



Enthronement
of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
in the Home

Enthroning Jesus in Your Home

Rooted in the Church's early meditations on the pierced side of Christ, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus gained significant momentum in the 17th century when Jesus revealed his Heart, burning with love for humanity, to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. In these revelations, Jesus expressed his desire to be honored in a special way through his Sacred Heart. Out of these revelations arose the tradition of the 12 Promises, according to which Jesus made various promises to those who venerate his Sacred Heart, including blessing every place where an image of his Heart is exposed and honored.

The ceremony of enthronement contained in this booklet, which can be used by families to dedicate themselves and their homes to the Sacred Heart, is based on a version widely promoted in the early 20th century through the work of Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey, SS.CC., who emphasized the role of enthronement in fostering a Christ-centered family life.

Through the enthronement ceremony, families recognize Christ's rule over their lives. They do this by placing an image of his Sacred Heart in a place of honor in their homes, renewing their commitment to be faithful disciples, and consecrating themselves to his Sacred Heart.

By enthroning the Sacred Heart, families commit to living according to Christ's teachings and embrace a way of life rooted in his love, mercy and blessings.

How to Enthronize the Sacred Heart

1. Choose a date for the enthronement, such as the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a First Friday, or another suitable day.
2. Spiritually prepare for the enthronement.
 - During the nine days prior to the enthronement, recite the prayers on pages 4-7.
 - Attend Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a date close to the ceremony.
3. In advance of the enthronement, invite your pastor or another priest to lead the ceremony. If he will not be present at the ceremony, ask him to bless the image of the Sacred Heart and sprinkle it with holy water in advance of the ceremony.
 - If a priest will not be leading the ceremony, the head of the household will lead it.
4. Choose a place of honor in your home to enthronize the image. A living room wall, a side table, or fireplace mantel are all suitable places. You may also hang a framed certificate of enthronement next to the image.
5. Identify a small table on which to place the image before the ceremony. If possible, the table should be in a different room so the image can be carried in procession to the place of honor.
6. As a family, select the Scripture reading you will use on pages 9-10, and select a reader for the Scripture reading and intercessions.
7. Perform the enthronement on page 8.
8. Following the enthronement, continue to allow the Sacred Heart to reign in your home by practicing the devotions found on page 14.

Prayers in Preparation

It is necessary to prepare your soul to welcome the graces the enthronement and consecration will bring. Attend Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a date close to the ceremony. During the nine days preceding the enthronement, you should pray together daily the Novena to the Sacred Heart, followed by the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Before beginning the novena, choose petitions together as a family.

V In the name of the Father,  and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

V O my Jesus, you have said: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of (*share your petitions here*).

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

R Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

V O my Jesus, you have said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you” (John 16:23). Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of (*share your petitions here*).

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

R Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

V O my Jesus, you have said: “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away” (Matthew 24:35). Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of (*share your petitions here*).

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

R Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

V O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you.

R Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Leader: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God our Father in heaven,
God the Son,
Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus,
Son of the eternal Father,
Heart of Jesus, formed by the
Holy Spirit in the womb
of the Virgin Mother,
Heart of Jesus,
one with the eternal Word,
Heart of Jesus,
infinite in majesty,
Heart of Jesus,
holy temple of God,
Heart of Jesus,
tabernacle of the Most High,
Heart of Jesus, house of God
and gate of heaven,
Heart of Jesus,
aflame with love for us,
Heart of Jesus,
source of justice and love,
Heart of Jesus,
full of goodness and love,
Heart of Jesus,
well-spring of all virtue,
Heart of Jesus,
worthy of all praise,

have mercy on us.
have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus,
 king and center of all hearts,
Heart of Jesus, treasure-house
 of wisdom and knowledge,
Heart of Jesus, in whom there
 dwells the fullness of God,
Heart of Jesus, in whom
 the Father is well pleased,
Heart of Jesus, from whose
 fullness we have all received,
Heart of Jesus, desire of
 the eternal hills,
Heart of Jesus,
 patient and full of mercy,
Heart of Jesus, generous to all
 who turn to you,
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life
 and holiness,
Heart of Jesus,
 atonement for our sins,
Heart of Jesus,
 overwhelmed with insults,
Heart of Jesus,
 broken for our sins,
Heart of Jesus,
 obedient even to death,
Heart of Jesus,
 pierced by a lance,
Heart of Jesus,
 source of all consolation,
Heart of Jesus,
 our life and resurrection,
Heart of Jesus,
 our peace and reconciliation,
Heart of Jesus,
 victim of our sins,
Heart of Jesus, salvation of all
 who trust in you,

have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, hope of all
who die in you,
Heart of Jesus,
delight of all the saints,

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

have mercy on us.

have mercy on us.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,
**touch our hearts and make
them like your own.**

Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son
and recall the wonders of his love for us,
may be made worthy to receive
an overflowing measure of grace
from that fount of heavenly gifts.
Through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

The Enthronement Ceremony

Place the image of the Sacred Heart and the enthronement certificate on the small table you identified earlier. The ceremony will begin at this small table.

If a priest is present at the ceremony, he should bless the image of the Sacred Heart and sprinkle it with holy water.

If a priest is present, he begins:

Priest: In the name of the Father,  and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All make the sign of the cross and reply:

All: Amen.

