



1. Sacred Heart *Holy Cards*

Holy Cards with an Image of the Sacred Heart and a special prayer to the Sacred Heart for the nation are available for free through the Office of Worship. Parishes, Schools, and other Catholic institutions are encouraged to have a supply of cards in the back of their churches and for cards to be distributed at various events. The Prayer can be said at the beginning or end of parish or school meetings, following the Final Blessing and Dismissal at weekday Masses, and other liturgical and devotional events related to the Consecration.

The Prayer Cards are available in ENGLISH, SPANISH, and POLISH. Also available is a Holy Card with the Litany of the Sacred Heart available in ENGLISH. Holy Cards may be ordered through the Office of Worship webpage (linked at the end of this document).

1. The Litany of the Sacred Heart

The Litany of the Sacred Heart is available as a pdf for download. The faithful should be encouraged to pray the Litany as part of their private devotions at home. The Litany can be recited following the celebration of Mass or as a part of a prayer meeting.

The poster can be downloaded on the Office of Worship webpage.

2. The Novena to the Sacred Heart

Parishes are encouraged to offer the Novena to the Sacred Heart each day from June 3 – 11. This Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus draws its daily devotions from the Litany of the Sacred Heart and reflects the wisdom of the Saints and Pontiffs on the Sacred Heart. It offers opportunities for prayer and action, framed by Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us) and Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* (I Have Loved You).

Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Novena on their own, or pastors may wish to offer a time in their churches for the Novena to be prayed publicly each day.

The booklet is available in English and en Español on the Office of Worship webpage.

3. Holy Hours

Consider having Holy Hours, perhaps weekly leading up to June 3, and perhaps daily from June 3 – June 11. Parishioners can easily incorporate a public recitation of the Prayer to the Sacred Heart and/or the Litany of the Sacred Heart at Holy Hours already on the parish calendar (perhaps before Benediction, if it is given). The Novena can be included



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in Holy Hours from June 3 – June 11. Lectionary readings from the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart from any of the Liturgical Cycles (Lectionary #170, 171, 172) and the readings from Votive Mass for the Sacred Heart (Lectionary #995-999) may be incorporated into these Holy Hours.

The Knights of Columbus have offered a wonderful resource for a *Sacred Heart Holy Hour*. The link can be found below.

4. **Statue of the Sacred Heart**

If your parish has a statue of the Sacred Heart, commit to keeping the area decorated with flowers and candles until June 12. Consider asking parishioners to bring flowers and plants from their own garden. Place the holy cards, copies of the litany, and the novena booklets nearby for private devotion.

5. **Enthronement at Home**

Families are encouraged to enthrone the Sacred Heart in the homes by placing an image or statue of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor and conducting an enthronement ceremony. A downloadable image and sample enthronement ceremony is available on the Knights of Columbus website (linked below).

6. **Celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on June 12**

Although not a holy day of obligation, parishes should plan a solemn celebration of Holy Mass on Friday, June 12. The Prayer to the Sacred Heart can be used to conclude the Universal Prayer at this Mass, and the Litany of the Sacred Heart can be prayed immediately before or after Mass.

Resources:

Archdiocesan Office of Worship:

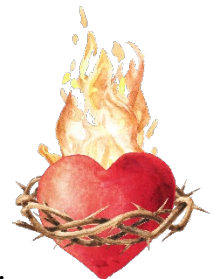
<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/ministry/worship/news/>

USCCB Website for the Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart:

<https://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>

Knights of Columbus Resources on the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Pilgrim Icon Program:

<https://www.kofc.org/what-we-do/programs/faith/pilgrim-icon/>



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