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“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.”

Here are some of the relevant documents: Leo XIII in his Encyclical Letter *Annum sacrum* (1889) on the consecration of mankind to the Sacred Heart; Pius XI in *Caritate Christi Compulsi* (On The Sacred Heart) and *Miserentissimus Redemptor* (On Reparation To The Sacred Heart); Pius XII in his Encyclical Letter *Haurietis aquas*; Paul VI in his Apostolic Letter *Investigabiles divitias Christi* (1965) and John Paul II in *Message on the centenary of the consecration of mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* (1999), in *L'Osservatore Romano*, 12 June 1999.

## Scriptural Basis for the Devotion

Jesus, who is one with the Father (cf. John 10, 30), invites his disciples to live in close communion with him, to model their lives on him and on his teaching. He, in turn, reveals himself as “meek and humble of heart” (Mt 11, 29). It can be said that, in a certain sense, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a cultic form of the prophetic and evangelic gaze of all Christians on him who was pierced (cf. John 19, 37; Zac 12, 10), the gaze of all Christians on the side of Christ, transfixed by a lance, and from which flowed blood and water (cf. John 19, 34), symbols of the “wondrous sacrament of the Church” (St. Augustine).

The Gospel of St. John recounts the showing of the Lord’s hands and his side to the disciples (cf. John 20,20), and of his invitation to Thomas to put his hand into his side (cf. John 20, 27). This event has also had a notable influence on the origin and development of the Church’s devotion to the Sacred Heart.

These and other texts present Christ as the paschal Lamb, victorious and slain (cf. Apoc 5,6). They were objects of much reflection by the Fathers who unveiled their doctrinal richness. They invited the faithful to penetrate the mysteries of Christ by contemplating the wound opened in his side. Augustine writes: “Access is possible: Christ is the door. It was opened for you when his side was opened by the lance. Remember what flowed out from his side: thus, choose where you want to enter Christ. From the side of Christ as he hung dying upon the Cross there flowed out blood and water, when it was pierced by a lance. Your purification is in that water, your redemption is in that blood”.

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## The Sacred Heart and Our Spiritual Life

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful historical expression of the Church’s piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and his saving work.

Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are numerous. Some have been explicitly approved and frequently recommended by the Apostolic See. Among these, mention should be made of the following:

### Personal Consecration

Personal consecration, described by Pius XI as “undoubtedly the principal devotional practice used in relation to the Sacred Heart” (*Miserentissimus redemptor*).

### Family Consecration

Family consecration to the Sacred Heart, in which the family, by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony already participating in the mystery of the unity and love of Christ for the Church, is dedicated to Christ so that he might reign in the hearts of all its members (*Aliae concessiones*).

### Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, approved for the whole Church in 1891, which is evidently biblical in character and to which many indulgences have been attached (*Aliae concessiones*).

### Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart

The act of reparation, a prayer with which the faithful, mindful of the infinite goodness of Christ, implore mercy for the offences committed in so many ways against his Sacred Heart (*Aliae concessiones*).

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## Servant's Prayer

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holy will and incline our ear to your living word.

Jesus, present and alive in the Sacrament of Love, you said to your apostles; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons and strengthen the weak. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

You are my hands, my heart, my voice and my feet.

Go forth and become fishers of men.

Offer your time, talent and treasure to those in need.

Spread my word and proclaim my Eucharistic Kingdom.

Abide in my love and remain in my word so you will have eternal life ...

Here we are O Lord, ready to do your will. Amen.



## Healing Prayers

Jesus, like your disciples I proclaim my faith in you. However, when pain and suffering challenges me or oppositions and rejections are before me, I easily run away forgetting that it is you I need who could help me. In spite of my weaknesses, your love for me is unchangeable and still watches out for me in all my struggles - you never despair. Loving sweet Jesus, please give me courage and peace so that slowly I could overcome my human weaknesses and love as you love me. Amen.

Jesus our master, we profess that we love you and we believe that you came from the Father. You came from heaven to earth and executed God's divine plan of

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## Prayer Requests

**"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)**

Lord, we lift up to you all prayer intentions of our brothers and sisters who need your healing love and presence, especially those petitions we received through <http://EucharisticLove.org>, <http://2000HailMarys.org> and individual forms submitted during our community services.

**Dear Lord,  
we thank you  
for all  
the blessings  
you showered  
upon us  
and all  
answered prayers.**

# HEALING THROUGH THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	WHEN	VENUE
Healing Service with Eucharistic Celebration	Every First Monday of the month 8:00 PM	St. Bridget Church
Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration	All other Mondays of the month 8:00 PM	St. Bridget Church
2000 Hail Mary's with Eucharistic Celebration	Frequently Scheduled (Please check website)	St. Bridget Church
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Every second Saturday of the month 9:00 AM Every Monday before 2000 Hail Mary's 8:30 PM	St. Bridget Church
Catholicism Study Group	Every second Saturday of the month 11:00 AM	St. Bridget Church

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