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# Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church



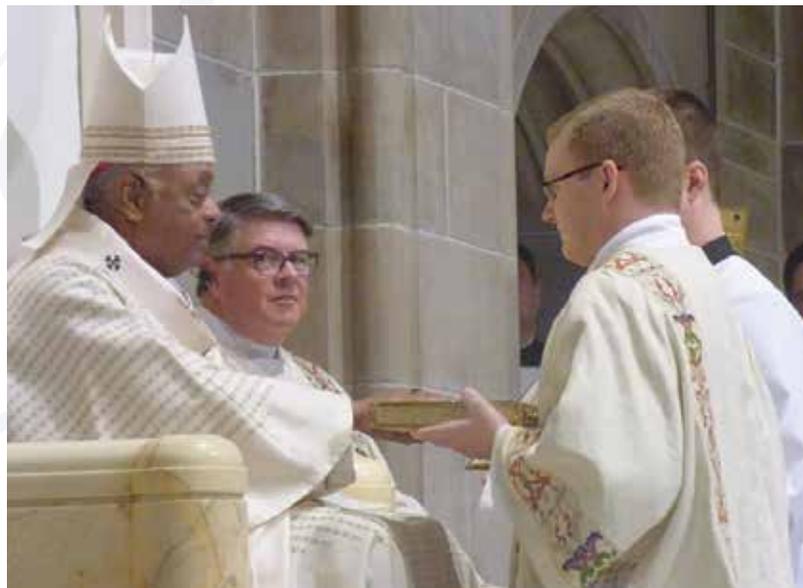
## “I am in Awe of This Gift” *Deacon Timothy Nadolski Prepares for Ordination*

It seems like just yesterday that he started this journey after finishing his freshman year at Berry College. Now, with mere weeks until his ordination, Deacon Timothy Nadolski is nervous, excited and most of all in awe.

“I am in awe of this gift that God bestows on ordinary men,” Deacon Timothy says. “For the last seven years, I have identified myself as a seminarian. But the vocation isn’t to being a seminarian, but a priest. I firmly believe that God has called me to the priesthood, and I am ready to begin my ministry.”

Deacon Timothy’s ordination will take place on June 27 at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Buckhead, alongside four other men. After receiving his undergraduate degree at the Pontifical College Josephinum and then studying theology for four more years, Deacon Timothy spent this past year serving at a parish in Columbus, Ohio, as a deacon – a vocation that he describes as being all about service.

“Ordination to the diaconate makes one a cleric, but at the same time, it conforms the man to be Christ the Servant,” Deacon Timothy says. “And it is



*Deacon Timothy Nadolski receives the Gospel*

important to spend time as a deacon as it instills that servant’s heart – the heart of Christ. As a priest, I will be conformed to Christ the Priest, and be able to act in the person of Christ the Head.”

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As a deacon, he has enjoyed the blessing of being able to baptize children and the opportunity to preach and to learn about preaching.

“Preaching is a humbling experience, and I take to heart the words of the archbishop in his homily at my diaconate ordination,” Deacon Timothy says. “He said, ‘Preaching is not lecturing, it is not entertainment, it is not a diatribe; but the motivating witness of Christ in your own life that seeks to inspire others to believe and to accept the demands of the Gospel.’”

As he anticipates becoming a priest at the end of June, Deacon Timothy most looks forward to serving in a parish in the Archdiocese of Atlanta and offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

“I think that is what most men in formation for the priesthood look forward to,” Deacon Timothy says. “I am also very enthusiastic about bringing God’s mercy to people when they need it most in the confessional. I have learned a great deal about God’s mercy in my own life, and I look forward to being able to share it with others.”

While Deacon Timothy looks forward to his ordination, he also remembers all the years he spent at St. Jude, where he was raised and has his earliest memories. He attended kindergarten through eighth grade at the school, and then became a member of the youth group in high school.

“We are so proud of Tim’s dedication and accomplishments,” says Patty Childs, Principal at St. Jude the



*Deacon Timothy Nadolski with priests and other deacons after diaconate ordination*

Apostle Catholic School. “It is our great honor to have had a part in his formation as a Catholic young man and ultimately as a priest. We know that he will be a wonderful priest and that he’ll love Catholic schools!”

Deacon Timothy wants to thank all the people of St. Jude’s community who have helped foster his vocation with their prayers and support. Come join the soon to be Fr. Timothy when he offers his Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Jude on June 28 at 2:30 p.m.!

“When I look back over the years and see the man I was when I entered seminary, I am amazed at how the Holy Spirit works,” Deacon Timothy says. “Thank you for helping me on my way to holiness. I ask you to continue to pray for me and know that I will pray for you. I spent a great deal of time at St. Jude and am very grateful for all that the parish has done for me!”

