



The
Immaculate
Heart of
Mary

17-18 JUNE 2023

**PATRON SAINT
OF THE DIOCESE**



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PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

Mother of the Redeemer, in this diocese
dedicated to your Immaculate Heart,
with great joy we call you blessed.

In order to carry out his providential plan of
salvation, God the Father chose you before the
creation of the world. You believed in his love
and obeyed his word.

The Son of God desired you for his mother
when he became man to save the human race.

You received him with ready obedience and
undivided heart. The Holy Spirit loved you
as his mystical spouse and he filled you with
singular gifts.

You allowed yourself to be led by his
hidden and powerful action.

On this feast we entrust to you the diocese
which acknowledges you and invokes you
under the title of your Immaculate Heart.

On earth you preceded the Church in the
pilgrimage of faith: guide us as we walk
in your footsteps, comfort us in our
difficulties and trials, help us to reach God.

To you, Mother of the Church,
we confidently entrust our bishop, our priests
and religious, our families, and ourselves.

Give us the light of true wisdom,
a wisdom to be found only in your Son
as you told us at Cana:

“Do whatever he tells us.” Enable us all to meet
him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Sustain us, O Virgin Mary,
on our journey of faith, and obtain for us
the grace of eternal salvation.

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Mother of God
and our mother, Mary!

To be followed by three Hail Marys and the invocation:

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
pray for us.