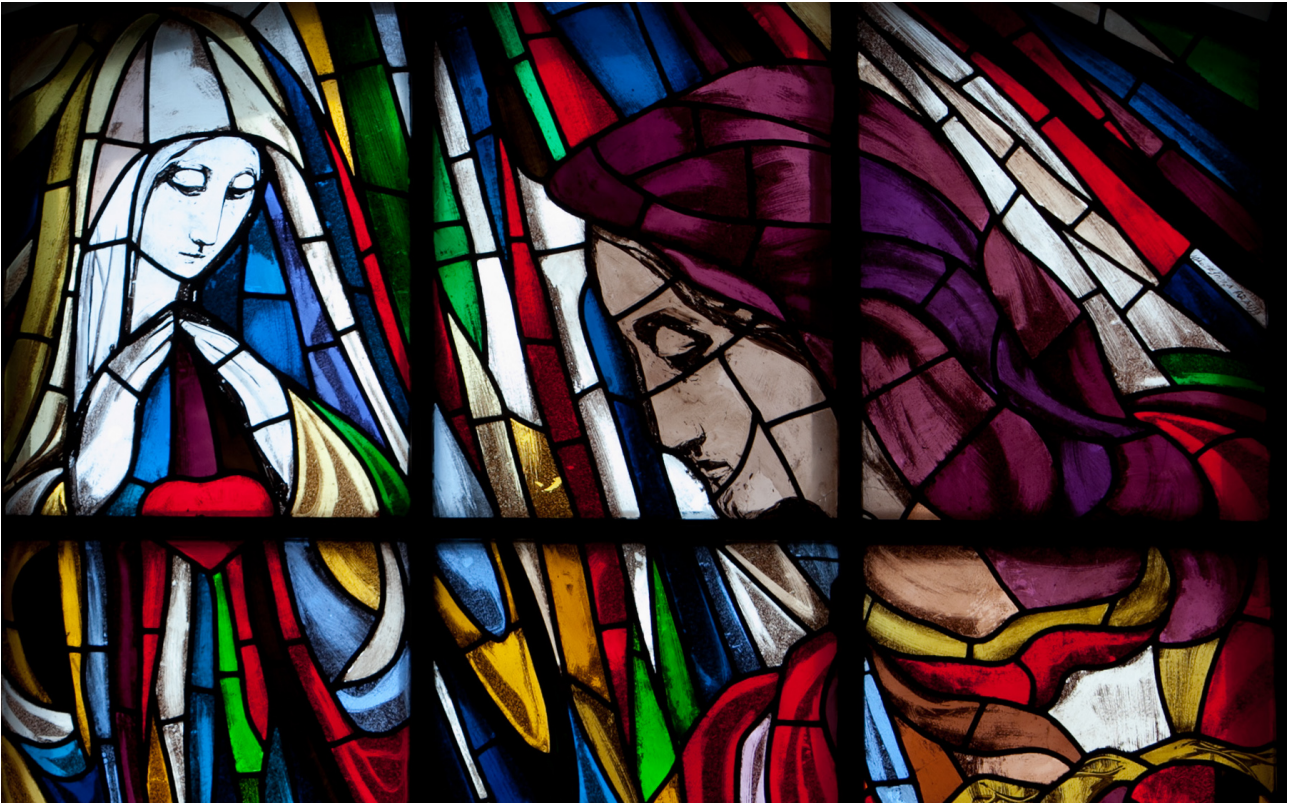




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## Immaculate Heart

In the apparition of June, the Lady presents her Immaculate Heart as a “refugee and the way that [...] will lead you to God.” Again, in July, after the vision of hell, she reaffirms it by suggesting a consecration to her immaculate heart as a way of conversion and reparation. The devotion to the Heart of Mary becomes apparent, particularly when asking for the consecration of Russia and of everything that this would symbolise, expression of the presence of God that follows the drama of human history, inviting the believers to another vision of the history, based upon an eschatological dimension. In Pontevedra and Tuy, in the visions that conclude the event of Fatima, the request for the consecration is renewed, and becomes associated to the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays.

The centrality of God is at the core of the request for the consecration to the Heart of Mary and the Communion of Reparation of the first Saturdays. As a way that leads to God, the Heart of Mary is a heart shaped by the heart of God - “And I will give you shepherds according to My heart” (Jer 3,15) - and to consecrate to him is to welcome the willingness to open ourselves to the conversion to the divine mercy. The Immaculate Heart is the planning icon of mercy that God has for his people.

Therefore, the first Saturdays, offered in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will evoke in the believer the centrality of God's mercy and will remind him that the heart without spot reflects his loving presence.

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