

DECEMBER 10, 2017

CONSECRATION OF THE  
DIOCESE OF AUSTIN  
TO THE

*Immaculate Heart  
of Mary*

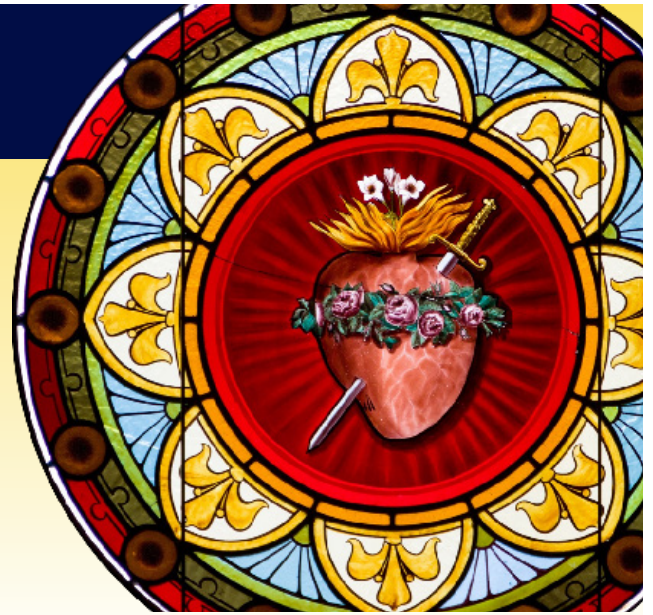


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**A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP JOE VÁSQUEZ:**

Over the years, I have been personally inspired by the love that the people of our diocese have for the Blessed Virgin Mary, and how this love is expressed in beautiful devotions across various cultures.

Therefore, in this Fatima centennial year and in the 70th year since the founding of our diocese, I have decided to consecrate the local church of the Diocese of Austin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On December 10, 2017, I invite the people in all of our parishes to join me in a solemn prayer to the Mother of God, asking for her maternal help and protection. In doing so we are not only entrusting ourselves to her loving heart, but we are asking her to bring us ever closer to her Son, Jesus.

I thank you for your continued prayers for me, our Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Garcia, and for the Diocese of Austin. May God bless you.

\* The diocesan prayer of consecration will be prayed during all Sunday and vigil Masses Dec. 9-10 in the parishes of the diocese. The prayer may also be prayed by individuals and families wherever they are, in solidarity with Bishop Vásquez.



For a copy of the consecration prayer, more information, and additional resources, visit [www.austindiocese.org/ihmconsecration](http://www.austindiocese.org/ihmconsecration)