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President's Column

"Remain in my love that you may bear much fruit and your joy may be complete."
John 15

Dear Friends in Christ,

Amid the great temporal and spiritual challenges of our age, it can be difficult not to succumb to discouragement or even despair. But our Lord tells us to take heart and to be of good cheer for while we will have trouble in the world, He has overcome the world (John 16). We are assured that if we abide in His Love, we will bear good fruit with joy.

Throughout the month of June, we have celebrated the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, His Eucharistic Heart truly present and living with us in the Blessed Sacrament as the "source and summit of the Christian life." It is through our devotion to the Sacred Heart and communion with His Heart in the Eucharist that we abide in His Love, receiving all that is necessary to persevere in our apostolic endeavors and to do so with great joy and gratitude.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus dates to 1673 with the visions of St Margaret Mary Alacoque, in which our Lord asked her to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart and to establish the feast on the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, thus establishing the connection between the Sacred Heart and His Real Presence in the Eucharist.

However, its spiritual significance originates on Golgotha, for it is also a memorial celebration of the infinite Love and Mercy poured forth upon the world from the pierced Heart of Jesus on the Cross. From His pierced Heart the Church was born and the grace of the sacraments flow, uniting our hearts and lives with His.

Pope Francis, in anticipation of the release of his letter on the Sacred Heart, has asked that we open ourselves to the love, goodness and mercy flowing from the Heart of Jesus. He said, "I am happy to prepare a reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, full of spiritual beauty, for a world that seems to have lost its heart."

Separated from the love of Jesus' Sacred Heart, the world becomes a dark, cold and dangerous place where the scourge of death prevails. Tragically, we see this increasingly manifested in health care through abortion and euthanasia.

Revitalizing the compassionate love of the Heart of Jesus in health care is at the core of the CHCLA mission. Recognizing the importance of this devotion and our reliance on the grace of God, we have consecrated ourselves and our work to the Sacred Heart.

It is through devotion to the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, abiding in His Love, that together we will receive the light and strength to continue bearing good fruit with immense joy restoring a culture of life in health care ministry.

God Bless,
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