

June is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

How much do you know about devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

5 Things TO KNOW

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SACRED HEART of JESUS

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is traditionally practiced during the month of June. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost on a Friday, with this year's feast falling June 8.

1 WHY THE HEART?

Christ's physical heart symbolizes his love for humanity. Devotion to the heart of Christ is a devotion to Christ's divine love.



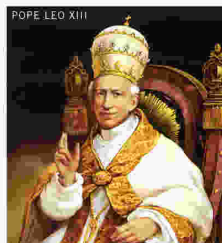
2 WHERE DID IT START?



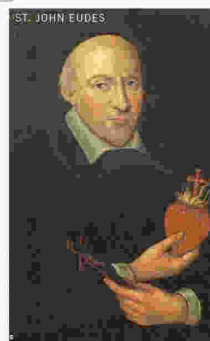
Early devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be traced to the 11th and 12th centuries at Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries in Europe.

3 WORLD CONSECRATION

Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1899, bringing about an increase in the devotion.



4 FRENCH SAINTS PROMOTE DEVOTION



During apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in late 17th-century France, Christ is believed to have encouraged devotion to his Sacred Heart. St. John Eudes, another French saint of the 17th century, is also considered an apostle of the Sacred Heart.

5 Many Catholics receive Communion

on nine consecutive first

Fridays and say special prayers

to consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart.