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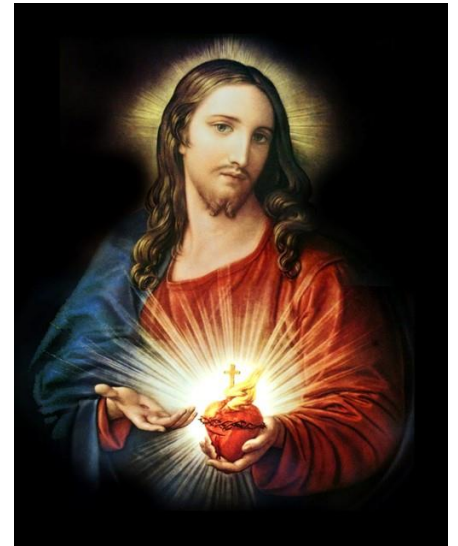
## THE MONTH OF JUNE

The month of June, in the Catholic Church, is known as the Month of the Sacred Heart, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion popularized by the private revelations of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. In this devotion we are called to conversion and reparation for the wounds caused by sins committed against His Most Sacred Heart – wounds borne by indifference towards God’s infinite, unfathomable love for all mankind.

At the same time (the month of June), others have mocked the purity of heart for which we are made. In an ostentatious defiance of natural law, June has become known as “Pride Month” in the secular world. Pride itself is defined as excessive self-esteem, and depending on its gravity, rejects to some degree the grace of God in all things. It is considered the worst of the seven deadly or capital sins (also referred to as cardinal vices) because more than the other six, pride can corrupt the virtues with which it may co-exist. And so, ironically, the title of this secular celebration tells it all.

On the other hand, the cardinal virtue of courage (or fortitude) is aptly deployed in the title of a most honorable organization, **Courage International**, which offers a solid counterpoint to the theme of “Pride.” It is an approved apostolate of the Roman Catholic Church “for men and women who experience same-sex attractions and those who love them.”

In a time of so much confusion regarding moral Truth and distortion of scientific facts (which generates discord in families and legislative mayhem regarding so-called “Equality”), an organization like Courage brings a much needed, uncompromised, and morally sound approach to living in a way ordered towards God’s Plan and our final destiny to spend Eternity with Him. Courage, along with EnCourage (for family members of those living an LGBTQ+ lifestyle), supports members in prayer, fellowship and pastoral needs with a profound charity that will not compromise moral Truth or the Church’s enduring love for all God’s children.



The Courage and EnCourage Annual Conference will be held this year both in-person and virtually, July 15-18. The theme is “St. Joseph, Model of Courageous Love.” Registration details can be found here: [Conf2021brochure.pdf \(couragerc.org\)](#)

You can find more information at [Courage \(couragerc.org\)](#)

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