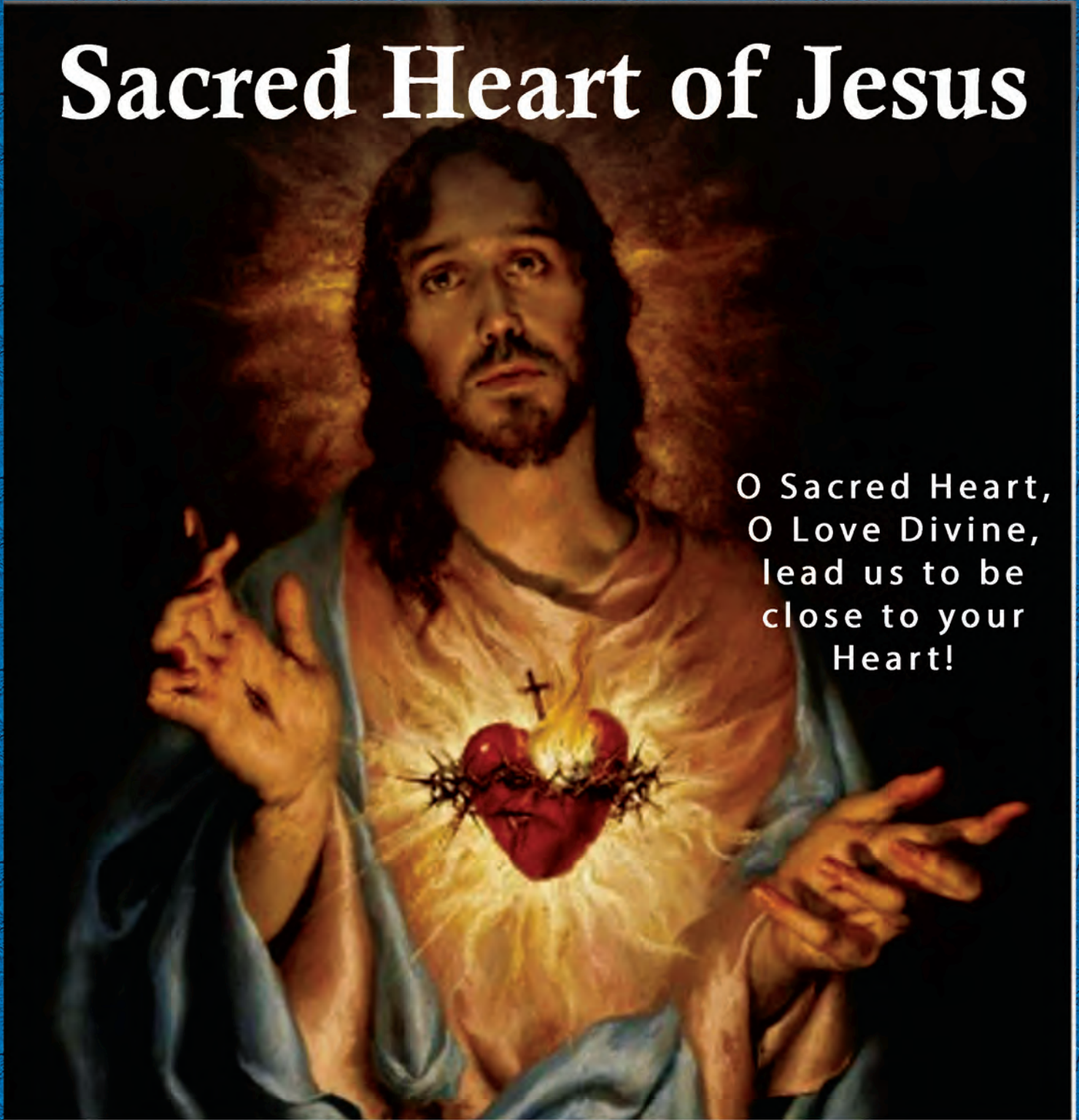


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## The Sacred Heart of Jesus

If we know the Son, we will know the Father. If Jesus has a sacred heart, the Father also has a sacred heart, and we too are called to have a sacred heart.

The Father so loved his Son, he created the world for his Son, and he made us to worship and love his Son. He loves us just as much as his Son. Made in his image and likeness, we are the pinnacle of his creation. The Father would have said: I will give you the stars and the moon, so that you can see. And here comes the sun!

