

The Heart of the Father

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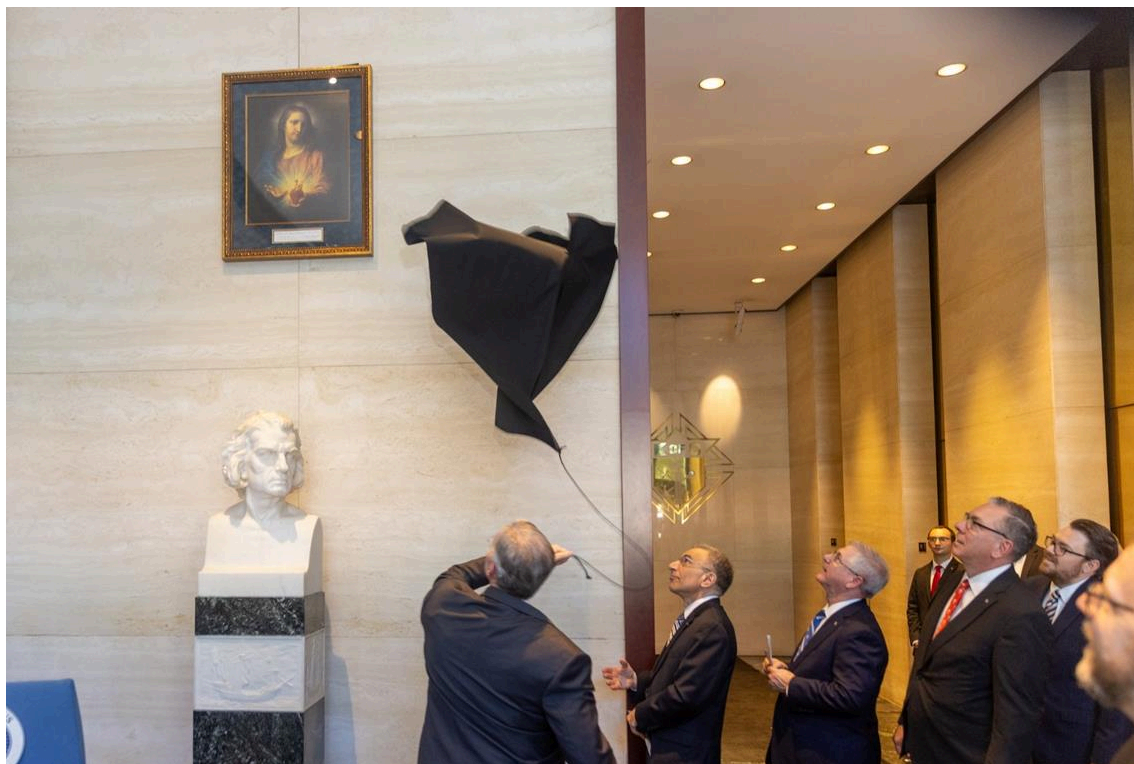
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In this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, families also celebrate Father's Day this Sunday. In his column for the June 2026 issue of Columbia, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflects on devotion to the Sacred Heart and authentic fatherhood, noting that men can find essential lessons in the Mass on what it means to have a father's heart whose source is the love of God the Father. "The Mass teaches us that Jesus entrusts us with a mission and sends us forth," he writes. "[God] is greater than the forces shaping our world, and he gives us the capacity to achieve great things if we rely on him."



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, accompanied by Supreme Officers and fraternal leaders, unveils an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus during an enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the lobby of Supreme Council headquarters in New Haven, Conn., on June 12. (Photo by Mike Ross)

‘Conform Our Hearts to His’

The Supreme Officers and fraternal leaders of the Knights of Columbus gathered in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 12 for the enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Supreme Council headquarters. The ceremony took place following the U.S. bishops’ consecration of the country to the Sacred Heart on June 11 as part of this year’s nationwide observance of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

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An 18th-century painting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Italian artist Pompeo Batoni, restored in 2025 with support from the Knights of Columbus, is enshrined in the Church of the Gesù's Chapel of the Sacred Heart in Rome. (Photo by Tamino Petelinšek)

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In his latest column for *Columbia*, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflects on how devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and frequent reception of the Eucharist are the keys to developing authentic fatherhood. “In revealing the Father’s love,” writes the supreme knight, “Christ is our best guide for what it means to be a father, and he shows us that being a good father begins with being a good son.”

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Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly speaks about faith-consistent investing at the Conference on Mensuram Bonam at the Vatican on May 20. Cardinal Peter Turkson, chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences and host of the conference, is visible in the foreground. (Photo by Antoine Mekary)

A Vision for Faithful Finance

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly delivered the keynote address at the Conference on *Mensuram Bonam* in Rome on May 20. Hosted by the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, the conference brought together representatives of bishops' conferences and religious institutions, as well as experts in faith-consistent investing, to share research and reflections in light of *Mensuram Bonam*, the academy's 2022 document on economics and finance from the perspective of the Gospel and Catholic social teaching.

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Former MLB player Mike Sweeney (second from right) stands with his sons and father, Mike Sweeney Sr.

Following the Call of Family

Mike Sweeney had the talent to pursue a professional baseball career but chose to pursue his vocation as husband and father. His first son, Mike Jr., was born prematurely and not expected to survive. But his parents turned to fervent prayer and by God's grace, Mike Jr. recovered, eventually fulfilling his father's dream by playing Major League Baseball with the Kansas City Royals. As Knights, both father and son live out the same commitment to faith, family and service.

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