



BISHOP'S REFLECTION

June 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we leave the month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we now move into June, the month dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As the home is referred to as the *domestic church*, there is a custom to have homes & families consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To have the *enthronement* of an image of the Sacred Heart has been a popular Catholic devotion over the years.

Entrusting a home to the merciful heart of Jesus can grant many special graces upon individuals, marriages and family life. Presently, this can be seen as an opportunity for us to receive a great blessing, especially now, as we see many assaults being directed toward marriage and family life.

As we merge out of the experience and impact of COVID-19, a prayer of consecration might be a perfect way to spiritually focus as we begin the summer months. Acknowledging the outpouring of grace and mercy flowing from the heart of the Risen Lord, and realizing that a human- *glorified*- heart beats within the midst of the Blessed Trinity is truly a profound and comforting thought.

May God bless you throughout this month of June as we turn toward, and meditate upon, the pierced heart of our Savior - the Heart that frees you and me from sin and heals our brokenness.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

In the Peace of Christ,

Bishop Myron J. Cotta