



*I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

– Psalm 145:1

July 5, 2026 | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# *St. Francis de Sales Parish*

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*Making Disciples and Disciple Makers*

# Mass Intentions



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## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

### Sunday, July 5 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:45pm **Saturday** † David Hamilton (Suzette Hamilton)
- 8:30am † John Fischer (Janine Kozlowski)
- 11am People of the Parish

### Monday, July 6 – St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

- 6pm † Mike Braidich (Kathy)

### Tuesday, July 7

- 12pm † Ronette Tedori (Dan Potter)

### Wednesday, July 8

- 6pm Special Intention: Second Fire Abortion Recovery (Angel Schneider)

### Thursday, July 9

- 9am Special Intention: Sally Mummey (A Friend)

### Friday, July 10

- 9am † Rosemary Walther (Ginny & Mary Grady & Family)

### Saturday, July 11 – St. Benedict, Abbot

- 9am † Funeral Mass for Thomas E. (Tom) Ellis

### Sunday, July 12 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:45pm **Saturday** † Dan Regan (Regan Family)
- 8:30am † Josh Griggs (Hal & Ann Griggs)
- 11am People of the Parish



## Stewardship of Treasure

### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Catholic Outreach Ministries (COM) 7/11-12

## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for July

### FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



Chris Blowers and Tom Ellis recently passed away. Please pray for them and for all the faithful departed. May God grant them peace and eternal rest.

## 43 Seminarians

studying for the priesthood in 2025 compared to 17 in 2022

**Our Goal:**  
\$221,734

**\$151,886 Pledged**

**The Appeal**

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## Pray for Our Priests & Seminarians

<b>5th</b> FR. THOMAS KAMAU  <i>Ohio University, Zanesville</i>	<b>6th</b> FR. THOMAS PETRY	<b>7th</b> FR. THOMAS W.A. HERGE  <i>Divine Mercy, Holy Trinity, St. Sylvester, Wellson/Jackson/Zeleski</i>	<b>8th</b> FR. TIMOTHY HAYES  <i>St. Edward, Granville</i>
<b>9th</b> FR. TIMOTHY LYNCH  <i>St. Mary, German Villiage</i>	<b>10th</b> FR. TODD LEHIGH  <i>Pontifical College Josephinum</i>	<b>11th</b> FR. TOMAS CARVAJAL-BASTOS  <i>St. Peter/St. Joan of Arc, Columbus/Powell</i>	<b>12th</b> FR. TYLER CARTER  <i>St. Brigid, Dublin; Holy Resurrection Melkite Church</i>

## REVEALED TO US

Reflection on Matthew 11:25-30

"...no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." It is the ardent wish of the Son, Jesus, to reveal the Father to each of us! Jesus wants us to see ourselves in light of the Father's goodness, generosity, and mercy. He wants each of us to see ourselves as a beloved child of God.

For our part, it takes time, it takes quiet, it takes "rest" to come to know, intimately, the Father whom Jesus reveals. While our hard work as missionary disciples of Jesus involves tireless witness and preaching, our Creator has so designed our lives that we need rhythms that include rest and repose. So Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Take the invitation here to carve out time and space this week to rest in the Lord, for Jesus sees you, loves you, and is yoked to you.

– Father Jay



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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, July 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

### Monday, July 6, 2026

Weekday

Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22

Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Matthew 9:18-26

### Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Weekday

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13

Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10

Matthew 9:32-38

### Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Weekday

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Matthew 10:1-7

### Thursday, July 9, 2026

Weekday

Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9

Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16

Matthew 10:7-15

### Friday, July 10, 2026

Weekday

Hosea 14:2-10

Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17

Matthew 10:16-23

### Saturday, July 11, 2026

Saint Benedict, Abbot

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

Matthew 10:24-33

Access Daily Readings from  
the New American Bible,  
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at  
<https://bible.usccb.org>

## SAINT MARIA GORETTI

Saint of the Day: July 6

Patron Saint of Catholic Youth, Girls, Teenagers

Maria Goretti was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, had no chance to go to school, never learned to read or write. When Maria made her First Communion not long before her death, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class.

