## NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, ever Virgin! O Heart most pure, most noble, most perfect image of the adorable Heart of Jesus! We humbly entreat you to intercede for us and to obtain for us the favors we petition for if it be the will of God. We pray for the evangelization efforts of our Basilica; priestly and religious vocations, especially for our diocese; and a strengthening of our marriages and families. Through your Immaculate Heart we offer to your divine Son all our thoughts, words and actions of this day and all our days. We pray for Francis, our pope, for William, our bishop, for all priests, for the conversion of all sinners and an increased desire for holiness. Through your maternal Heart, we ask God's blessings upon our families, upon all who have yet to know Jesus, upon our benefactors, upon all to whom we owe gratitude, for all the living and the dead who are dear to us, and for all for whom we have been asked to pray. Amen.

