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WITH ALL OUR HEARTS

Prayer service for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

BY JEAN GRANT

LEADER: Dear Jesus, you carried the wounds of your crucifixion and death. You sacrificed so much to open the gates of heaven for us.

ALL: Sacred Heart of Jesus, we love you with all our hearts!

LEADER: The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast falls 19 days after Pentecost Sunday. The next day is Saturday, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Holy cards or prayer cards often depict the suffering of Jesus and Mary whose hearts were ablaze with fire and encircled with glowing rays.

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LEADER: Friday is meaningful as the day of the crucifixion on Good Friday in Holy Week. It is also the day set apart for a devotion of nine consecutive first Fridays so that Christ's Heart will be venerated for his love for mankind and to make amends for humanity's ingratitude for Jesus' willing sacrifice.

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LEADER: A French Visitation nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque,

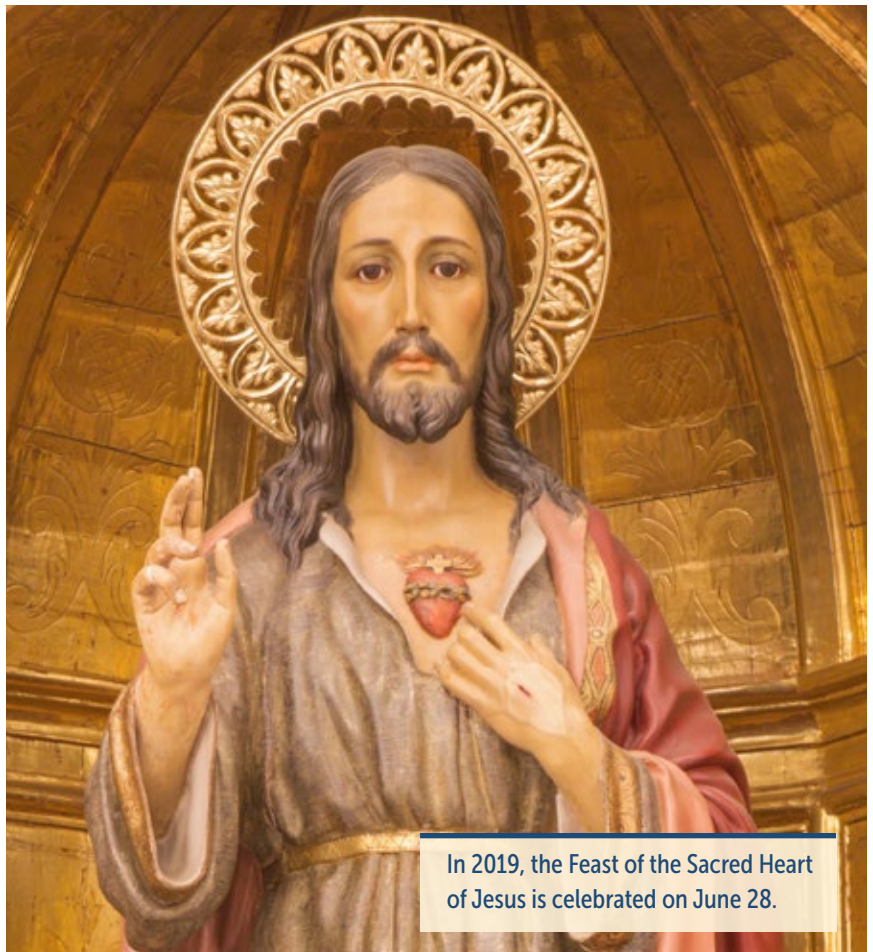
experienced a series of visions of Jesus, promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart. Despite Jesus' disappointment that people were so ungrateful, he gave a plan for Friday devotions incorporating Holy Communion and veneration of a statue, icon, or painting depicting the Sacred Heart. Confession, prayers, and sacrifices were also included for reparation of sins and the conversion of sinners. Jesus,

in supreme love, also offered 12 promises to those accomplishing the nine consecutive first Fridays.

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LEADER: Let us close by praying the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. **T**

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In 2019, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on June 28.

T Older students might benefit from praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart: todayct.us/2FR8swx