

CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Saturday, November 5, 2016
St. Augustine Cathedral, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

This is the third of four preparatory essays for the Consecration of the Diocese of Bridgeport to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

III. Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

A novena consists of nine days of prayer for a special occasion or intention. Its origin goes back to the nine days that the Blessed Virgin Mary and the disciples spent together in prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost. As we prepare for Consecration of the Diocese of Bridgeport to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on **Saturday, November 5th** at St. Augustine Cathedral, each one of us is encouraged to pray the following prayers every day for nine days, **beginning on Thursday, October 27th and concluding on Friday, November 4th.**

As you pray the novena, please include with your intentions the needs of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Novena Prayers

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of ... (*here name your request*). Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be, and then say, "**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.**"

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of ... (*here name your request*). Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be, and then say, "**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.**"

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of ... (*here name your request*). Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be, and then say, "**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.**"

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours."

"Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary."

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

"St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us."