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*A Letter From Our Pastor*

## Our Lives are Filled With Examples of *Good Stewardship*

Dear Saint Jude Friends,

**W**e do not have to look very hard to find examples of stewardship in our lives. It starts right here in our own parish! Think of the people who serve us in so many ways. There is a group of wonderful people who are here at the parish — every day — helping to make our faith community operate effectively. Then, of course, there are those who serve tirelessly and selflessly with our many parish ministries and organizations, which reach out to those around us — to those in need.

This kind of service — discipleship — is exactly what Christ was saying when He told us to “Love your neighbor.” Think of others in our Church, our family, our communities and our lives who show us what it means to be a good steward. One of the first who comes to mind is our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His very life is a testament to what it means to serve — to be a good steward. In one of his recent homilies, the pope said, “Real power is service. Jesus reminded us ‘He came not to be served, but to serve,’ and His service was the service of the Cross. For the Christian, getting ahead, progress, means humbling oneself. If we do not learn this Christian rule, we will never, ever be able to understand Jesus’ true message.” That is what true stewardship is really all about and such Stewardship opportunities can be found right here at our awe-



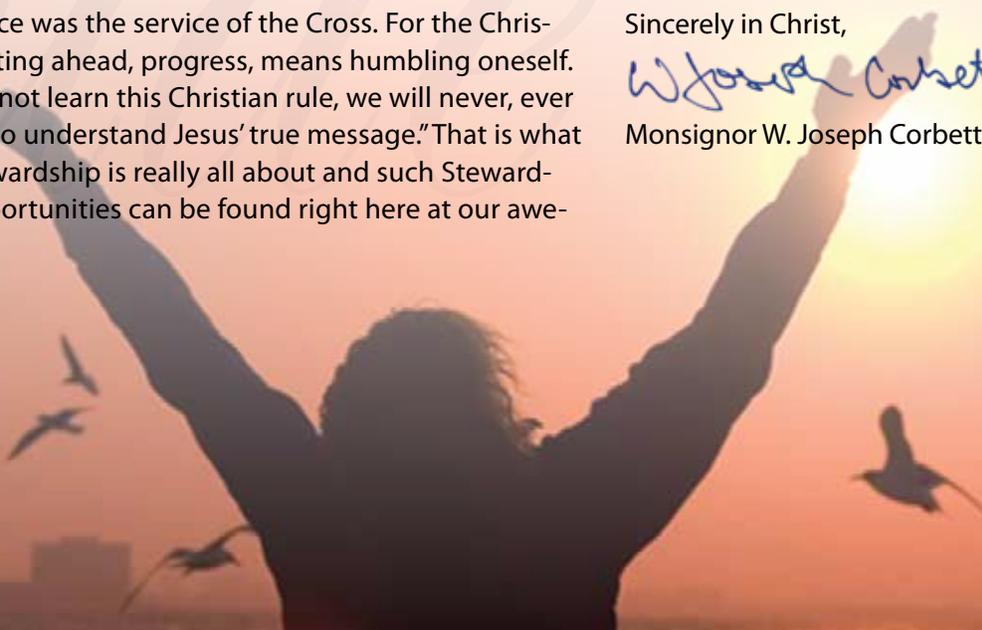
some Saint Jude parish community. We must strive to always renew our efforts to be good stewards by continuing to serve others, and to be thankful for the many living examples of stewardship we see at our parish and in our own daily lives.

Summer is upon us — we are entering that time of year when things slow down a bit [while lots of planning for fall programs is also happening at your parish office!], and we tend to live life at a more relaxed pace. Nevertheless, it is not a time to let our faith lives slow down. In fact, it is a great time to enrich and focus on our faith and our God!

If you are traveling this summer please be assured of prayers from Father Jaime and me for your safety and enjoyment. And while on vacation it’s easy to find a catholic church for Mass by visiting [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or calling 1-800-Mass-Times! Safe travels if you are traveling!

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor W. Joseph Corbett



# Bringing Scripture

## Children's Liturgy

As Catholics, we strive to develop an understanding of the faith for our children. Yet, as many parents no doubt know, it can often be difficult bringing their youngest to church while focusing on the Mass.

"Prior to Children's Liturgy of the Word, I was often disappointed that my children were getting so little out of Mass," says Bernis Gabelman, the volunteer facilitator for Children's Liturgy of the Word. "I think that any parent can understand how difficult it can be for a young child to sit still and then try to focus on what goes on in Mass when the language used in a Mass can often be difficult for a child to follow."

