianity. Sacred Scripture, particularly the New Testament, mentions the love of God many times, and the Church Fathers discuss God’s love as well.

In the eleventh century, Christians often meditated on the Five Wounds of Jesus, and the specific devotion to the Sacred Heart came from this meditation. St. Gertrude the Great, who had private revelations regarding the Sacred Heart, helped further the understanding of Jesus’ Sacred Heart in the late 13th century.

Several centuries later, in 1670, St. John Eudes celebrated the first Feast of the Sacred Heart. In

1673, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, received her own revelations, in which Jesus explained His love for all people, even allowing St. Margaret to lay her head on His Heart, as He had also allowed St. Gertrude to do. He asked that Catholics receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month and adore Him in the Holy Eucharist.

In 1675, Jesus told St. Margaret that He wanted an annual feast in honor of His Sacred Heart. In 1856, Blessed Pope Pius IX designated that the Feast of the Sacred Heart would be celebrated universally on the Friday after the Corpus Christi octave each year.

Why is Jesus’ Heart on Fire?

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is often depicted with flames, a crown of thorns, and a cross, all signifying different aspects of His love and suffering. In Sacred Heart imagery, Jesus usually points to His Heart. This is to indicate His eternal love for each one of us. Jesus told St. Margaret Mary, “My Sacred Heart is so intense in its love for men, and

for you in particular, that not being able to contain within it the flames of its ardent charity, they must be trans-mitted through all means.”

St. Gertrude the Great said, “O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary. O my adorable and loving Savior, consume my heart with the burning fire with which Yours is aflame. Pour down on my soul those graces which flow from Your love. Let my heart be united with Yours. Let my will be conformed to Yours in all things. May Your Will be the rule of all my desires and actions. Amen.”

What Is the First Friday Devotion?

Jesus Himself started the First Friday devotion. In the last of twelve Sacred *(Continued on page 5)*



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Heart Promises, He said, “I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance. they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. “

12 Promises of Sacred Heart

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment. +

The reflection following on Purity of Heart is by Rev. Antonio S'Antana, S.J., of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network of Portugal written in May 2023.



“Chapter five of St. Matthew’s Gospel is known as the ‘Sermon on the Mount.’ Jesus begins His ministry in Galilee by choosing a group of friends to accompany Him on His mission. He goes up a mountain with them and tells them about the beatitudes, which Pope Francis described as being the ‘Christian’s identity card.’

“Jesus’ desire to bring His disciples together to instruct them reminds us of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network of Christians all over the world who come together to pray for the needs of humanity expressed in the Pope’s intentions.

“In particular, let us dwell on the fourth beatitude: ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.’ This beatitude should immediately make us think of the ‘Way of the Heart,’ the spiritual pathway of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network that sets us in motion, to make our hearts more like the Heart of Jesus.

“For the Church Fathers of the first centuries of Christianity, purity of heart was associated with love. Being ‘pure in heart’ is an ever-improving goal of learning to love like Jesus. This idea is expressed in the ‘Way of the Heart’ and in its first stage: ‘In the beginning, there was love.’ St. Augustine, in the fourth century, affirms that it is faith in God that purifies the heart to love better, and that the purified heart will see God. St. John Cassian, a contemporary of St. Augustine, says that prayer purifies the heart of those who pray and leads them to the merciful love of God.

“When we pray for the Pope’s intentions, we participate in a mission of compassion for the world. Our heart molds itself to the way of Jesus, recognizing the wounds of humanity and beginning to see the presence of God in the reality in which we live. Every person who suffers becomes a brother and sister in Christ to whom we are called to draw close.

“Pope Francis, when commenting on this beatitude, made a connection to the biblical passage of the disciples on the road to Emmaus — which we find in the dynamics of the ‘Way of the Heart.’ He said that ‘the Lord will open their eyes at the end of a journey that will culminate in the breaking of bread.’ In the Gospel, we find the Word of God that purifies the heart so that we find in the Eucharist the nourishment that leads us to service, to go out on mission, in imitation of the love of the Heart of Jesus.” +

‘Jesus Christ Our Hope’

Pope Leo’s First Homily on the Jubilee Year of Hope

Let us continue today to meditate on the parables of Jesus, which help us to regain hope, because they show us how God works in history. Today I would like to dwell on a parable which is somewhat peculiar, because it is a sort of introduction to all the parables. I refer to that of the sower (cf. Mt 13:1-17). In a certain sense, in this account we can recognize Jesus’ way of communicating, which has a great deal to teach us for proclaiming the Gospel today.

Every parable tells a story that is taken from everyday life, yet wants to tell us something more, to refer us to a deeper meaning. The parable raises questions in us; it invites us not to stop at appearances. Before the story that is told or the image that is presented to me, I can ask myself: where am I in this story? What does this image say to my life? In fact, the term “parable” comes from the Greek verb *paraballein*, which means to throw in front of. The parable throws before me a word that provokes me and prompts me to question myself.