Out of his great love for us, he created us and gave us not only lands, but oceans and waters, rivers, lakes and streams, the fish of the sea in all their variety, that never tire us but delight us, bringing us joy. The birds of the air in full array enchant us, and the animals to eat - all out of love for us! And what about the beautiful trees, fruits and vegetables: foods in all their multiplicity that gratify us! God created all in marvellous excess.

The Father made us so diverse - races, tribes, peoples and nations



- never to be bored with each other, with our infinite range of characters, personalities, temperaments, gifts, ages, shapes and sizes: his creative genius!

Alas! Adam and Eve coveted God's omnipotence and omniscience. Lucifer envied God's luminescence. Cain slew Abel - hatred is born of jealousy and ambition, leading to violence and war. James and John desired to sit at the right and the left, ostensibly to be closer to the Son more than the rest: pride and

competition. Though God created the world for fellowship, sin intruded and Satan captured man's heart: condemnation is his due.

Jesus comes to the rescue, giving man a second chance, teaching him how to love. True love is about sharing, pouring oneself out, defeating pride and selfishness.

Will I prove to be a child after the heart of Jesus? Will I be loyal and faithful? How much have I loved? Pride, envy, and

ambition have destroyed the world. But Jesus loved to the end. Like James and John, can I drink of the cup? Can I love unto death? Do I know that love is the only privilege, the only entitlement?

O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine, lead us to be close to your Heart!

Fr Hayden Augustine, MOP  
Our Lady of Visitation Monastery  
Nairobi, Kenya



My name is Teresa Ebbs and I am the new executive director of MOP USA - the 501-3c nonprofit organization created to financially support Missionaries of the Poor (MOP). My family has been involved with MOP since the early 1990s, when Father Ho Lung first visited our parish Immaculate Heart of Mary in Atlanta, Georgia and shared his experiences working with the poorest of the poor in Kingston. My father immediately became involved with MOP, going on several mission trips and eventually joining the board of directors for MOP USA. My mother was also involved and helped coordinate food for the concerts and hosted Brothers and concert performers at our home. Their dedication to MOP and volunteerism in general set the stage for my siblings and I to get involved in our community.

After graduating from the local Catholic high school in Atlanta, I attended the Georgia Institute of Technology where I received a degree in Industrial Engineering and met my husband, Arthur. I worked for Milliken and Company, The Home Depot, and my family's CPA firm before taking time off to raise my four children. During my time at home with my children, I became involved at their schools as the PTA and Foundation presidents, chaired fundraisers, led music at Vacation Bible School, organized rosary groups and countless other volunteer activities. I also volunteered in the greater Atlanta community with my involvement serving on the board of the Junior



League of Atlanta as the VP of Internal Operations. I enjoyed all of my time watching my children growing from chubby cheeked toddlers to the active kind teenagers that they are today. Little did I know that God had even more planned for me and all of this varied volunteer experience would lead me to this role of helping support this amazing organization of religious Brothers.

For almost two years, long time MOP supporter, Jane Rodgers, has brought me up to speed on all of MOP USA's activities. We have been transitioning and streamlining our financial processes to better serve the Brothers and our generous supporters. While it may seem like a small thing, one of the first big projects has been changing our PO Box. The post office in Atlanta that we have used for over twenty years is closing at the end of this year.

We have opened a new PO Box and we are actively communicating this change of address.

In February of this year, I had the pleasure of my very first visit to Kingston, Jamaica. I had heard stories from my father and brothers about their experiences and had met many MOP Brothers throughout the years, but nothing would prepare me for the pure simple joy of being around these faith-filled individuals. Their dedication to God through prayer and service is almost unbelievable in this day and age. The time that they take all throughout the day to pause their work and circle back to God in prayer is something that I strive to emulate. Another thing that I took away from my visit was the importance of service in our lives in order to truly live out God's plan for us. We don't have to travel far to find people in need all around us.

During my short time working directly with MOP I am especially in awe of all of the volunteers and MOP supporters I have met and spoken with who are so generous with both their time and treasure. I will continue to pray for all of you and ask that you pray for me and my family too!

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of MOP Brothers and MOP Sisters**



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