The St. Jude Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry – or CLOW – seeks to bring our children into a better understanding of the Mass by bringing the Mass to their level. It is a wonderful program that allows the children of our parish, who are the future of our Church, to learn about and participate in the Mass in a way that is easy for them to follow.

"CLOW is a special way for children to experience the Word of God in their own sacred space," says Bernis, who organizes and manages over 20 volunteer catechists for CLOW. "Because CLOW is meant to help the children to better understand Scripture that is read at Mass, the CLOW volunteers often incorporate fun and interactive ways to help explain the Scrip-

ture readings in a way that is engaging and easier to comprehend.

"I am often moved by the creativity of the CLOW volunteers as I watch them utilize puppets, skits, poster board, games, quizzes, music, and props to bring the Word of God to life for the children," she continues.

CLOW, which is geared toward children in kindergarten through third grades, takes place on Sundays during the 10 a.m. Mass throughout the school year. Children are invited by the priest to be dismissed to CLOW after the Opening Prayer, and they return with the Procession of the Gifts. Adult and teen volunteers read the Scripture, lead a discussion on the readings and guide prayer intentions. However, Bernis explains that CLOW is not religious education.

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## Welcome to Our Children

### Liturgy of the Word

"Even though the children are leaving Mass, they are not leaving for class," Bernis says. "The lessons they learn come from the breaking down of the Word at their level. CLOW includes an opening prayer, Scripture readings, the Responsorial Psalm, the Gospel Acclamation, a Homily Reflection, the Profession of Faith, the Prayer of the Faithful, and a closing prayer. Because CLOW helps children to apply the Word of God to situations in their own lives and at an educational level that is appropriate for them, they are able to take away from Mass the teachings intended by the Scripture readings from that Mass."

As a mother to two young children herself, it is important to Bernis that her children understand what is being taught through the Mass each week, which is why she strives to offer the children of our

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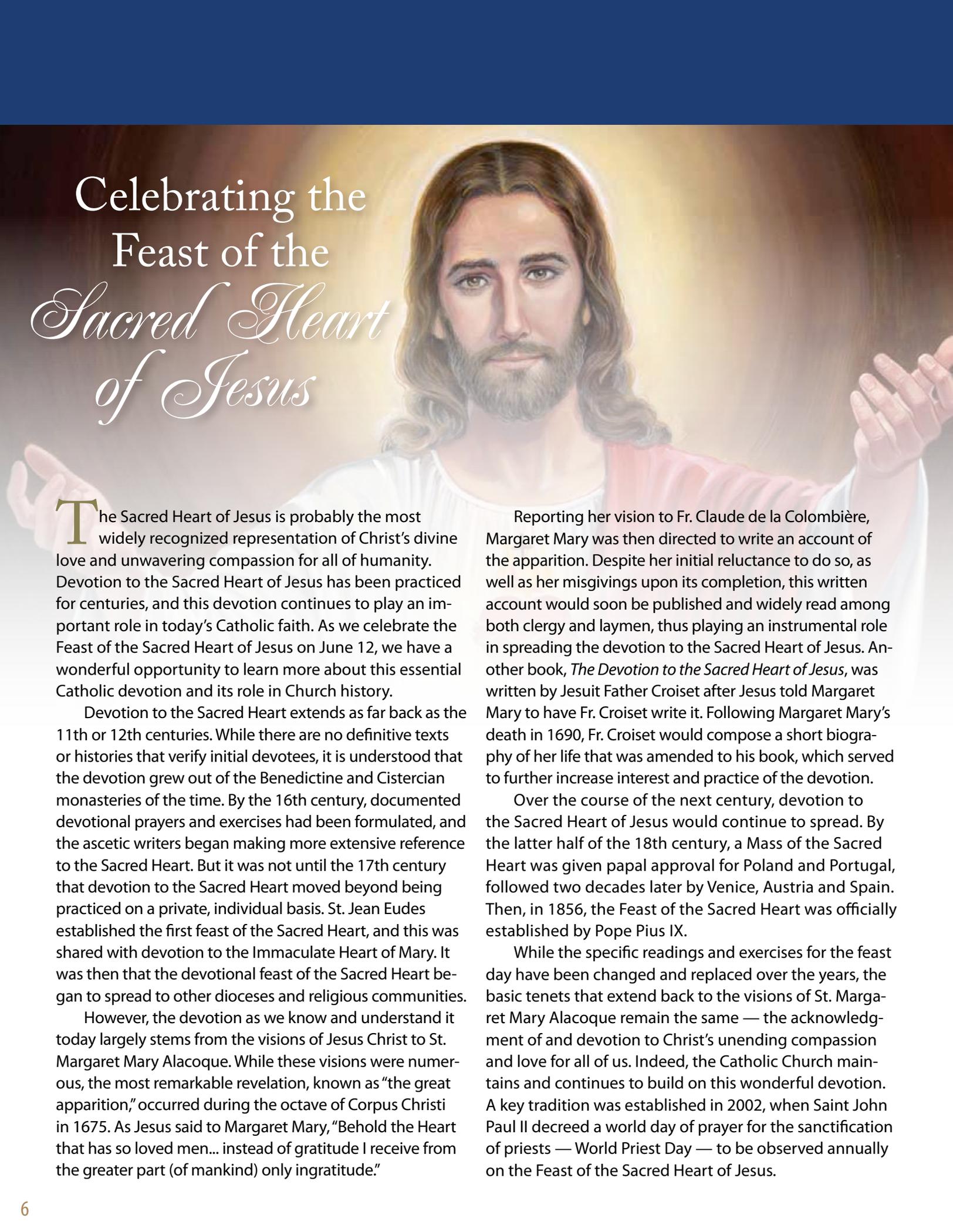
"We try to apply the messages found in the Scripture readings to different situations that occur in the lives of the children," Bernis says. "Now, when I ask my children questions about what they took away from the Scripture readings at Mass, they give me some great answers that we can then discuss even further."

