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"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:5

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## Dear friend,

As we approach the blessed season of Christmas, our hearts are drawn once again to the humble manger in Bethlehem, where Love incarnate entered our world. In this sacred time of reflection and renewal, we give thanks for the many ways God's grace continues to shine through our ministries—and through your generous support.

The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary has been serving faithfully for 225 years, bringing compassion, healing, and hope to communities across the United States and around the world. From parish missions and pastoral care to education, spiritual direction, and outreach to the poor, our brothers and sisters strive daily to embody the love of the Sacred Hearts.

This sacred season reminds us of the simplicity and wonder of the Nativity—that God chose to come to us in the stillness of a manger, in poverty and humility. In that same spirit, we come to you now with open hearts, asking for your support.

This Christmas, we invite you to join us in continuing this vital work. Your generous gift will help us:

- \* Provide for the basic needs of our community, including food, shelter, and medical care.
- \* Support our retired and elderly religious who have given their lives in service.
- \* Sustain our formation programs for new vocations.
- \* Provide pastoral care and spiritual nourishment in underserved communities.





Wishing you a Merry Christmas And

A Blessed and Happy New Year

The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts 
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Our Mission: To contemplate, live and proclaim God's love in the world.

Please consider making a special Christmas donation to the US Province of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts. Your kindness ensures that our mission endures and that the love of Jesus and Mary continues to touch hearts in every season.

No gift is too small. Every offering is a sign of hope and a tangible expression of your faith. Most importantly, we ask for your prayers—that we may remain faithful to our calling and continue to serve with joy and love.

May the peace of Christ fill your home this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Rev. Edward Popish, ss.cc. Development Director



**Fiji Mission Project** - What used to be a small house with a single bedroom is now a big house with five bedrooms. The brothers in Fiji assisting a poor family in Fiji with housing.

# Fr. Andrew Healy, ss.cc. retires to St. Patrick Monastery in Hawaii after 48 years as a missionary in Japan and about 12-15 years in the Philippines.





After his ordination ceremony on July 12, 2025, newly ordained Fr. Juan Carlos, Martinez, ss.cc. greets priest friend Fr. Matthew.





# 2025 Novitiate







Atonio Masilekaleka (Fiji), Iowane Tuiviani (Fiji), Mark Makasini (Tonga), Mathieu Vaitulukina (Wallis and Futuna),Patelesio To'oa (Tonga)

### QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

In 2025, you may have the trustee of your traditional IRA make a nontaxable distribution directly to the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts—U.S. Province, which is a 501 (c) 3 religious charitable organization. If you are at least 70½ years old you can make a gift to the Sacred Hearts using funds transferred directly from an IRA without having to count the transfers as income for federal income tax purposes.

Gifts from your retirement account made directly to the Sacred Hearts don't add to your taxable income, and allow you to meet your required minimum withdrawal for the year. Be sure to plan your gift with your financial or tax advisor.

Please contact your IRA provider to make your gift. You may need to provide them with our Tax ID number, EIN 611656878.