The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was introduced into the Church in the eighteenth century chiefly by the Blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque of the Visitation order in France. In a vision she saw the Heart of Jesus surrounded with flames, encercled by a crown of thorns, and pierced with a gaping wound. Pointing to his Heart our hord commanded her to introduce and spread among men the devotion to his Sacred Heart that the treasures of heaven might be showered upon the world. She obeyed with all the enthusiasm of her soul and before her death had the happiness of seeing this devotion introduced into every diocese of France. It is now the most cherished devotion throughout the Church

Let us practice this most consoling devotion. Let the recollection of the many
spiritual advantages to be derived from this
devotion induce us to pray fervently and humbly. Remember that Jesus Himself declared that
it was a last effort of his love for man that
induced Him to discover to them the treasures
of His most Sacred Heart. Let us respond to
the call of this adorable Heart. If the recollection of your unworthiness discourage you,
call to mind the words of your Saviour. Come
to Me all ye that labour and are heavily burdened, and
I will refresh you. Remember that the Sacred
Heart which is compassion itself is ever open
to receive and shelter the repentant sinner.
In temptation and sorrow fly with confidence
to this furnace of love, for there and there
alone, you will find joy and consolation.
Jesus will ever be your faithful friend and
his Heart your secure asylum. The only return
He requires from us is, that we should give
Him our nearts in exchange. "O Hear of Jesus
grand that I may leve There daily more and more."