In order to make CLOW a success, CLOW leaders are always in need of parishioners to offer their time and talent to the program.

"CLOW is such a wonderful ministry, but as with all Church ministries, it can only continue if there are enough volunteers," Bernis says. "The commitment is only a maximum of two hours every month, which really is not much for a program that offers so much to the children of our parish. There is no experience necessary – just a love for children and the Word of God. All of our CLOW volunteers are impressive and wonderful!"

For more information on the Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry, or to offer your time and talent as a volunteer, please contact Martha Robert, DRE, at 678-252-5676, or via email at [mrobert@stjudeatlanta.net](mailto:mrobert@stjudeatlanta.net).





# Celebrating the Feast of the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**T**he Sacred Heart of Jesus is probably the most widely recognized representation of Christ's divine love and unwavering compassion for all of humanity. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been practiced for centuries, and this devotion continues to play an important role in today's Catholic faith. As we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 12, we have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about this essential Catholic devotion and its role in Church history.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart extends as far back as the 11th or 12th centuries. While there are no definitive texts or histories that verify initial devotees, it is understood that the devotion grew out of the Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries of the time. By the 16th century, documented devotional prayers and exercises had been formulated, and the ascetic writers began making more extensive reference to the Sacred Heart. But it was not until the 17th century that devotion to the Sacred Heart moved beyond being practiced on a private, individual basis. St. Jean Eudes established the first feast of the Sacred Heart, and this was shared with devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was then that the devotional feast of the Sacred Heart began to spread to other dioceses and religious communities.

However, the devotion as we know and understand it today largely stems from the visions of Jesus Christ to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. While these visions were numerous, the most remarkable revelation, known as "the great apparition," occurred during the octave of Corpus Christi in 1675. As Jesus said to Margaret Mary, "Behold the Heart that has so loved men... instead of gratitude I receive from the greater part (of mankind) only ingratitude."

Reporting her vision to Fr. Claude de la Colombière, Margaret Mary was then directed to write an account of the apparition. Despite her initial reluctance to do so, as well as her misgivings upon its completion, this written account would soon be published and widely read among both clergy and laymen, thus playing an instrumental role in spreading the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Another book, *The Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, was written by Jesuit Father Croiset after Jesus told Margaret Mary to have Fr. Croiset write it. Following Margaret Mary's death in 1690, Fr. Croiset would compose a short biography of her life that was amended to his book, which served to further increase interest and practice of the devotion.

Over the course of the next century, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus would continue to spread. By the latter half of the 18th century, a Mass of the Sacred Heart was given papal approval for Poland and Portugal, followed two decades later by Venice, Austria and Spain. Then, in 1856, the Feast of the Sacred Heart was officially established by Pope Pius IX.

While the specific readings and exercises for the feast day have been changed and replaced over the years, the basic tenets that extend back to the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque remain the same — the acknowledgment of and devotion to Christ's unending compassion and love for all of us. Indeed, the Catholic Church maintains and continues to build on this wonderful devotion. A key tradition was established in 2002, when Saint John Paul II decreed a world day of prayer for the sanctification of priests — World Priest Day — to be observed annually on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



## “Where No One Else Goes” *Christ Child Society of Atlanta*

**Y**ou don't have to leave the TV on for long before you'll see the tragic story of a child in need. Maybe it's a commercial imploring you to make a monthly donation in order to provide food for a starving child. It could be a news story about children fleeing for their lives in a war-torn part of the world. Sadly, it's often easy to miss the suffering happening right in our own backyard.

