

# **Devotion to The Sacred Heart of JESUS**

*With Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque*

## **The Term**

“The term ‘Sacred Heart of JESUS’ denotes The entire Mystery of CHRIST, The totality of His Being, and His Person,” calling us to “a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to CHRIST and His saving Work.”<sup>1</sup>

## **The History**

The Sacred Heart of JESUS was revealed to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Nun of the 1600’s. The Flames represent “JESUS’ burning Love for all people.” The Crown of Thorns represents “The Sacrifices He made on The Cross for all of us so that our sins would be forgiven.” In His Sacred Heart all may find Divine “blessings of grace, peace, consolation, refuge, mercy, faith, love, mercy, grace, sanctity, and salvation.”<sup>2</sup>

## **The Purpose**

“The essential nucleus of Christianity is expressed in The [Sacred] Heart of JESUS; in CHRIST The whole of the revolutionary newness of The Gospel was revealed and given to us: The Love that saves us and already makes us live in GOD’s Eternity... His Divine Heart calls to our hearts, inviting us to come out of ourselves, to abandon our human certainties to trust in Him and, following His Example, to make of ourselves a Gift of Love without reserve!”<sup>3</sup>

## **PSALM 103:1-4**

1 Bless The LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

2 Bless The LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits...

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness...<sup>4</sup>

## **I JOHN 4:7-11**

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for Love is of GOD; and every one that loveth is born of GOD, and knoweth GOD.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not GOD; for GOD is Love.

9 In this was manifested The Love of GOD toward us, because that GOD sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

10 Herein is Love, not that we loved GOD, but that he [first] loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if GOD so loved us, we ought also to love one another.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> “The Most Sacred Heart of JESUS.” Directory on Popular Piety and The Liturgy, # 166 & 172. Magnificat, 6/27/2014, p 398.

<sup>2</sup> “The Sacred Heart of JESUS & Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque.” Robert Louis Stevenson. 2006. Retrieved 7/06/2014. <http://www.saintsforsinners.com/sacred-heart-of-jesus-and-margaret-mary-medal-story.html>.

<sup>3</sup> “The Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of JESUS.” Pope Benedict XVI. Magnificat, 6/27/2014, p 398.

<sup>4</sup> King James Version Bible, PSALM 103:1-4.

<sup>5</sup> King James Version Bible, I JOHN 4:7-11.