



**Society of the Sacred Heart™**  
United States – Canada

**Feast of the Sacred Heart: A Celebration of Love**  
**June 11, 2021**

*We invite you to create your sacred space.  
You might use a candle and/or a symbol of the Society.*

**Welcome**

Sheila Hammond, RSCJ  
Provincial, United States - Canada Province  
Society of the Sacred Heart

**Centering Song**

Dawn Stringfield  
Associate, St. Louis

*The Heart That Calls Us*

Words and music by Dawn Stringfield, 2021

[Refrain]

Tender and strong is the Heart that has called us;  
Deep and wide, embracing the world.  
Love pours out, beyond all measure,  
A love we are called to share,  
A love we are called to share.

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Come, let us bring all of who we are:  
The hopes and the fears, the sadness and the joy.  
Joining our sisters and brothers today;  
We are healed in the Heart of God. [Refrain]

Together we gather and deepen our bonds  
To one another in our common call.  
Our yes resounds in promise and vow.  
We find purpose in the Heart of God. [Refrain]

Dwell in our hearts, strengthen our faith,  
Root us in You, fill us with grace.  
Help us to know and reveal Your love.  
Make us one in your Heart, O God.  
[Refrain]

**Opening Prayer**

Rhonda Meegan

President, Associated Alumae/i of the Sacred Heart (AASH)

**First Reading: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8C-9**

Read by Lydia Cho, RSCJ

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19**

Read by Peggy Gorman

Co-Chair, Associates Leadership Team

**Gospel: John 19: 31-37**

Read by Korin Visocchi

Executive Director, Network of Sacred Heart Schools

## **Reflection**

Donna Dolan, RSCJ

## **Renewal of Vows**

Led by Sheila Hammond, RSCJ

### **All RSCJ:**

I renew with all my heart  
the vows which I have made to follow Jesus Christ  
in the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
by perpetual obedience, poverty and chastity  
and I commit myself anew to our mission  
of manifesting the love of Christ  
by the service of education

## **Associate Renewal of Commitment**

Led by Lori Wilson  
Co-Chair, Associates Leadership Team

### **All Associates:**

In the presence of all, wishing to follow Jesus Christ more closely,  
and desiring to share the spirituality of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, I  
promise to spread the mission and charism of the Society to the world,  
and to make known the love of the Heart of Christ in my personal and  
professional life.

Trusting in the love of God,  
the fidelity of the Religious of the Sacred Heart,  
and the support of the Associates,  
I renew this commitment.

## **Renewal of Commitment to Sacred Heart Education**

Led by Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ  
Head, Conference of Sacred Heart Education

### **All Educators of the Sacred Heart:**

God of our hearts,  
we praise you and thank you  
for all your goodness to us.  
Give us increased courage and confidence  
to understand and live  
our vocation as Sacred Heart educators.  
Be with us as we attempt to grasp with renewed vision  
our role in this great work of education.  
We ask this in Christ's name.  
Amen

## **Renewal of Children of Mary Promise**

Led by Barbara O'Dea McGettigan  
Child of Mary, San Francisco

All Children of Mary:

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
I take you today as my Mother, my Queen and my Model.  
I confide myself to your motherly protection,  
with a deep desire to follow your inspirations and example.  
I will strive to live a truly Christian life, following in the footsteps of Jesus.  
Dear Mary, help me to live truly as a member of the Body of Christ,  
and as an apostle of His love.  
Amen

**All in the Heart**

Introduction by Sheila Hammond, RSCJ

Read by Al Harvey

Director of Information Technology, USC Province

Gracious God, send the gifts of your Holy Spirit upon each one of us.

Keep us faithful to all of our promises and commitments.

May our lives reveal the face of Jesus so that  
all who see us may find the Heart of Christ present in your world.

In the freedom of our hearts,  
may we be vessels of your Spirit in the lives of others.  
May the gift we make of ourselves hasten the coming of your reign  
and lead us one day into the fullness of your joy.

We ask this through Christ,  
risen and reigning with you,  
now and forever.

Amen.

**Sending Forth**

Justin Nixon

Fine Arts Director, Sacred Heart Schools, Chicago, Illinois

*Called by Christ*

Text: Ruth Duck

Tune: Kate Cuddy

Vs. 1

Called by Christ, you build on the bedrock  
God who was faithful through each passing year  
Spirit-led, you welcome the stranger  
Promise of new life awakening here.

Refrain:

Sing, sing, sing of God's goodness  
Celebrate love alive here today.  
Share, share life in the Spirit.  
Look for God's reign and seek Jesus' way.

Vs. 2

Called by Christ, you offer God's children  
Food for their hunger and songs for the soul.  
Spirit-led, you look to the future  
Hand to your labor and eye on the goal.

Refrain:

Sing, sing, sing of God's goodness  
Celebrate love alive here today.  
Share, share life in the Spirit.  
Look for God's reign and seek Jesus' way.

Vs. 3

Called by Christ, you thirst after goodness.  
Seeking God's presence, you surely will find.  
Spirit-led, you plant for the harvest,  
Peace, love and justice for all humankind.

Refrain:

Sing, sing, sing of God's goodness  
Celebrate love alive here today.  
Share, share life in the Spirit.  
Look for God's reign and seek Jesus' way.

*Thank you for joining us for the Feast of the Sacred Heart!*