On a hot afternoon in July, Maria Goretti was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

Maria Goretti was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good – concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer (she had been in fear of him, but did not say anything lest she cause trouble to his family), and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria Goretti gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her 82-year-old mother, two sisters, and her brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at Maria's canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.

Read the full article: "Saint Maria Goretti" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-maria-goretti/> (Accessed June 17, 2026).

## *Activities for the Week*

<b>5 Sunday</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am <b>Eucharistic Adoration Closed</b>
<b>6 Monday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Adoration Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm Mass – Church – 6-6:30pm
<b>7 Tuesday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Adoration Chapel – 5am-10pm Weekly Reconciliations – Church – 11-11:45am Mass – Church – 12-12:30pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting – FFC – Murphy Hall – 5:30-9pm The Forge – Young Adult Men’s Group – FFC – St. Francis Room – 6:30-8:30pm Fruit of the Vine Prayer Meeting – Johnson Hall – 7-8:30pm
<b>8 Wednesday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Adoration Chapel – 5am-10pm <b>Please note: Parish Office will be closed 12-2pm for a staff meeting</b> Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 5-5:45pm <b>*NEW TIME</b> Mass – Church – 6-6:30pm <b>*NEW TIME</b>
<b>9 Thursday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Adoration Chapel – 5am-10pm Mass – Church – 9-9:30am Weekly Reconciliations – Church – 12-1pm <b>*NEW OFFERING</b> New Best Friends Young Adult Group – Frassati Room – 7-8:30pm
<b>10 Friday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Adoration Chapel – 5am-10pm Mass – Church – 9-9:30am Weekly Reconciliations – Church – 12-1pm <b>*NEW OFFERING</b> Catholic in Recovery – FFC – Conference Room – 7-8pm
<b>11 Saturday</b>	Eucharistic Adoration – Adoration Chapel – 5-9am TMIY – Special Summer Sessions – Johnson Hall – 7:30-9am Funeral Mass for Chris Blowers – Church – 9-10am Contemporary Ensemble Practice – Church – 3:15-4:30pm Weekly Reconciliation – Church – 3:45-4:15pm Mass – Sunday Anticipatory Mass – Church – 4:45-5:45pm Dueling Pianos – Gym – 6-10pm
<b>12 Sunday</b>	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mass – Church – 8:30-9:30am Vanguard Board of Directors Mtg – FFC – St. Raphael Room – 9:30-11am OCIA – Jr. High Classrooms #230, #231 & #235 – 9:45-10:45am Contemporary Ensemble Practice – Choir Loft – 9:45-10:50am Mass – Church – 11am-12pm Baptism Prep Class – FFC – St. Francis Room – 12:30-2:30pm Eucharistic Adoration – Adoration Chapel – 7-10pm



### **ONLINE BOOK CLUB FOR LADIES STARTS THIS WEEK**

You are invited to our Summer Book Club with the National Walking with Purpose team! It’s 100% ONLINE! This July, join us as we dive into Walking with Purpose: *Seven Priorities That Make Life Work*, by Lisa Brenninkmeyer—a book club designed to help you bring balance, peace, and purpose to your everyday life. You will be part of a small group that meets weekly on Zoom, led by a volunteer small group leader. We welcome women of all ages and stages; so there is truly a place for everyone. Each session lasts one hour and meets consecutively for six weeks. Simply select the day and time that works best for you, click Next, and complete the registration form to reserve your spot. Sessions begin the week of July 6 and continue for 6 weeks. Day/Time Options – pick the one that works best for you! Mondays at 7pm; Tuesdays at 1pm or 8pm; Wednesdays at 11am or 9pm; Thursdays at 10pm; Fridays at 10am. Cost is just the purchase of your own book which is available on Amazon. Visit [stfrancisparish.net/Register](http://stfrancisparish.net/Register) for information and to sign up.

