

Dear Fellow Knights and Dames—we enter into a significantly joyous month—***the month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the concluding celebrations of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.*** Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV is scheduled to mark the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27th with a morning Mass for the Jubilee of Priests in St. Peter's Square. In a recent Wednesday general audience, he prayed: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts more like yours". This Heart of Jesus appeared to St Margaret Mary burning with infinite love—surrounded by the thorns of His Passion, and surmounted by fiery flames and His Cross—the Cross of His sacrificial and redeeming love for us. Jesus said: Behold this Heart which has so loved men and is so little loved in return". Jesus is calling us to love Him more deeply—to make Him and His love for us the burning impetus of all we are and do. From Him and His pierced Heart—our lives take on new meaning and possibilities. His Heart is united to our hearts particularly as we come before Him in the Blessed Sacrament, and in the incomparable intimacy of Holy Communion—where He speaks to us, feeds us—nourishes and guides us. The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us anew to adoration, prayer, conversion of life, atonement and reparation for sin, and an ongoing call to love others more authentically and mercifully as He loves us. And wonderfully so, we are supported each day by our Blessed Mother Mary and her Immaculate Heart; she is always maternally directing us to the Eucharistic Heart of her Son Jesus.

