

12 PROMISES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS TO ST. MARGARET MARY

Our Lord Jesus Christ made these twelve promises to those who honor His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, whom he called "the Beloved Disciple of the Sacred Heart" and the Heiress "of all Its treasures", in the 1670's. They show us how much he cherishes this devotion.

Considering that the blood that redeemed us at Calvary came from His Sacred Heart and that so much love and light still exude from it, we can easily understand why! These promises were revealed in one of many private revelations that Jesus gave St. Margaret Mary. Our Lord promised the following:

- 1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.**
- 2. I will establish peace in their families.**
- 3. I will comfort them in their trials.**
- 4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.**
- 5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings**
- 6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.**
- 7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.**
- 8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.**
- 9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.**
- 10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.**
- 11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.**
- 12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.**

Keep in mind in the 12th Promise that our Lord asks us to receive Him in Holy Communion in a state of grace on the First Friday of each of nine *consecutive* months, a First Friday devotion.

If you have any serious sins on your soul, it's important to have them absolved in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) first. (If for some reason you miss a month, the following month becomes your first again, but considering the graces Jesus offers us here, it's more than worth following this schedule!)

As with all of God's graces, these promises are contingent on our obeying His Will for us through prayer, the sacraments, reading and studying about our faith, and listening to His Holy Spirit. This is not as difficult as it may sound, however. What it involves, after all, is trying our best to live a good life pleasing to God, in obedience to Him, and sharing His love with others!

The ninth promise, incidentally can help with the seventh and eighth. Just as looking at a crucifix can remind you of the immense depth of God's love for us, so can looking at an image of our Lord and His Sacred Heart such as the one above further personalize that love for *each of us*, and for *you* in particular.

Seeing His Sacred Heart ablaze with love and light can be a source of great consolation after a hard day or during a trying time in this often loveless world! And remember, His love is not just for us sinners or for fallen humanity in the abstract, but for *you as well!*

These promises, like this devotion, remind us that God's love for us is such that he doesn't want to lose *any* of us to Satan and Perdition. The Good Shepherd will search after His lost sheep, but, we must *want* to be found.

As St. Augustine, the 5th Century bishop of Hippo, one of our greatest theologians and a Doctor of the Church once said about God "He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent."

Pope has history of defending marriage

By: Cindy Wooden, October 21, 2020

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis often has expressed openness to the idea of laws recognizing civil unions, including for gay couples, to protect their rights.

The pope's comments in a brief passage in the documentary film, "Francesco," are similar to the position he took while archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and echo remarks he has made in several interviews during his pontificate: "Marriage" is only between a man and a woman, but civil union laws could provide legal protection for couples in long-term, committed relationships.

Speaking in Spanish in the film, Pope Francis says, "Homosexual people have a right to be in a family. They are children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable over it. What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered." The film premiered in Rome Oct. 21.

Pope Francis repeatedly has said publicly that parents should not and must not disown a child who is gay, and, on several occasions, he has spoken about the rights all people have to have a family.

In a 2019 interview on Mexican television, he was asked about his opposition to gay marriage in Argentina and his openness to LGBT people as pope. "I have always defended doctrine," he said. "It is a contradiction to speak of homosexual marriage."

But he also told the interviewer, "Homosexual persons have a right to be in the family; persons with a homosexual orientation have a right to be in the family and parents have the right to recognize a son or daughter as homosexual; you cannot throw anyone out of the family, nor make life impossible for them."

In "A Future of Faith: The Path of Change in Politics and Society," a book-length series of conversations with the French sociologist Dominique Wolton, the two spoke about gay marriage and civil unions in the context of a discussion about tradition, modernity and truth.

"'Marriage' is a historical word," the pope said, in the book published in French in 2017. "Forever, throughout humanity and not only in the church, it's been between a man and a woman. You can't change it just like that. It's the nature of things. That's how they are. So, let's call them 'civil unions.'"

In a 2014 interview published in the Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, Pope Francis was asked about moves across Europe to legalize gay marriage or adopt civil union laws.

"Marriage is between a man and a woman," he said. "Secular states want to validate civil unions to regulate different situations of cohabitation, driven by the need to regulate economic aspects between people, such as ensuring health care. These are cohabitation pacts of various kinds, of which I could not list the different forms."

"It is necessary to see the different cases and evaluate them in their variety," he said, implying that some forms of civil unions would be acceptable.

According to "The Great Reformer," a biography of Pope Francis by Austen Ivereigh, then-Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio went head-to-head with the government in 2010 when it began a drive to legalize gay marriage.

"He told a Catholic gay activist, a former theology professor named Marcelo Marquez, that he favored gay rights as well as legal recognition for civil unions," Ivereigh wrote. "But he was utterly opposed to any attempt to redefine marriage in law."

The future pope, the book continued, "had not raised strong objections to a 2002 civil unions law that applied only to Buenos Aires and that granted rights to any two people cohabitating for more than two years, independent of their gender or sexual orientation. He regarded it as a purely civic, legal arrangement that left marriage unaffected."

In 2003, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had issued a document urging Catholics to oppose giving "legal recognition to unions between homosexual persons," particularly when such recognition would equate the unions with marriage and would allow the couple to adopt children.

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St. Michael's Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time Ends 8-8:15 AM Confessions 8:30 AM Mass 2:00 PM AFC First Reconciliation parent meeting-SM 6:30 PM Youth Group-SM 7:00 PM Adoremus-SM	2 All Souls Day 5:30 PM Mass	3 Election Day 8:30 AM Mass	4 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop 8:30 AM Mass 6:15-7:30 PM CCD	5 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Holy Hour & Confessions	6 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Holy Hour & Confessions	7 8:30 AM Mass
8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8-8:15 AM Confessions 8:30 AM Memorial Mass 3-4 PM Holy Hour 6:30 PM Youth Group-SM	9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10 St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor 8:30 AM Mass	11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Veteran's Day 8:30 AM Mass 6:15-7:30 PM CCD 6:30 PM CCW mtg	12 St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Holy Hour & Confessions	13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin 8:30 AM Mass	14 8:30 AM Mass <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Fr. Sam cover Arlington</div>
15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8-8:15 AM Confessions 8:30 AM Mass 3-4 PM Holy Hour 6:30 PM Youth Group-SM <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Fr. Sam cover Arlington</div>	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%; text-align: center;">Fr. Zach away</div>	17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 8:30 AM Mass	18 8:30 AM Mass 6:15-7:30 PM CCD	19 8:30 AM Mass 9-10 AM Holy Hour & Confessions	20 8:30 AM Mass	21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30 AM Mass
22 Jesus Christ the King 8-8:15 AM Confessions 8:30 AM Mass 2:00 PM AFC Confirmation mtg-SM 3-4 PM Holy Hour 6:30 PM Youth Group-SM	23	24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & his Companions, Martyrs 8:30 AM Mass	25 8:30 AM Mass NO CCD Classes	26 Thanksgiving Day 8:30 AM Mass	27 Parish Office Closed 8:30 AM Mass	28 8:30 AM Mass
29 1st Sunday of Advent 8-8:15 AM Confessions 8:30 AM Mass 3-4 PM Holy Hour 6:30 PM Youth Group-SM	30 St. Andrew, Apostle			 <p style="font-family: serif; font-size: 1.2em;">Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Psalms 107:1</p>		