

June 6, 2023



On Friday, June 16, we will celebrate the feast of **The Sacred Heart of Jesus**. I have a special devotion to this feast day because of a **miracle** (that's what I call it) that I experienced from saying: "**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you.**"

In this letter I would like to share with you my "**miracle story.**"

When I was taking a class in **Statistics** at DePaul University, the professor put numbers on the blackboard to use for **all** the test problems that day. He made his 7 with a **line** through it and so I read it as a **4**. So, I worked on all the problems with "4" instead of "7". Only at the break time, when we checked our answers with one another, did I find out that **all** my answers were wrong. Sure enough, when we got our papers back the **next day**, I had an "F". I think that was my only "F" ever. I was hoping he would give me credit for working all the problems correctly, no such luck. So, I started **praying** my prayer to the **Sacred Heart** all through the class. And, guess what? At the end of the class the professor said, "**Since this was your first test, I did not record the grade!**" Now you know why I call it my "**miracle**" prayer". I offer it now to you to use when you need a miracle!

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is devotion to **Jesus** and his **love**. The human heart has long been a symbol of love. It is a sign or a symbol of both the **divine** and **human love** that **Jesus** has for his **Father** and for **us**.

The heart of Jesus also symbolizes the **interior life** of Jesus which led to his willingness to lay down his life for us. It is a symbol based on our **belief** in the **Incarnation**—a firm belief that the second person of the Blessed Trinity became human with **all the feelings, emotions, and desires** we usually associate with the human heart. It is that **human heart**—directly united to the **divine person**—which expresses **God's love in a human way** perfectly and purely since Jesus is free from sin.

Aren't we blessed when we have a place to go to when we need forgiveness, compassion, strength, or encouragement? Yes, the Heart of Jesus.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you.

**June 17, Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

The Feast of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary** celebrates the **interior life** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues, and hidden perfections, and above all, her **virginal love** for God the Father, her **maternal love** for her son Jesus, and her **compassionate** love for all persons.