

Vox Populi

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June is a month all about heart.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Memorial of the Most Immaculate Heart of Mary, are both celebrated this month.

While worship is directed to the person of Jesus Christ, His heart functions as a symbol of his love.

In 2025, Pope Leo XIV said to speak of the Sacred Heart was to: “reflect on the entire mystery of the Lord’s incarnation, death and resurrection, which is entrusted in a special way to us, so that we can make it present in our world.”

Similarly, Saint John Paul II said the devotion to the Most Immaculate Heart of Mary draws inspiration from Scripture and is a symbol of her love of God, Jesus her Son and all those under her care.

“It can be said that our devotion to Mary’s Immaculate Heart expresses our reverence for her maternal compassion both for Jesus and for all of her spiritual children, as she stood at the foot of the Cross,” he said.

When the Most Immaculate Heart of Mary was first instituted as a feast, it was celebrated on 22 August to coincide with the traditional octave day of the Assumption.

In 1969, it was moved by Pope Paul VI to the Saturday immediately following the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which takes place the day before this year.

For Saint John Paul II, the two devotions were deeply connected: “These devotions seek to direct our attention to Christ and to the role of his Mother in the mystery of Redemption, and, though distinct, they are interrelated by reason of the enduring relation of love that exists between the Son and his Mother.”