

SAINT MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT

Foundress of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**CENTENNIAL OF
HER CANONIZATION
MAY 24, 1925 - MAY 24, 2025**



INTRODUCTION

On May 24, 2025, the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrates the centenary of the canonization of its founder, Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat. On this occasion, the laity and nuns of the Sacred Heart Family wish to share with as many people as possible her impetus, her inspiring figure of holiness for today.

"Madeleine Sophie Barat's life simply expresses the fact that 'the world can change from the heart'. This woman, born in 1779 in a world in search of new reference points, discovered the Heart of Jesus as the source of spiritual and social rebirth. Steeped in austere Jansenism as a child, she was drawn in by God's compassionate love and gave herself entirely to Him. One of the pioneers of girls' education, she had the intuition of an integral formation that starts from the interiority to grasp the whole person and engage her in the transformation of the world. "(Marie-Paule Pr  at, Prier 15 jours avec Madeleine Sophie Barat,   d. Nouvelle Cit  , April 2025)

"If only I could live again,
it would be to obey only the Holy Spirit and to act
only through him! "

(Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat)

In thanksgiving for the life and legacy of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, may many of us, like her, allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit into the Heart of Jesus, which will nourish and transform our ways being and acting, give us the happiness of living ever more for God and for others, and engage us in a unique and fruitful way in the Church and society.

"There will be no time to read us, let us leave
deeds and not writings. "(Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat)

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THREE CELEBRATIONS TO REMEMBER

24/05
2025

Saturday, May 24, 2025 in Joigny

Birthplace of Saint Madeleine Sophie

3:30pm - Eucharist of the centenary of her canonization at Saint Thibault church, presided over by Mgr Pascal Wintzer, Bishop of Sens-Auxerre.

Blessing and official naming of the chapel where she was baptized "Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat".

Followed by a festive shared meal and a vigil of adoration led by young people at the Centre spirituel Sophie Barat (birthplace).

24/05
2025

Saturday, May 24, 2025 in Rome

At Trinité-des-Monts, where Saint Madeleine Sophie lived

4:00 pm - Lecture by Julien Bechard, archivist, teacher and researcher on "Sacred Heart spirituality from Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat to Saint Thérèse of the Infant Jesus (canonized a week before Madeleine Sophie)

5:00 p.m. - Eucharist for the centenary of the canonization presided over by Father Fabrice du Haÿs, rector of Trinité-des-Monts

6:00 pm - Veneration of the relics of Saint Madeleine Sophie

7:00 pm - Sacred Heart Choir with Maestro Osvaldo Guidotti

Followed by an aperitif

27/06
2025

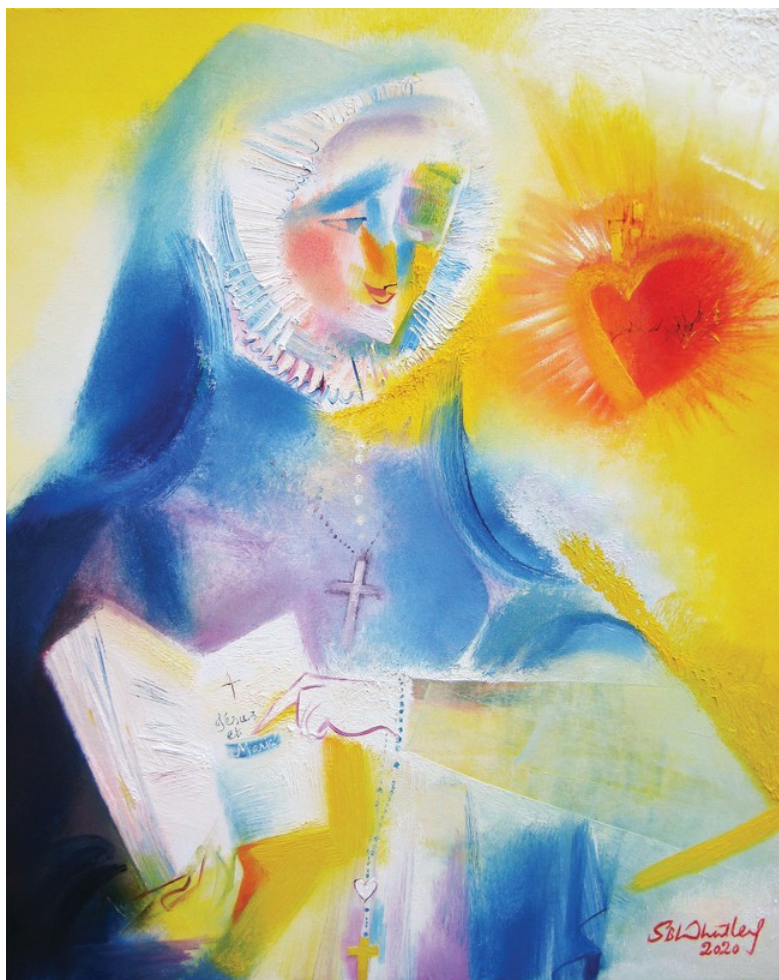
Friday, June 27, 2025 in Paris

In the church of Saint-François-Xavier, where the body of Saint Madeleine Sophie lies.

6:45 pm - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart Mass

Presided over by Mgr Bruno Lefèvre-Pontalis, parish priest of Saint-François-Xavier, on the closing day of the jubilee year of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to Saint Marguerite-Marie Alacoque at Paray-le-Monial.

