

# Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior



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*"To glorify the Heart of Jesus and to make other souls glorify It - that must be our one passion! The Divine Savior is so offended, so forgotten. What need there is for us to strive to make up to Him!" - St. Madeleine Sophie*

## FROM THE MOTHER GENERAL

Dear Friends of the Daughters of Mary,

When Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary and revealed to her His Sacred Heart, He pleaded with her: "You, at least, can give Me the happiness of making up for their [man-kind's] ingratitude as much as you can." If there ever was a time when reparation was needed, it is now when the Divine Heart is so abused by grievous sins.

### Comforting the Sacred Heart

Throughout the school year, and especially during this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart, we encourage our students in this practice of reparation and comfort by showing them pictures of Our Lord in His sufferings and by using incentive charts so they can keep track of their sacrifices. Children readily grasp this concept. They understand that Christ loves us so much that He suffered His Passion to make up for our sins. They know, too, that sin hurts His Sacred Heart, so they



long to comfort Him and relieve that pain. To do this, they eagerly offer Him their prayers and sacrifices, such as doing their school work diligently, being cheerful when they don't feel well, and being kind toward others.

Our Lord desires this work of reparation from all of us. Like the children, we, too, can help repair the damage done by sin and comfort Him through our prayers and sacrifices. When we feel some suffering, whether it's mental or physical, we can accept it as penance for sin. Glancing at an image of Our Savior or calling to mind a scene from His passion will help us bear our sufferings for love of the Sacred Heart. In this way, we can atone for our own sins, the sins of our loved ones, and for the terrible outrages Our Lord suffers today.



*Below: Father blesses images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be enthroned in each classroom at St. Anne's Academy, White Bear Lake, MN.*

*Above: Sisters and students process to their classrooms for the enthronement of the Sacred Heart at St. Pius V School, Melville, NY.*





### Preparations for July 2

The Sisters also take advantage of this month to show special love to the Heart of Christ. While preparing for our July 2nd ceremonies, we have many opportunities to recall the blessings He has bestowed upon us. At our Motherhouse as we get ready for the vestition and profession ceremonies, we use our duties to return love and gratitude.

Since our chapel is too small to accommodate the hundreds of family and friends who will attend the ceremonies, we rent a large tent, which we'll set up as an outdoor chapel. The Sisters have been landscaping the grounds and cultivating flowers from our garden to use to decorate the altar on July 2nd.



Besides finishing their new habits, our Postulant and Novices who will make first profession are looking forward to their eight-day retreat. The two professed Sisters who will make perpetual vows will also be on this retreat, which will end on July 2nd. Once some of the teaching Sisters finish their end-of-the-year activities, they return to the Motherhouse so that they, too, can participate in these spiritual exercises. The retreatants will attend three conferences each day. They will also have time for extra prayers for family, friends, and benefactors, as well as for spiritual reading and visits to the chapel and our outdoor shrines.

### Our Gratitude

All of the Sisters pray for you daily and in particular on July 2nd, the feast of the Visitation of Our Lady, which is such a special day for our Congregation. Your support and prayers assist us to live our vocation and we are truly thankful to you. In our gratitude, we ask our Savior to bestow upon you the blessings of His Sacred Heart.

In the Sacred Heart,

*Mother Mary Bosco, F.M.*

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