



## **How can a shrine or parish become part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network?**

This Jubilee Year, which extends until the Feast of the Sacred Heart in June 2025, is a privileged time of renewal for all who wish to join the mission of compassion for the world's needs through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, whose spiritual foundation is The Way of the Heart.

Several shrines and communities consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus have already officially joined. On the occasion of the 350th anniversary of Jesus' apparitions to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, the very shrine in Paray-le-Monial where these events took place has pledged to pray for the Pope's prayer intentions every first Friday of the month. Also, they have embraced The Way of the Heart as the spiritual foundation and itinerary for their devotion to the Heart of Christ.

We believe this could be an opportunity for other groups in your country to join as well, expanding our network and fostering a renewed impetus for the mission we share.

Here, we offer some steps to guide you in this process as director or coordinator of the Prayer Network:

1. Through your country's Episcopal Conferences, **reach out** to those in charge of shrines, parishes, and groups already consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Explain to them the possibility of their adhesion in the context of the Jubilee of the Heart of Jesus. This adhesion essentially entails a formal commitment to pray for the Pope's intentions in addressing the challenges of humanity and the mission of the Church, dedicating the first Fridays of each month to this purpose. The way they may decide to do this offers several options: through in-person gatherings, through their social networks, by bringing all prayer groups together on a designated day, through a Eucharist specifically dedicated to these intentions, in Eucharistic Adoration, etc. Click To Pray resources will always be available to assist in this commitment. Besides, they would be encouraged, to the extent possible, to promote The Way of the Heart.
2. If the answer is affirmative, we suggest writing a **request for adhesion** to the Prayer Network, addressed to the national director or coordinator (in the case the shrine has an international character, they can address to the continental coordinator or to the International Office). This letter should convey the desire for adhesion and the commitment to pray for the Pope's prayer intentions every month facing the significant challenges of today's world. You can follow the pattern of the letter written by the shrine of Paray-le-Monial ([link](#)).

3. In turn, the national or continental director or coordinator writes a **letter of reception** formalizing the acceptance of the adhesion. You can follow the pattern of the letter of reception addressed to the shrine of Paray-le-Monial ([link](#)). With this letter, the adhesion is in a way sealed, and it will be reported for registration to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network international office in Rome.
  
4. The ideal scenario involves conducting an **in-person ceremony** to formally join the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network through an official liturgy, which could be a Eucharistic celebration held at the shrine or parish consecrated to the Heart of Jesus. After the homily, you can read the request for adhesion, that the national director receives and responds to by reading the letter of reception. It is important to document these ceremonies and share them through official channels to foster the sense of adhesion to the prayer network. Local, continental, and international communication teams can provide support in this regard.