

# THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART 27 JUNE



Image from the Religious Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

The heart is a sign of love – there is something very special about it.

Jesus' heart is so full of love that he shares his love with everyone.

The healing love of God opens our minds and hearts to forgiveness.

Sometimes the smallest slights or hurts are often the biggest obstacles to our forgiving.

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## **FORGIVING HEARTS**

Pope Francis emphasized the role of the heart for listening and speaking as well as our social communications. He told us that *“Christ's love can give a heart to our world and revive love wherever we think that the ability to love has been lost.”*

Francis knew that understanding the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is most relevant in these times:

*“Our communities will succeed in uniting and reconciling different minds and wills, so the spirit can guide us in unity as brothers and sisters. Reconciliation and peace are also born of the heart. The heart of Christ is ‘ecstasy’, openness, gift and encounter.”*

**REFLECTING:** Take a few moments to think about Pope Francis' message.

**RESPONDING:** Resp. Loving Heart of Jesus, Be with Us.

+ May we forgive readily any perceived slights or hurts... **R**

+May we trust God's transforming love in difficult situations... **R**

+May we grow as instruments of God's love and peace ...**R**

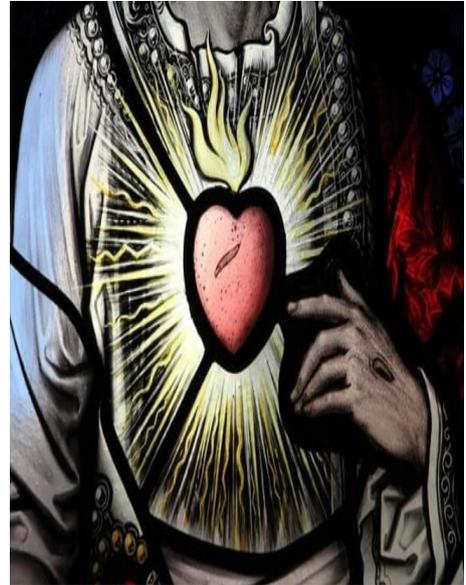
**BLESSING:** May the Sacred Heart of Jesus, give us a love so big we can forgive readily, celebrate the differences in each other, to grow peace and harmony in our families, communities and neighbourhoods. **AMEN.**

**Hearts on Fire** – Jan Novotka

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBSELeWewgY>

***Hearts wide open, sacred fire inside  
Burning within from the dawn of all time  
We bear the flame divine  
Hearts wide open, sacred fire inside  
Presence of love we are for all the world  
Like a lantern in the night  
Open hearts on fire  
Burning bright, sacred fire, love alive.***

Into the dawn a light will fall  
A light which transports night to day  
This light shines on  
Our eyes now see  
Behold communion in our midst.



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Embrace the poor, embrace the world,  
embrace the Earth, with open hearts  
Live as love, live in truth  
With hearts on fire go out to all.

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