Followed by an apéritif



AN ONLINE NOVENA

FROM MAY 17 TO 25, AN ONLINE NOVENA FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT
MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT

Proposed by lay people and nuns of the Sacré-Coeur on the occasion of the feast and centenary of the canonization of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat.

WHY THIS PRAYER

In this "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee Year 2025 of the Universal Church and on the impetus of Pope Francis' latest encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, "Dilexit Nos (He has loved us)", discover, invoke, let yourself be inspired by Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat: she who, leaning on the Heart of Jesus, knew how to get through trials and make her contribution to a Church and a world undergoing profound changes.

By praying this novena, follow her example and draw from the Heart of Jesus the source of an enlightened faith, at the service of others and the integral education of the person.

A DEEPLY-ROOTED SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Every day for 9 days:

- A meditation to draw inspiration from a feature of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat's human and spiritual life (with quotations, biographical details and evangelical words).
- A prayer to the Heart of Jesus and to Saint Madeleine Sophie (a prayer of intercession).
- A commitment to live it today.

AN ACCESSIBLE FORMAT

The texts are offered in written form, to be read and meditated on at your own pace, alone, with your family, in community...

GO TO

<https://hozana.org/community/12509-neuvaine-a-sainte-madeleine-sophie-barat>

[Novena link \(on Hozana\)](https://hozana.org/community/12509-neuvaine-a-sainte-madeleine-sophie-barat)

SAINT MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT

ABOUT HER

On November 21, 1800, Madeleine Sophie Barat, a 20-year-old from Burgundy, made her first consecration in Paris. In a society turned upside down by the Revolution, the love of Christ led this young woman of unusual cultural background to found an Ignatian-inspired congregation whose aim was to discover and reveal the love of the Heart of Christ.



- Working to educate young people;
- Training women to hold their own in the society of their time, fostering their personal development;
- Focusing on the most disadvantaged;
- Offering spiritual guidance through conversations and retreats based on the Exercises of St. Ignatius.

**For a single child's soul, I would have
founded the Society of the Sacred
Heart!**

Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat



To find out more about Saint Madeleine Sophie, discover the booklet "With Madeleine Sophie, let's open our hearts to the world! "

THE RELIGIOUS OF THE SACRED HEART

The Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a congregation founded in 1800 by Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat. Rooted in contemplation, we live in apostolic communities in 43 countries on five continents. Together with our friends and collaborators, we seek to discover and reveal the love of the Heart of Christ, particularly among young people, in pastoral care and accompaniment of the faith, human development, promotion of justice, integral ecology, formation and education.

[Click here to find out more about the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#)



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat at Notre-Dame de Paris

Sunday December 8, 2024, marked the reopening of Notre-Dame de Paris Cathedral and, during the mass consecrating the new main altar, the relics of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat were placed in cathedral's main altar, alongside four other saints whose history is linked to the Church of Paris. The ceremony was presided over by the Archbishop of Paris, Mgr Laurent Ulrich, in the presence of the President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron. Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat was honored as a witness to the joyful reopening of "this common house, where each and every one, and above all the smallest and poorest, have their place." (Mgr Ulrich, "Retrouvons Notre-Dame", Press Kit, Conference of November 13, 2024, p. 5)

Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat in Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome

Following her canonization on May 24, 1925 by Pope Pius XI in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, a statue was erected representing Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat. The statue, created in 1934 by sculptor Enrico Quattrini, greets pilgrims in the nave of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome as they enter on the right, above Saint Teresa of Avila, who was very dear to her.

Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat in the church of Saint-François-Xavier, Paris

The body of Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, which has remained intact, can be venerated in the chapel on the Sacré-Coeur of the Saint-François-Xavier church in Paris, adjacent to where Madeleine Sophie lived and died. Her shrine was installed there in 2019 during the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, presided over by Cardinal André Vingt-Trois, Archbishop of Paris. An interactive terminal allows visitors to place intentions, to discover Madeleine Sophie, and soon they will be able to interact via a chatbot.

15 days of prayer with Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

You'll find in your bookshop the book "Prier 15 jours avec sainte Madeleine-Sophie Barat", by Marie-Paule Pr  at, published in April 2025 by Nouvelle Cit  .

Pope Francis' encyclical "Dilexit nos" on the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ

Find out more about Pope Francis' encyclical letter on the Sacred Heart, which quotes the congregation's Constitutions, number 150. May the Heart of Christ be revealed in particular in the evangelizing and educational work of the Society of the Sacred Heart, so that those who encounter the Heart of Jesus in this centenary year of the canonization of St. Madeleine Sophie may allow themselves to be transformed and sent out to meet the challenges of our time.

RESOURCES & CONTACTS

SITES

- The BFN province's website: <https://www.religieusesdusacrecoeur.com>
- The RSCJ International website: <https://rscjinternational.org>
- The Volunteering website: <https://volontariatsacrecoeur.com>
- The school network website: <https://www.reseausacrecoeur.com>
- The Sophie Barat spiritual center in Joigny: <https://centre-sophie-barat.com>

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CONTACT

Coordination of events for the centenary of the canonization: canonisation.msb@gmail.com

To keep up to date with events related to the centenary of the canonization of Madeleine-Sophie Barat, follow us on social networks or visit our website!



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