The parable of the sower talks precisely about the dynamic of the word of God and the effects it produces. Indeed, every word of the Gospel is like a seed that is thrown on the ground of our life. Jesus uses the image of the seed many times, with different meanings. In chapter 13 of the Gospel of Matthew, the parable of the sower introduces a series of other short parables, some of which talk precisely about what is happening on the terrain: the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, the treasure hidden in the field. What, then, is this soil? It is our heart, but it is also the world, the community, the Church. The word of God, in fact, makes fruitful and provokes every reality.

At the beginning, we see Jesus who leaves the house and gathers a great crowd around him (cf. Mt 13:1). His word fascinates and intrigues. Among the people there are obviously many different situations. The word of Jesus is for everyone, but it works in each person in a different way. This context allows us to understand better the meaning of the parable.

A rather unusual sower goes out to sow, but does not care where the seed falls. He throws the seeds even where it is unlikely they will bear fruit: on the path, on the rocks, among the thorns. This attitude surprises the listener and induces him to ask: how come?

We are used to calculating things – and at times it is necessary – but this does not apply in love! The way in which this “wasteful” sower throws the seed is an image of the way God loves us. Indeed, it is true that the destiny of the seed depends also on the way in which the earth welcomes it and the situation in which it finds itself, but first and foremost in this parable Jesus tells us that God throws the seed of his Word on all kinds of soil, that is, in any situation of ours: at times we are more superficial and distracted, at times we let ourselves get carried away by enthusiasm, sometimes we are burdened by life’s worries, but there are also times when we are willing and welcoming. God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom. This is how He loves us: He does not wait for us to become the best soil, but He always generously gives us His word. Perhaps by seeing that He trusts us, the desire to be better soil will be kindled in us. This is hope, founded on the rock of God’s generosity and mercy.

In telling the way in which the seed bears fruit, Jesus is also talking about His life. Jesus is the Word, He is the Seed. And the seed, to bear fruit, must die. Thus, this parable tells us that God is ready to “waste away” for us and that Jesus is willing to die in order to transform our life.

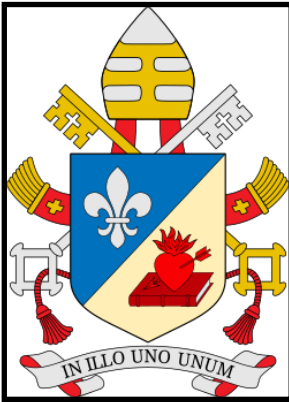
I have in mind that beautiful painting by Van Gogh, *The sower at sunset*. That image of the sower in the blazing sun also speaks to me of the farmer’s toil. And it strikes me that, behind the sower, Van Gogh depicted the grain already ripe. It seems to me an image of hope: one way or another, the seed has borne fruit. We are not sure how, but it has. At the center of the scene, however, is not the sower, who stands to the side; instead, the whole painting is dominated by the image of the sun, perhaps to remind us that it is God who moves history, even if He sometimes seems absent or distant. It is the sun that warms the clods of earth and makes the seed ripen.

Dear brothers and sisters, in what situation of life today is the Word of God reaching us? Let us ask the Lord for the grace always to welcome this seed that is His Word. And if we realize we are not a fruitful soil, let us not be discouraged, but let us ask Him to work on us more to make us become a better terrain. +



The Coat of Arms of Pope Leo XIV

What follows is an explanation of the coat of arms of our new Pope. There is a *language* of heraldry which convey much about its owner.



The blazon: The left field is blue with a silver fleur-de-lis; the right is white, with a flaming heart pierced by an arrow, entirely red, and resting on an uncovered book.

Above the shield there is a silver mitre, adorned with three gold bands joined by a gold vertical post, with fluttering red infulae, fringed with gold and adorned with gold crosses; in front of the infulae there are the crossed Petrine keys, gold (bend) and silver (bend sinister), linked by a red cord.

On the left field of the coat of arms of the Holy Father Leo XIV, the blue background recalls the heights of the heavens and is characterized by its Marian significance, a classic symbol referring to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the lily or fleur-de-lis (*flos florum*). In the other field, white in color, there is the emblem of the Augustinian Order a flaming heart pierced by an arrow. This image symbolically represents the words of St. Augustine in the book of Confessions: “*Sagittaveras tu cor meum charitate tua*” (“You have wounded my heart with your love”). It is an element that has always been present in the emblem of the Augustinians from the 16th century onwards, albeit with several variations, such as the presence of the book symbolizing the Word of God capable of transforming the heart of every man, as it was for Augustine. The book also recalls the enlightened works that the Doctor of

Grace gave to the Church and humanity. White (in an ivory shade in the papal coat of arms) is a recurrent color in other coats of arms of religious orders, and can be read as a symbol of holiness and purity.

The Motto: In Illo Uno Unum — Translation is “In the one Christ we are one”, recalls the words of St. Augustine in a sermon, the *Exposition on Psalm 128*, explaining that “in the one Christ we are one”, “one in the One Christ”. +

Pope Leo Will Be Traveling to Turkey for 1,700th Anniversary of Council of Nicaea

Aletea — In an audience Pope Leo XIV granted some 6,000 media professionals on May 12, he revealed that he is preparing a trip to Turkey to mark the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. No date was announced at press time.

This trip, with its strong Christian unity dimension, was one of the projects planned before the death of Pope Francis with the Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew and would likely have happened at the end of this month, though dates were never officially given by the Vatican.

The theme of unity seems to be one very close to Pope Leo's heart, judging from his motto. The Council of Nicaea, which established the “Nicene Creed” — the Christian profession of faith — began around May 24 in the year 325. +

Cursillo Convocation 2025 Planned for June 28 at Stonehill College

Fall River — The Fall River Diocese and Holy Cross Retreat House are sponsoring the Cursillo Convocation 2025 on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at Ames Sports Complex at Stonehill College, North Easton MA from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will feature welcoming remarks and celebration of the Vigil Mass by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha. Keynote speaker will be Brian Pusateri, who will share a life story of faith and resilience. There will be presentations by clergy and laypeople, panel discussions, music and much more including exhibits, vendor displays and service opportunities with faith-based groups. Lunch is included with registration: \$49 by June 16 at FallRiverDiocese.org/Convocation25. +

Words of WISDOM

Quotations from Popes and Saints on the Virtue of Compassion . . .

“Compassion allows you to see reality; compassion is like the lens of the heart: it allows us to take in and understand the true dimensions. In the Gospels, Jesus is often moved by compassion. And compassion is also the language of God.”

— **Pope Francis**

“There used to be a form of devotion that included the idea of ‘offering up’ the minor daily hardships that continually strike at us like irritating ‘jabs,’ thereby giving them a meaning. . . . What does it mean to offer something up? [To] insert these little annoyances into Christ's great ‘compassion’ so that they somehow became part of the treasury of compassion so greatly needed by the human race.”

— **Pope Benedict XVI**

“We need a new apologetic, geared to the needs of today, which keeps in mind that our task is not to win arguments but to win souls. . . . Such an apologetic will need to breathe a spirit of humanity, that humility and compassion which understand the anxieties and questions of people.

— **St. Pope John Paul II**

“If Christ, who knows the interior of man, emphasizes this compassion, this means

that it is important for our whole attitude to others' suffering. Therefore one must cultivate this sensitivity of heart, which bears witness to compassion towards a suffering person. Some times this compassion remains the only or principal expression of our love for and solidarity with the sufferer.”

— **St. John XXIII**

“Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world. Let us use love and compassion. Peace begins with a smile — smile five times a day at someone you don't really want to smile at at all — do it for peace. So let us radiate peace . . . and extinguish in the world and in the hearts of all men all hatred and love for power.”

— **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

“We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.”

— **St. Vincent de Paul**

“Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
He looks compassion on this world. Yours
are the feet with which He walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which He
blesses all the world. Yours are the hands,
yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are
His body. Christ has no body now on earth
but yours.”

— **St. Teresa of Avila**

“Look upon the poor with compassion and Jesus will look kindly upon you on your last day.” — **St. Mary of the Cross (Jeanne Jugan)**

Words of WISDOM

Quotations from Saints whose feast are in June . . .

“O Priest! You are not of yourself because you are of God. You are not of yourself because you are the servant and minister of Christ. You are not your own because you are the spouse of the Church. You are not yourself because you are the mediator between God and man. You are not from yourself because you are nothing. What then are you? Nothing and everything. O Priest! Take care, lest what was said to Christ on the cross be said to you: ‘He saved others, himself He cannot save!’”

— **St. Norbert on his ordination**

“Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it. Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish.” — **St. Romuald**

“Learn to love humility, for it will cover all your sins. All sins are repulsive before God, but the most repulsive of all is pride of the heart. Do not consider yourself learned and wise; otherwise, all your efforts will be destroyed, and your boat will reach the harbor empty. If you have great authority, do not threaten anyone with death. Know that, according to nature, you too are susceptible to death, and that every soul sheds its body as its final garment.”

— **St. Anthony of Padua**

“When He takes away what He once lent us, His purpose is to store our treasure elsewhere, more safely and bestow on us, those very blessings, that we ourselves would most choose to have.”

— **St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

“One should not seek among others the truth that can be easily gotten from the Church. For in her, as in a rich treasury, the apostles have placed all that pertains to truth, so that everyone can drink this beverage of life. She is the door of life.”

— **St. Irenaeus**

“Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the world.”

— **St. John the Baptist**

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

— **St. Peter the Apostle**

“Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy anyone or anything. Love never boasts and it's never proud. Love is not rude, it's not self serving, self absorbed or conceited. Love is not easily provoked to anger. It doesn't hold grudges nor does it keep records of who was right and who was wrong. Love does not consult with evil instead it rejoices in the truth. Love always protects. Love always trust. Love always hopes. Love always perseveres. And love never fails.”

— **St. Paul the Apostle**

The Month of June 2025



Month's Theme:

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27, the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Savior, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for mankind. Devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

Prayer Intention: To Grow in Compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Monthly Virtue: Purity of Heart

Purity of heart is the precondition of the vision of God. Even now it enables us to see according to God, to accept others as "neighbors"; it lets us perceive the human body — ours and our neighbor's — as a temple of the Holy Spirit, a manifestation of divine beauty.