

## PRIOR TO THE CONSECRATION DAY

- ✖ Keep people aware of it
  - Use the suggested intercessions or ones addressing our preparation for the consecration in the Masses the weeks leading up to September 12
  - Preach about it
- ✖ Encourage people to personally prepare for the consecration in whatever manner they can
  - While the 33 day prep is the traditional way, there are other options available
- ✖ Encourage parish prayer groups (rosary groups, bible studies, faith sharing, adoration) to make the consecration the intention of their prayer during the period of preparation
- ✖ Highlight your church's image of the BVM with additional flowers, candles, environment
- ✖ Take advantage of some of the upcoming Marian feast days
  - August 15 – Assumption of the BVM
  - August 22 – Queenship of the BVM
  - September 5 – First Saturday devotion; celebrate the Mass “Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary”
  - September 8 – Nativity of the BVM



Leopold Kupelwieser, *Heart of Mary* (19th century)

## FOR THE DIOCESAN CONSECRATION

- ✖ The diocesan celebration of the consecration will occur at Saint Benedict Cathedral on Saturday, September 12, 9 am. After the Mass the bishop will consecrate the diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Priests are invited to concelebrate, and deacons may vest.

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## **FOR THE PARISH CONSECRATION**

- ✖ You may wish to celebrate the parish consecration after your own parish Mass that Saturday morning for the Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary
- ✖ If there is not Mass, the consecration could also be celebrated as a stand-alone service
- ✖ You may celebrate the parish consecration after your parish Masses for Sunday (including the Saturday anticipatory Mass)
  - You could either celebrate the consecration after the main Mass of the weekend, or if it would be helpful you may celebrate it after every Mass
- ✖ Mass options for Sunday, September 13
  - The bishop has granted permission for priests to celebrate the votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary in place of the Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
    - ◊ *Roman Missal*, Proper of Saints, Saturday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (located after May 31)
    - ◊ *Lectionary for Mass*, no. 573; select Second Reading from the Common of the BVM
    - ◊ You may also retain the Sunday readings/prayers
    - ◊ The *Gloria* and Creed would still be used with the votive Mass

## **TIMING AND LOCATION OF THE CONSECRATION**

- ✖ If there is a representation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in or near the sanctuary, the consecration should be made facing it
- ✖ If there is not an image of the BVM in a convenient place, you may wish to set one up in an appropriate place in or near the sanctuary
  - This image should not be placed on the mensa or directly in front of the altar
- ✖ After the Blessing and Dismissal of Mass (if Mass is celebrated), the celebrant should move to the image of the BVM (or at least turn to face it)
- ✖ You may wish to sing the Litany of Loreto or another appropriate Marian hymn as a transition or opening to the celebration
- ✖ You may want to incense the image of the BVM prior to the consecration prayer
- ✖ The celebrant then prays the consecration prayer for the parish
- ✖ You may wish to conclude the consecration with an appropriate Marian hymn