

## APPEAL TO OUR PASTOR

1. We, the People of God and parishioners of this our Parish, respectfully request our Pastor to re-establish, for our mutual spiritual benefit as well as the spiritual benefit of the children and grandchildren of our parish, the *first* devotion specifically requested and established by Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, **The Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, established in a lifetime of revelations to St. Margaret Mary, which has been officially Endorsed and Sanctioned by the Church for over 300 years.
  
2. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1999, its renewal was also encouraged by Pope John Paul II in his Commentary on the Centennial of The Dedication of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in which he said, “...***I wish to express my approval and encouragement to all who in any way continue to foster study and promote devotion to the Heart of Christ in the Church with language and forms adapted to our times, so that it may be transmitted to future generations in the spirit which has always animated it. The faithful still need to be guided to contemplate the mystery of Christ, the God-man in order to become men and women of interior life, people who feel and live the call to new life, to holiness, to reparation, which is apostolic cooperation in the salvation of the world.....***”
  
3. We make this request as a result of our recognition in the world around us, that there has *never* been a time more troubled and more in need of His help and graces, which we need for our spiritual benefit and which the renewal and practice of the Devotion may obtain for us, as stated in His now-famous 12 Promises.
  
4. The Devotion, which promises an outpouring of His love and graces to those who practice it, has, as its basis, a special respect for and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament, an attitude sorely needed today, when 56% of Catholics *disbelieve* that the Eucharist contains the real Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Relying with confidence on the long-demonstrated, caring concern of our Pastor, our spiritual shepherd, and Canon 212, 2, which states, “*Christ’s faithful are at liberty to make known their needs, especially their spiritual needs, and their wishes to the Pastors of the Church.*”, and Canon 213, which states, “*Christ’s faithful have the right to be assisted by their Pastors from the spiritual riches of the Church...*”,

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THIS PARISH, FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE, REQUEST OUR PASTOR TO RE-ESTABLISH AND PREACH THE DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS IN THE PARISH, WITH DEVOTIONS ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, AND ON THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART:**