## Faith Formation



### JOIN US FOR A YOUTH & TEEN SUMMER FAITH BLAST: TOTUS TUUS

**Monday, 7/20-Friday, 7/24, 9am-2:30pm for Grades 1-6**

For Grades 1-6: Help your children grow into clear, consistent, and courageous witnesses for Christ this summer! Led by joyful teachers, Totus Tuus inspires kids to know God's love, embrace prayer, and bring the Sacraments home to their families.

Activities: 4 daily sessions, daily Mass & Reconciliation, skits, games, and prayer. It's the Catholic faith-centered VBS you've been looking for!

**Monday, 7/20-Friday, 7/24, 7-9 pm for Grades 7-12**

For Grades 7-12: Give your teens a space to encounter Christ in a real, powerful way this summer. Our Totus Tuus Teen Program combines solid Catholic catechesis with engaging witness talks, small group discussions, and plenty of time for games and community. Most importantly, teens will dive into the heart of Catholic worship with Adoration, Reconciliation, and Night Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It's the perfect balance of fun, fellowship, and deep prayer!

Visit [www.stfrancisparish.net/register](http://www.stfrancisparish.net/register) for details and to sign up.

## Parish News

### SAVE THE DATE: COLLEGE STUDENT SEND-OFF MASS

We're planning a special blessing for our community's college students who are heading off to their respective campuses for the fall on Sunday, 7/26 at 11am. Mark your calendars and gather up your young adults for this Liturgy.



### NOW HIRING: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We are seeking a faithful and collaborative Director of Music to lead and grow the parish's liturgical music ministry. The Director of Music coordinates music for weekend Masses, Holy Days, sacramental celebrations, weddings, funerals, and school liturgies, working closely with clergy, parish staff, and school leadership. Responsibilities include directing the adult choir, developing a parish children's choir, collaborating with the school music teacher to support school choir leadership for liturgical celebrations, forming and scheduling cantors, and assisting with oversight of parish sound equipment and livestream ministry volunteers. The Director also supports seasonal liturgical planning, maintains music resources, and participates in parish staff collaboration and liturgy preparation. Candidates should be practicing Catholics committed to the mission of the Church and able to lead liturgical music in a collaborative parish setting. Ability to play the organ or willingness to learn. Bachelor's degree in music (or equivalent experience) preferred. Experience with Catholic liturgy, choir direction, parish sound systems, or livestream ministry is beneficial. Full job description is available upon request. Interested candidates, please submit your resume and spiritual narrative to Maggie Wright at [mwright@stfrancisparish.net](mailto:mwright@stfrancisparish.net).

## BEATIFICATION of ARCHBISHOP

PILGRIMAGE WITH ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH NEWARK, OH

# FULTON J. SHEEN

ST. LOUIS, MO | SEP 22 - 25, 2026  
ALL-INCLUSIVE MOTORCOACH TRIP

### DAILY ITINERARY

<b>Day 1: Tuesday, September 22   St. Louis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drive from Newark, Ohio to St. Louis, Missouri</li><li>• Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis</li><li>• Dinner in St. Louis</li><li>• Overnight in St. Louis</li></ul>	<b>Day 3: Thursday, September 24   Beatification of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast at the hotel</li><li>• Attend the Beatification Mass at the St. Louis Dome</li><li>• Exclusive evening talk and dinner with Chris Stefanick</li><li>• Overnight in St. Louis</li></ul> 
<b>Day 2: Wednesday, September 23   Our Lady of the Snows &amp; Cathedral of St. Peter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast at the hotel</li><li>• Mass at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows</li><li>• Visit the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville</li><li>• Afternoon free time (visit the Gateway Arch, Mississippi River boat ride, Forest Park)</li><li>• Dinner in St. Louis</li><li>• Overnight in St. Louis</li></ul>	<b>Day 4: Friday, September 25   Return Home</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast at the hotel</li><li>• Drive back home from St. Louis to Newark, Ohio</li></ul>

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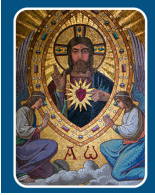


## Knights of Columbus News



Learn more about the #1 Council in the State!

