



## DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

# Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators and Parish Secretaries

From: Chantal LeFevre, Vice-Chancellor

Date: April 27, 2026

Re: Consecration of the U.S. to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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In June 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart in June.

**In the Diocese of Sacramento, Bishop Soto is inviting all parishes to complete 250 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 250 Works of Mercy during the month of June.**

Attached is a letter from Bishop Soto that should be read at Masses the weekend of May 2 and 3.

Posters promoting parish engagement will be mailed to parishes in the next week.

Additional resources to assist you in this effort can be found on our diocesan website at [www.scd.org/consecration](http://www.scd.org/consecration).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Bishop at 916-733-200.





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Dear Friends in Christ,

This June, 2026, the bishops of the United States will consecrate the nation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This act of consecration will take place, as our country marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

This moment invites us to reflect more deeply on the mercy of Christ revealed in His Most Sacred Heart, a love poured out for us from His wounded side, pierced by soldier's lance.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart draws us into the mystery of Christ's mercy and His abiding compassion for His people. For generations, the Church has turned to the Heart of Jesus as a source of healing, reconciliation, and hope. Numerous popes have encouraged the consecration of individuals, families, and nations so that the Gospel of our crucified Lord may more fully shape our lives and our common life in society.

As we prepare to join in this national consecration, I ask each parish in the Diocese of Sacramento to take part in this spiritual preparation through prayer and works of charity. I invite every parish to complete **250 hours of Eucharistic Adoration** and **250 works of mercy**, either corporal or spiritual, by July 4, 2026.

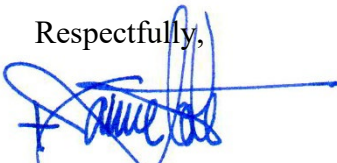
In Eucharistic Adoration, we draw near to the Heart of Christ, present among us. In the works of mercy, we allow His love to be made visible in concrete acts of charity, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and imprisoned, comforting the afflicted, and caring for those most in need.

These are not simply good tasks to be completed, rather an invitation to unite our sacrifices to the one saving sacrifice of Christ and become more faithful witnesses of His love in the world. Both spiritually and socially, they are acts of reparation intended to heal our nation with the redeeming balm of Christ's mercy.

Resources to assist you in this effort can be found on our diocesan website at [scd.org/consecration](http://scd.org/consecration).

Together, let us entrust ourselves more fully to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, may the mercy of her Beloved Son renew our hearts, strengthen our communities, and build a society marked by life, liberty and justice for all.

Respectfully,



+ Jaime Soto  
Bishop of Sacramento



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Abril 27, 2026

Queridos Amigos en Cristo,

En junio de 2026, los obispos de los Estados Unidos consagrarán la nación al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. Este acto de consagración tendrá lugar mientras nuestro país está conmemorando el 250° aniversario de la Declaración de Independencia.

Este momento nos invita a reflexionar más profundamente sobre la misericordia de Cristo, revelada en su Sagrado Corazón; un amor derramado por nosotros desde Su lado, herido por la lanza de un soldado.

La devoción al Sagrado Corazón nos lleva al misterio de la misericordia de Cristo y de su compasión permanente por su pueblo. Por generaciones, la Iglesia se ha recurrido al Corazón de Jesús como fuente de sanación, reconciliación y esperanza. Muchos pontífices han fomentado la consagración de individuos, familias y naciones, para que el Evangelio de Nuestro Señor crucificado pueda influir más plenamente en nuestras vidas y en nuestra vida común en la sociedad.

Mientras nos preparamos para la consagración nacional, pido a cada parroquia de la Diócesis de Sacramento que participe en esta preparación espiritual mediante la oración y las obras de caridad. Invito a cada parroquia a completar **250 horas de Adoración Eucarística** y **250 obras de misericordia** —ya sean corporales o espirituales— para el 4 de julio de 2026.

En la Adoración Eucarística, nos acercamos al Corazón de Cristo, presente entre nosotros. En las obras de misericordia, Su amor divino se manifieste en actos concretos de caridad, alimentando a los hambrientos, visitando a los enfermos y a los encarcelados, consolando a los afligidos y cuidando de los más necesitados.

No se trata simplemente de completar las tareas propuestas, sino de una invitación a unir nuestros sacrificios al único sacrificio salvador de Cristo y a convertirnos en testigos más fieles de Su amor en el mundo. Tanto espiritual como socialmente, son actos de reparación destinados a sanar a nuestra nación con el alivio salvador de la misericordia de Cristo

Puede encontrar recursos para ayudarle en este esfuerzo en nuestro sitio web diocesano, en [scd.org/consecration](http://scd.org/consecration).

Juntos, encomendémonos más plenamente al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. Por la intercesión de nuestra Santísima Madre, María, que la misericordia de su Amado Hijo renueve nuestros



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corazones, fortalezca nuestras comunidades y construya una sociedad marcada por la vida, la libertad y la justicia para todos.

Atentamente,

+ Jaime Soto  
Obispo de Sacramento