Fortunately, Christ Child Society of Atlanta is working to do something about it. Since its charter in 2004, Christ Child Society of Atlanta has been seeking to fulfill the mission of its founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, to “challenge poverty, one child at a time.” Miss Mary, as she was affectionately known, founded the organization in 1887, in Washington D.C. with the motto, “Nothing is ever too much to do for a child.” The organization has grown to include 43 chapters throughout the United States. In 2003, Mary Virginia Merrick was named a “Servant of God,” the first step in the process of canonization, or becoming a Catholic saint.

“Our mission is to go where no one else goes,” says Patty Decraene, who's been involved with Christ Child Society for over 10 years, and most recently, served as the organization's President.

Christ Child Society of Atlanta serves the children of our community in many different capacities. From assembling and distributing baby care items to local pregnancy centers and rocking babies in the NICU at Grady Hospital, Christ Child Society's work begins with caring for the smallest of God's children.

“That's what brings me to Christ Child Society, that's why I've been so involved –because I love babies, I love kids,” Patty says. “When we started, our founders went out to find where no one else goes. We started at Grady, rocking babies.”

But the work doesn't stop there. In 2010, Christ Child Society built an outdoor classroom garden for the children at the Elaine Clarke Center, a school that serves children and youth from six weeks old through 22 years old with various special needs, in Chamblee, Ga.

“We have an outdoor classroom garden, called Elizabeth's Garden, named after one of our past presidents, who died,” Patty says. “We built the garden and we harvest the fruits and vegetables. The kids harvest the food.”



*Christ Child Society members have built and planted several wheelchair-accessible planters for the children at the Elaine Clarke Center.*

In the coming year, the Elizabeth Garden at the Elaine Clarke Center will grow to include additional gardens, tailored to the needs of various age groups, in several playgrounds. The Elizabeth Garden is also expanding to include a garden for the students at St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School.

The efforts of Christ Child society are always increasing, as members seek to combine their gifts and talents with the needs of the community around them.

“Mary Virginia Merrick didn't want to put boundaries on people or restrict them, because every city is different,” Patty says.

The group also aids in collecting used books to donate to hospital waiting rooms and most recently, serves as volunteers with a reading program at St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School, which Patty says is her “new favorite.”

“We assist in a reading program, and I love that,” she says. “We come in once a month and kids come through, and we spend 20-30 minutes with each child, going through reading and classwork. I love making the reading come alive for the kids – and their little faces, how interested they are and how they just light up with the work they're doing.”

Christ Child Society also recently began a new outreach, serving lunch at the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Atlanta.

What would those who serve with Christ Child Society most want the children they serve to know?

“We love them,” Patty says. “We don't know much about the babies and we don't care. We know that what we're doing for them is showing them love, at a time when they're most

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## Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil

5:30 p.m.

### Sunday

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:00 p.m. (*en Español*),  
5:00 p.m. (LIFE TEEN),  
7:00 p.m. (*em Portugues*)

### Weekdays

7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.;  
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

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vulnerable. Those little ones we're reading to? To tell them that they're awesome, they're doing so well. They may not hear that."

In a world where the number of suffering children can easily be overwhelming, the members of Christ Child Society are choosing to make a difference, generously loving each child with whom they come in contact, often in uncomfortable places, where most wouldn't choose to go.

"I don't know anything except that, when I'm with them, I'm loving them and letting them know they are valuable," Patty says.

The experience of working with Christ Child Society has made an impact, not only on the children who the outreach serves, but also on its members.

"(I've grown) in my thanksgiving to God, I'm just so grateful for my beautiful healthy children and all that I have, all that I've been blessed with," Patty says. "He's blessed me with it all."

Patty encourages others to share their gifts in this wonderful way.

"There are so many things you can do within [Christ Child Society]," she says. "People within the membership all

have different gifts. If you want hands-on, there's hands-on. If you want behind-the-scenes, there's behind-the-scenes. If we have more members, we can serve more children. We can do more good. We can do more work."

To learn more about Christ Child Society of Atlanta, if you would like to make a donation, or if you would like to become involved, please visit [www.christchildatlanta.org](http://www.christchildatlanta.org).



*The members of Christ Child Society will assemble 288 layettes to donate to pregnancy centers in Atlanta in the coming year.*