

FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

Celebrating 2 Important Events in June

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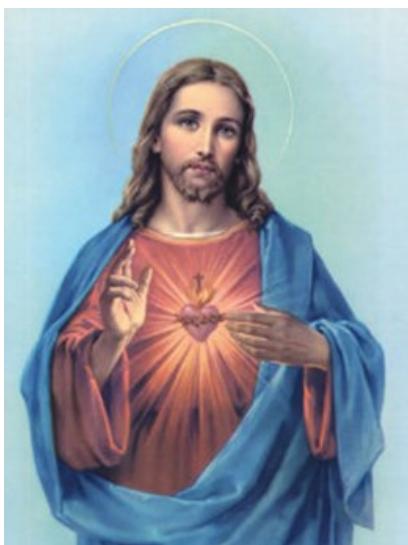
During the Revolutionary War [1775] the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Most regiments participating in the war fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force. Hence, the first American flag was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner.

George Washington realized that flying a flag remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he created a new symbol of freedom for the fledgling nation. The flag of the United States would be 13 stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution declaring that Washington's flag design would be representative of the new nation.

Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Last June 17, 2020, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to discover the riches of charity hidden in the heart of Christ.

On Friday, June 11, 2021, we will celebrate the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Do not be afraid to present to him all the intentions of our suffering humanity, its fears, its miseries. May this Heart, full of love for mankind, give everyone hope and trust. "I invite you to discover the riches that are hidden in the Heart of Jesus, to learn to love your neighbor," Pope Francis said June 17, 2020.

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a liturgical feast celebrated on the Friday after Corpus Christi. The devotion to the heart of Jesus has Christ's unconditional love at its center, exemplified in the blood and water which poured forth from Christ's heart in his sacrifice on the cross.

St. Marguerite Marie Alacoque, a 17th-century French nun and mystic, helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart through her visions in which Christ expressed his desire to reveal his loving heart to mankind.

Jesus made 12 promises to those who honor the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in their trials.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Jesus wanted to show us his heart as the heart that loved so deeply. This is why we have this commemoration especially of God's love. May the Lord shine his love and blessings upon all of us.