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### *Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

Jesus says: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” (Mathew,11:28-30). After having a long unexpected lockdowns due to the pandemic, I invite you to feel the presence of The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

God was an abstract being beyond our perception until the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. God became flesh and one among us; he became part of all of us with his Sacred Heart. As we all knew, the reason for Sacred is due to his Divinity and Humanity. Before manifesting his glory, Jesus was always compassionate; for example: “at the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd” (Mathew 9:36). Moreover, the apostle John experienced deeply the love of Jesus and his heart which allowed him to witness the paschal mystery with his special presence to the crucifixion and resurrection.

However, the devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus was not popular until the church recognized the revelations of Jesus' heart to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, who expressed the infinite love of Jesus to the whole humanity. In 1856, Pope Pius IX officially introduced the feast of the Sacred Heart in the universal church. From then, Church promotes in several ways the mercy of God welcomes everyone to feel more and more the love, compassion, mercy and grace of God.

This Sacred Heart of Jesus is practically in all the houses of the Catholics which reminds to lead a life of love imitating the Divine and Human Heart of Jesus within the family and in the milieu of our life; furthermore, he invites us: to keep his commandments, to remain in his love, just as he has kept God's commandments and remained in his Father's love.



During these days of lockdown, we are called to express our love to all who are in need by losing their hope, with troubled hearted and in mental stresses not in an ordinary way but in an extraordinary manner. We see that the secularism has really influenced too much different traditions, cultures, religious beliefs and values of love. Many are confused today without understanding the precepts of God. We are called to promote the divine and infinite love of God and his commandments by living an exemplary life.

Let us make use of our own environmental situations and promote sacred love of God by using all the minimum opportunities that we get wherever we live. May God's love, mercy and grace be with all of us!

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## Project: Haiti

### REQUEST FOR HELP TO REPAIR THE FORMATION HOUSE.

Since 2018, insecurity has not stopped galloping in Haiti and particularly in Port-au-Prince. There are really few institutions that have not been affected. On the night of April 13 to 14, 2019, armed bandits invaded the house at Bolosse and inhabited it for almost two months. Unfortunately, the competent authorities did not intervene to evict them or force them to leave. When they, themselves, decided to leave, they left the house in complete disarray and with huge damages that can be partially described as follows:

1. The total sabotage of the electrical and solar systems.
2. The disruption of the hydraulic system.
3. Theft of doors, windows, beds, mattresses, etc.
4. Vandalism in the kitchen and dining area.

Given the extent of the damage to the house, it will be very costly to repair. According to an estimate, a minimum of US\$10,000 is needed.

The Haiti district administration is appealing for donations from all those who wish to contribute to the repair of the house, the only place of reference and meeting point for the Voluntas Dei in Haiti. We welcome all your help. We thank you in advance for your generous donations.

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