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**MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA THROUGH THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

“O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus...We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness.”

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

*“Local Celebrations of the Consecration of the United States of America to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus”*



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Rev. Msgr. Robert R. Cannon

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

**INTRODUCTION TO NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

The natural beauty of creation has the power to draw us into the mystery of God. We can see, feel, smell, and sense God’s creative handiwork in so many ways. Consider when we pause to savor the burst of colors in a sunset or the rhythmic sound of waves rolling upon a beach. It might be in the playful antics of a kitten or a child’s first step. Everything reflects and proclaims God’s glory and love. The Church teaches that through natural revelation,

“even before revealing Himself to man in words of truth, God reveals Himself ... in the universal language of creation, the work of His word, of His wisdom” (CCC, 2500). The Church teaches that through “natural reason, man can know God...on the basis of His works” (CCC, 50). When we allow ourselves to be attentive to the wonder of creation, we begin to see that creation is not random or accidental, but ordered and purposeful. God has established laws within creation on which humanity can rely with confidence, laws that are to be respected by the stewardship of men and women (see CCC, 346).

See more on Natural Family Planning in our next bulletin or visit our website [www.stfrancisparish.net/NFP](http://www.stfrancisparish.net/NFP).

Community News

**NEIGHBORING PARISH IS HIRING**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Buckeye Lake is seeking a qualified person to fill the position of Director of Religious Education. Our Director of Religious Education position will be open for the new PSR year beginning in September. This is currently a 20-hour/week position and considered part-time. Training will begin in July once a candidate has been selected and confirmed. Please call the parish office at 740.928.3266 if you are interested and we will be glad to provide a job description which will include our parish needs.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY REQUESTS**

The SVdP Food Pantry is a part of the Licking County Food Pantry Network and the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. It is manned by Vincentians from the area churches. Food donations are gathered in the vestibule of St. Francis Church and transferred to the food pantry on Wilson Street in Newark where hours of operation are Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm and on Saturday mornings from 9-11am.

Canned goods are always in demand, but also needed are personal care items, like toothpaste, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper. Please continue to supply these requests:

- **Tuna**
- **Pasta sauce**
- **Canned pasta**

Cans with pull-tabs are helpful. All donations are appreciated!

**THE SPICE 5K IS ALMOST HERE!**

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**5K RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN LICKING COUNTY**

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**JULY 11, 2026**



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## HIRING FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

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**Educational Aides** are needed to assist our classroom teachers in Preschool through 8th grade. These are part-time positions with varying hours during the school day/week.

Anyone who is interested in this position, please apply by contacting our Principal, Mrs. Mummey at [smummey@cducation.org](mailto:smummey@cducation.org) with a note of interest and your resume.

## Around the Diocese and Beyond




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**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**  
Married and engaged couples are invited to the second annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on Saturday, 9/19, 8:30am-4pm at St. Catharine Catholic Church in Columbus, OH. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. An Early Bird discount is available through Monday, 8/3 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Columbus. For more info, visit [togetherinholiness.org/columbus](http://togetherinholiness.org/columbus) or email [nancy@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:nancy@forlifeandfamily.org).

