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Dear Friend,

Do you remember the days when just about every Catholic Church held yearly processions? One of my favorites was the Sacred Heart processions because they immersed me into the great abyss of love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, that Heart full of love poured out so generously for each of us. Let me tell you how I came to fall in love with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

When I was about twelve years old, I had the privilege of helping to clean our parish church. Each Friday I thought about it all day long, until, at 7 p.m., I went to beautiful St. James Church in Manchester, CT., climbed the step ladder, and began gently wiping and brushing away the weeks' worth of dust and candle soot from the precious statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. How clearly I recall whispering to Him all my secrets about wanting to be a Sister. Being so close to the Sacred Heart was as real as any encounter I might have had with a beloved friend.

From the wonderful Sisters of Mercy in our parish school I had learned the story of the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for sinners, and how deeply He longs to have us love Him in return.

Those dear Sisters told us that nothing we could ever do would change His love for us, that the wound in His Heart made it possible for us to enter that safe harbor of mercy at any time and be welcomed by Him—unconditionally. This precious devotion has carried me through the years.

We Sisters of Charity are privileged to be allowed into the lives of countless souls who rely on our prayers. **Can we offer a prayer for you?** For your needs? For your friends and family? We will bring you and your loved ones to the Altar each morning, entrust you to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and ask God to bless you in ways too profound to even ask or imagine.

And, if you can assist us in our need with an offering of **whatever your means allow, we would be deeply grateful.**



(l. to r.) Sister Cabrini, Sister Bernadette (seated) and Sister Marie Andre never tire of sharing their secrets with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In our ministries we have learned that often, hope is all some people have left. The homeless who come to us looking for a place to stay. Our treasured elderly in our Healthcare facilities, longing for a visit from a loved one. The newly arrived immigrant, often confused and frightened. The teens in our high school who are frantic about college application essays. The young man on the plane who asks us to pray for his wife who just got bad news about her blood test.

Each of them has hope that their prayers will be answered in a way that will give them courage to face tomorrow. Your gift helps to keep that hope alive in their hearts. **More than a financial gift, we count on your prayers for us and those we serve in our ministries.** We pray for you; we are your prayer warriors.



For Mother Joan Clare it is a privilege to fill cupboards with food and hearts with hope for those who visit our Food pantry.

Be sure to pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in times of loneliness or illness, joy or celebration. You can choose to pray the Nine Day Novena, offer prayers for your loved ones or seek His help for your health and well-being. We hope your love for Jesus will be deepened or rekindled as you find a prayer that speaks from your heart to His.



In the love of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Mother Marie Julie, SCMC

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Superior General

We want to pray for you and your intentions during our Sacred Heart Novena Masses and the special Feast Day Mass on Friday, June 16, 2023. Send us your prayer intentions on the by June 13th. We will place them on the Altar and entrust them to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Your donation in any amount will be deeply appreciated. I truly hope to hear from you soon.