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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Dear Devotees of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friends, Benefactors and Patrons of the Rosary Hour, Praised be Jesus Christ!

June is upon us, the month of special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This month we celebrate Father's Day. On this special day, the Franciscans will begin the NOVENA to the SACRED HEART of JESUS.

Pope Francis frequently highlights the Sacred Heart of Jesus, emphasizing its role in God's mercy, the Church's mission, and the need for tenderness and closeness. In his recently published (10/24/2024) encyclical "Dilexit Nos" ("He Loved Us"), Pope Francis calls on Catholics worldwide to rediscover the love and compassion found in the heart of Jesus Christ, the Sacred Heart as a font of healing for a divided world.

God loves people very much, and His Heart is constantly open for humanity. It is enough to respond with love to his love. He watches us, loves us and waits for us. Dear Friends, we encourage you to look at the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the source of love and peace and always turn to Jesus with trust! Looking at the Heart of Jesus throughout June, contemplating and adoring it, meditating on His mysteries following the invocations of the Litany to the Sacred Heart of the Lord Jesus, that we know so well, the Franciscans, spiritually united with you will discover the promises the Heart of Jesus contains, promises of what God can and wants to do with the human heart of each and every one of us. After all, this is what we ask for every time at the end of the litany prayer: Make our hearts after Your Heart!

In June we celebrate **Father's Day**. Let us thank God for our dear fathers, for those who are alive and those who have already passed away to eternity. Let us express our love and gratitude. Like Mary, let us entrust ourselves to the merciful Jesus. May the month of the Sacred Heart inspire us to deepen our understanding and experience of Christ's love, a source of spiritual renewal and strength.

We strongly encourage you to give honor to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Today we would like to invite you to take part in our NOVENA to the SACRED HEART of JESUS, so that we could adore the mystery of God's love revealed to the world through His Heart. The Novena will be conducted from the 15th to the 23rd of June. Enclosed with this letter is an intentions card on which you can write the name of your dad. In this way you will be able to thank him for his fatherly love and offer PRAYERS for his intentions as well as include him in the 9 MASSES which will be celebrated by the Franciscans. Also include names of your grandfathers, godfathers and the matters and intentions that are important to you. During this Novena, the Franciscans, who are spiritually connected with you, will pray for all fathers, both those living and those who have already left this world, for peace in the world as well as all the intentions sent to them.

Your GIFT of material support, which you will send along with your intentions will help the Franciscans in the new evangelization.

May the Merciful God bless you for the generosity of your heart. With prayers and gratitude,

Br. Daniel Geary, OFM Conv.

Br Daniel Geary with the Fr Justin Rosary Hour community and the Companions of St. Anthony

PS – If you would like to receive a brochure with a **Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus write to us or mark it on the return card.** At your request, we would be happy to send it to you.

When you send your intentions **REMEMBER to write YOUR NAME & ADDRESS**.