*Springs of Love*  
**FAMILY MASS & PICNIC**  
St. Matthew the Apostle in Gahanna



5-8PM  
**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

*Celebrating foster, adoptive, and kinship families, those exploring foster care or adoption, and all who want to support them.*

**FOSTER CARE AWARENESS: SECOND ANNUAL MASS & PICNIC**  
Congratulations to Springs of Love on receiving a Flourish Fund award through the National Foster Care Innovation Challenge, which supports innovative solutions serving children and families impacted by foster care. The award was publicly announced on May 18. The mission of Springs of Love is to raise up more Catholic foster and adoptive families and to support those impacted by fostering and adoption through educational programming, small groups, and parish care teams. Springs of Love is also hosting the Second Annual Mass and Picnic for Foster and Adoptive Families on **Saturday, 7/25**. Mass will be at 5pm at St. Matthew in Gahanna, followed by a picnic with food, games, and activities for the kids. Foster and adoptive families, as well as couples who are considering fostering or adopting, are invited. Families can register online at [springsoflove.org/chapters/columbus/picnic2026/](http://springsoflove.org/chapters/columbus/picnic2026/) or contact [kimberly@springsoflove.org](mailto:kimberly@springsoflove.org).

# Around the Diocese and Beyond



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Grades 9 - 12  
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7/27 - 7/30  
At the Josephinum  
Get details at [VocationsColumbus.org](http://VocationsColumbus.org)

## YOUNG MEN DISCERNMENT CAMP FOR VOCATIONS

Quo Vadis is a vocations discernment camp led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus and is supported by the Office of Vocations. It is designed for young men entering Grades 9-12. The camp is held at The Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 N. High Street, Columbus from Monday 7/27 to Thursday, 7/30. Cost is \$50, with Scholarships available. To register for more information, go to <https://www.vocationscolumbus.org/quovadis> or for questions, email [columbusquovadis@gmail.com](mailto:columbusquovadis@gmail.com) or [vocations@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:vocations@columbuscatholic.org). Register by Friday, 7/17.



## CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

USCCB Spring General Assembly | Excerpt from the Consecration Homily  
Our Lady of the Universe, Orlando, Florida | Archbishop William Lori

### Why We Consecrate

My brother bishops, dear priests & deacons, women & men in consecrated life, and faithful lay men and women: What a remarkable moment of grace we are privileged to share. On the threshold of our nation's 250th anniversary, we gather to place the Church in the United States, and indeed the whole nation, into the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ.

Consecration is an act of faith. It is an acknowledgment that history is the story of God's faithful love at work in the world. We consecrate our nation, not because it is perfect, but because it is beloved by God. We ask him to heal what is wounded, strengthen what is good, and guide us towards a future marked by justice, peace, freedom, and respect for the dignity of every human person. Consecration is also an act of hope. The future belongs to God.

### Remaining in the Love of Christ

In a culture that prizes independence and self-reliance, we gather publicly to acknowledge that our deepest identity and our truest hope come, not from ourselves but from the Lord. Jesus says: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love."

The Sacred Heart is the revelation of God's love made flesh. To consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart is ultimately to accept Christ's invitation to remain in His love and to allow that love to shape every aspect of our lives, public and private.

### Consecration Requires Humility

Jesus tells us: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." Yet if we are honest, we must acknowledge that neither our nation nor the Church has always clearly reflected that love—there have been moments of failure, division, and sin. Consecration requires the humility to acknowledge both. We cannot come to the Heart of Christ while pretending we have no need of His mercy. To consecrate ourselves and our nation is to place our wounds, our shortcomings, and our sins before the One whose love is greater than all of them.

### Consecration Sends Us Forth

Jesus also says: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." To consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart means remaining in Christ's love and carrying that love into the world. It means building communities where truth is proclaimed clearly and charity is practiced generously. The Sacred Heart does not divide; it reconciles. It does not simply invite us to receive love; it sends us forth to share it.

To all the faithful: this consecration is something we do together. The renewal of the Church and our nation will come through disciples who remain in Christ's love and bear the good fruit of holiness in families, parishes, communities and in their daily lives. Today we choose trust. Today we place the Church in the United States, and this nation we love, into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In his Heart, we find gratitude for the past, strength for the present, and hope for the future.



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