



Why MUST we practice the Five First Saturdays Devotion?

BECAUSE GOD SAID WE SHOULD.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to 3 children in Fatima, Portugal on six different occasions from May to October, 1917. On July 13, the third apparition, Our Lady revealed herself as the Immaculate Heart and showed the children a terrifying vision of Hell and said: “You have seen Hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, **GOD** wishes to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace...”

WHAT IS THE DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY?

The devotion involves the following practices on five consecutive First Saturdays with the specific intention of making reparation for the offenses against the Blessed Virgin.

1. Go to Confession. (within 8 days before or after the First Saturday)
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Recite five decades of the Rosary
4. Meditate for 15 minutes on one or more of the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. (Separate from the recitation of the Rosary itself)
5. Do all this with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

WHAT ARE THE OFFENSES AGAINST THE BLESSED VIRGIN?

1. Attacks upon the reality of Mary's Immaculate Conception.
2. Attacks against Mary's Perpetual Virginity.
3. Attacks upon Mary's Divine Maternity and the refusal to accept her as the Mother of all mankind.
4. For those who try to publicly implant in children's hearts indifference, contempt and hatred for Immaculate Mary.
5. For those who insult Mary directly in her sacred images.

HOW DO WE KNOW GOD WANTS THIS DEVOTION?

Lucia Dos Santos, one of the 3 Fatima visionaries, was visited by the Blessed Mother and baby Jesus in 1925. Jesus said to Lucia: **"Have compassion on the Heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and THERE IS NO ONE TO MAKE AN ACT OF REPARATION TO REMOVE THEM"**

In 1926, Jesus appeared to Lucia and asked, **"What is being done to promote the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the world?"**

In 1929 Lucia had another heavenly visitation when she resided in a convent in Spain. Jesus again spoke to her and said: **"I want my entire Church to know that it is through the Immaculate Heart of My Mother that this favor (peace) is obtained, so that devotion to her Immaculate Heart may be placed ALONGSIDE DEVOTION TO MY SACRED HEART"**.

Jacinta Marto, another of the Fatima seers who was beatified in 2000 said the following in 1920 before she died at the age of 9: **"Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her"**.

WHAT HAS THE CHURCH SAID ABOUT DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY?

In 1830, the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure at Rue du Bac, Paris. She commanded that a "Miraculous Medal" be engraved with her image crushing the serpent's head on the front, and the two hearts on the back. According to Saint Catherine an inner voice said, "These Two Hearts are formed together".

The late Pope John Paul II believed, "By dedicating ourselves to the Heart of Mary, we discover a **SURE WAY TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS"**.

Saint John Eudes called by the Church the "Apostle" of devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary heard Jesus say to him: "I have given you this admirable heart of My dearest Mother, which is but One with Mine...."

WHAT ARE GOD'S PROMISES FOR PRACTICING AND PROMOTING THIS DEVOTION

1. The Virgin Mary's assistance at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation for those who practice the devotion.
2. The salvation of souls and peace as a result of promoting the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

WHAT MORE IS THERE TO SAY? THE WORLD AND SOULS DESPERATELY NEED THIS DEVOTION. DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER

