



March 9, 2026

**Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Dear brothers and sisters,

As you may have read in recent Catholic media, the Bishops of the United States will collectively consecrate our Country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as part of our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of nationhood.

After discussion with the Presbyteral Council, we considered possible initiatives that could be of spiritual benefit in the Diocese of Reno. We also reviewed the various resources available on the USCCB website for this important occasion.

The Presbyteral Council unanimously recommended that all parishes in the Diocese of Reno pray the Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the conclusion of the 30 seconds of Sacred Silence following reception of Communion. This communal prayer will begin with all Masses on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12, 2026) and end on the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 5, 2026).

Prayer cards will be prepared and printed by the Chancery Office and distributed to all priests/parishes.

I encourage all to review the Diocese of Reno Website and the USCCB website for other resources which you can discuss with your families, friends and ministries of your parish to see if there are other initiatives you may want to implement in addition to the communal prayer following Sacred Silence after Communion. Of course, all are welcome to implement more devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

There are so many wonderful resources out there to help us all grow closer to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** and deepen our love for His endless mercy.

With every best wish and an assurance of prayer, I remain,  
Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
Bishop of Reno