



## 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

*On Dec. 27, 1673, Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. For the past 350 years, the Church has treasured this beautiful reminder of God's profound love offered to us in the heart of his Son. Join me in sharing this beautiful devotion.*

—Bishop Edward Rice

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

*The Church grants a Plenary Indulgence to those who attend Mass and receive Communion in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday of each month for nine (9) consecutive months.*



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### *What does that mean in 2024?*

Our Lord revealed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque 350 years ago, on Dec. 27, 1673. Why did He choose Dec. 27, the Feast of St. John the Apostle, to reveal his divine, Sacred Heart as a symbol of love? The Scriptures show John as one of the three Apostles, along with James, and Simon Peter, who were part of the inner circle of Our Lord. Saint John is the author of five books in the New Testament and is known as the “Disciple whom Jesus loved.” We could refer to him as the “Apostle of Love,” for he uses the word love 39 times in the Gospel, 34 times in his Letters, and eight times in the Book of Revelation, for a total of 82 times in the Scriptures.

John was seated next to Jesus at the Last Supper and leaned into Him to ask about His betrayer. That moment, that leaning into our Lord, becomes a moment of profound, personal intimacy in the Upper Room. Saint John was also at the crucifixion, faithful to our Lord at the foot



*Bishop Edward M. Rice*

of the cross. It was there that he witnessed the pierced heart of Jesus which was wounded and surrounded by a crown of thorns. From the foot

of the cross, John received Mary into his home and into the Church.

As we begin the 2024 Bishop’s Appeal, the Diocesan Development Fund campaign, I invite you to participate with a financial donation **United**

**in the Sacred Heart.** Every donation helps me to share the love of the heart of Jesus through each of the 39 ministries of our diocese. Some may think their contribution is too small to make a difference. Remember, **every**

**contribution given in love has a great impact: thank you.** When we participate in the DDF, we lean into Our Lord, for our sacrificial gift makes possible the building up of the Kingdom of God in southern Missouri through the many vital ministries of the diocese.

**United in the Sacred Heart,** I thank you for your vibrant witness to the faith and for your financial support. May the Diocese of Springfield – Cape Girardeau continue its mission of faith, mercy, and good works motivated by the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**God bless you and thank you.**



*Edward M. Rice*

*The Most Rev. Edward M. Rice  
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau*

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