



A Newsletter from the Missions Office/Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States  
Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Ohio

## *Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy on us*

### ***To monthly mission donors: Thank you for your support!***

On behalf of His Excellency Robert Brennan, the Bishop of Columbus, and Very Rev. Father Andrew Small, OMI, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, I would like to thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and financial support for the missions.

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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 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 (Excerpted from the Popular Piety and Liturgy)

### ***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 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".

### ***"Behold the heart which has so loved you"***

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a worship of the love with which God, through Jesus, loves us.

Love is nothing more than laying down your life for the good of another. The Gospel is centered not so much on our love for God, but God's love for us.

The Sacred Heart teaches us that true love is always costly, but it always gives life.

These are ways we can honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

***Consecration:*** Jesus continues to give Himself to us at Holy Communion. The most reasonable thing to do is to love Him in return by consecrating our life to Him.

***Enthronement:*** Let us make Jesus King of our life and our family.

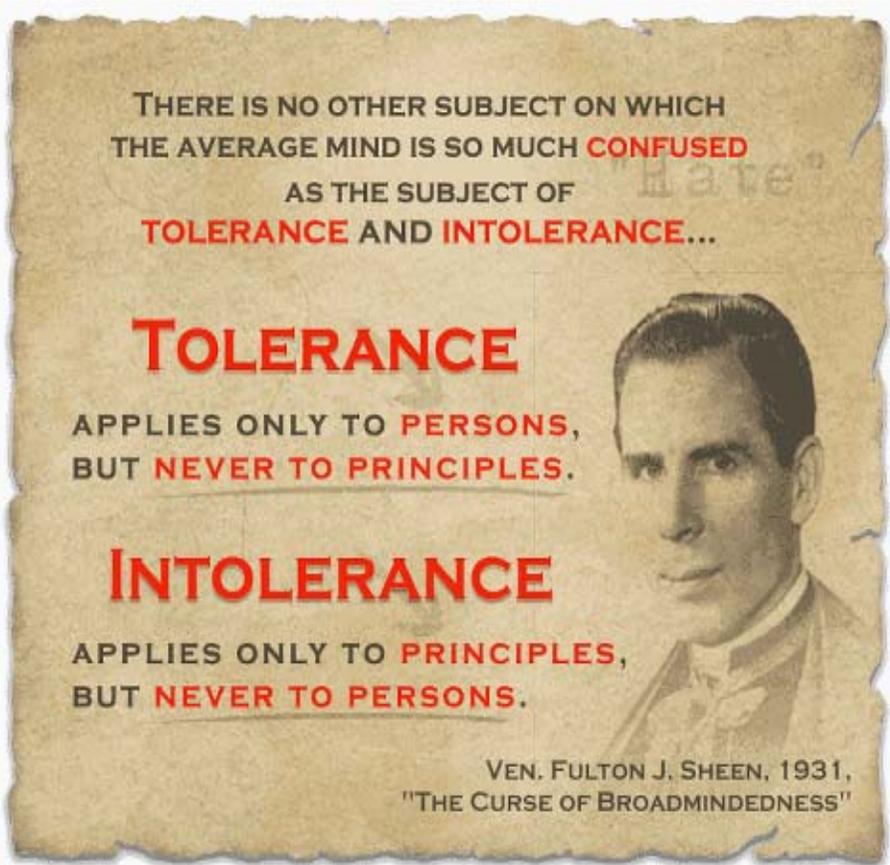
***Reparation:*** Every time a sin is committed, His heart is wounded. Let us make acts of reparation for the abuse that His heart receives.

***First Fridays:*** Let us try to go to Mass and receive communion on every First Friday of the month.

***Frequent prayer:*** Despite our busyness, from time to time, let us say a short prayer like, "***Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us***".

***Imitation:*** Let us do sacrifices for others. Do things that we do not like. Love and forgive those who hurt us.

***Missionary activity:*** Let us bring Jesus' love to others. Bear witness to the fact that Jesus is our King who we serve. Bear our crosses lovingly and patiently.



***Be an Instrument of God's Mercy!***

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) along with other bishops' conferences around the world, has designated one collection a year to provide Pope Francis with the financial means to help those who are suffering as a result of war, natural disasters, and diseases.

In the Diocese of Columbus the collection will be taken on the weekend of June 22 and 23. Please be generous.

Please pray for Pope Francis as he reaches out compassionately to make our world less cold and more just. Pray for those suffering around the world who will benefit from the collection. Spread the message with those who might be interested to help the marginalized. The collection has ancient roots that reach all the way back to New Testament times.

The early Christians provided material support that the Disciples could distribute to those in need. (Acts 4:34 - 35) (11:29)

As members of the Catholic Church, through the Peter's Pence Collection, unite ourselves with the concerns of Pope Francis and help him fund his charitable works for the relief of those in need.

Pope Francis encourages us to become instruments of God's mercy. Each of us is called to be a witness of charity.

For, "it is precisely, in the measure to which we open ourselves to others that life becomes fruitful, society regains peace and people recover their full dignity", Pope Francis teaches us (General Audience, October 26, 2016).

Let us be a witnesses of charity and let us help Pope Francis offer hope to those who suffer around the globe.

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*When you receive grace, God changes your heart. Give your heart to Christ and He returns the favor, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you." (Ezek. 36:26)*

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***Pope Francis' June Prayer Intention:***

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

***A joke a priest can tell... 😄👉👈***

Bob forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was mad.

She told Bob: "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the drive way that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds. And it better be there!"

The next morning when his wife woke up, she looked out the window and saw a box...gift wrapped...in the middle of the driveway.

She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Bob has been missing since last Friday.

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