



Welcoming the Spirit



...preparing for our future

XVII U.S. Provincial Chapter ❖ Priests of the Sacred Heart
July 18 – 21, 2023

January 19, 2023

Dear Brothers,

This year brings two grand opportunities to the life of the USA Province. The first is our Centennial Anniversary as we remember and celebrate the beginnings of our collective ministry at St. Mary's Parish in Lower Brule, SD. That event was part of a larger plan and vision which has helped lead the Congregation and the Province to this point in time. Our recollection and celebration of the last century of ministry and mission in the USA will be a source of inspiration and renewal.

The second event is the XVII Provincial Chapter. This will be time for our delegates to gather and discuss where we have come from and who we are. It further provides us a unique opportunity to act with imagination and faith as we dream of new possibilities and perspectives for the Province's future.

The combined experience is truly a blessed moment for the Province and our lives. Shrouded in the abundant grace and love of the Sacred Heart, may these experiences provide all of us with fortitude, knowledge, and wisdom as we seek to discern the will of God.

With this in mind, I formally convoke the XVII Provincial Chapter. I ask for the full participation of the delegates in all of the experiences of the chapter. I request the prayers and support of all the members of the Province as the delegates participate in the months of preparation and the days of the chapter. Together, let us begin to take the next steps of our collective journey in faith, ministry and mission.

May the Heart of Jesus be with us and bless our endeavor.

Respectfully,

V. Rev. Vien Nguyen, SCJ
Provincial Superior