The priest greets all present using the following or other suitable introductory words:

Priest: Today is a blessed day for this family. You have responded to the request of Jesus that he wishes to stay in your home. Through the enthronement ceremony today you acknowledge Jesus as Lord, Savior and King by enthroning his image in a place of honor in your home. The image of Jesus revealing his Sacred Heart is the visible image of God's love. You, family members, renew your commitment, this day, to be faithful disciples of Jesus and to make his message of love known by word and example.

All of us present here join in prayer with this family and in our hearts honor Jesus who is present among us and who lives and reigns forever with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

The head of household then continues with the following commitment, or

If a priest is not leading the ceremony, the head of household begins the ceremony with this prayer:

Leader: Today is a blessed day for our family; with joy we accept the request of Jesus to welcome him into our home. In the ceremony that we celebrate, we acknowledge Jesus as Lord, Savior and friend of our family by enthroning his image in a place of honor in our home. The image of Jesus revealing his Sacred Heart is the visible image of God's love. We, the members of this family, renew our

commitment to be faithful disciples of Jesus, the King of Love, and to make his message of love known by word and example.

Reading of the Word of God

A member of the family or another person present reads one of the Scripture passages. A few moments of silence or a brief reflection by the priest may follow.

Reader: Let us listen to the words of the Holy Gospel according to (John/Luke):

John 15:9-15 – Loving one another as Christ has loved us

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father."

or

Luke 19:1-10 – Zacchaeus wants to see Jesus

He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

or

Luke 10:38-42 – Jesus visits Martha and Mary

As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

If a priest is present, he may offer a brief reflection following the reading.

All present recite the following prayers:

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

All: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Intercessions

A member of the family or another person introduces the petitions.

Members of the family and guests are invited to list their own petitions. The following are suggested petitions that may be used.

V Lord Jesus, you assured us that whatever we ask the Father in your name, he will give us. In your name and with great confidence we pray:

R Stay with us Lord.

For the grace of being faithful to our covenant with Jesus, and our new way of life in him, we pray. **R**

That the Holy Spirit may always find our hearts responsive to his call, we pray. **R**

For a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist, the great gift of the pierced heart of Jesus, we pray. **R**

That the Holy Spirit may heal all our hurts and remove from our hearts everything that prevents us from giving ourselves lovingly to Jesus and one another, we pray. **R**

For the intentions of our Holy Father the Pope, we pray. **R**

For absent members of the family, we pray. **R**

For deceased members of the family, we pray. **R**

Lord Jesus, when you lived with the Holy family in Nazareth your heart grew in wisdom and blessings. Live with our family and give us new hearts so that we may grow in mutual love and concern for our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

R Amen.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

All present recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, found on page 5.

Act of Enthronement

The family members go to the small table and the head of household takes the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and brings it in procession (if space in the home permits) to the designated place of honor in the home, where the image will be enthroned.

As the head of household enthrones the image, he says:

V We now proclaim Jesus as Lord, King and friend of our family.

Family members and all present respond:

R We praise the loving kindness of the Heart of our God.

Family Consecration

The family members express their covenant with the Lord. This is an act of consecration, an act of offering to God of all that they are and all that they have.

Family: Lord Jesus, we recall your words in Scripture: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:20). We have heard your invitation, and today we respond to your covenant with us. We open the door of our home and ask you to stay with us; we open the door of our hearts and welcome you. We acknowledge you as Lord, King and friend of our family, and promise that we will always be your faithful disciples. We consecrate ourselves, our family, our home, and everything we have to your Sacred Heart.

We ask for the gifts of your Sacred Heart, that we may be poor in spirit, merciful, pure of heart, peacemakers, good stewards of creation and concerned for justice, especially for the poor, the sick, and the unborn.

We ask that you stay with us always; increase our love for one another; share in our joys, and comfort us in our sorrows. Inspire us with your love, so that we may be a family devoted to you, and our home be a place of welcome to all, especially those in need. Help us to be an apostolic family, committed to bringing your message of love to all people. Amen.

Dedication to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

As the Apostles joined with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the upper room in Jerusalem, the Father sent his Holy Spirit upon them. Now, through the help of her prayers, family members ask the Father to send the Spirit upon them so that they may be faithful to the commitment of their lives to Christ through this enthronement. The family members entrust themselves to Mary as they pray:

Family: Hail Mary, full of grace. Today, we dedicate ourselves to you, and entrust our family, and all the families of the world, to the loving care of your Immaculate Heart. You prayed with the Apostles in the upper room in Jerusalem, as they waited for the coming of the Spirit, pray for us now, that the Father may send his Holy Spirit upon us, and strengthen us to be faithful to our covenant to commit our lives to Christ your Son.

Accept this offering of our faith and devotion; intercede for us, that we may be a loving family, and be as leaven in our world for the transformation of society, and the promotion of the social reign of the heart of Jesus.

Mother of fair love, pray for us, that our hearts may become like the heart of Christ your Son, and that we may imitate the virtue of your Immaculate Heart, that magnifies the Lord, because he has done great things for you. Amen.

If a priest is present, he may end with a blessing of all those present.

Signing of the Enthronement Certificate

The enthronement ceremony ends with the signing of the certificate, which may now be signed by members of the household. It is suggested that the certificate be framed and hung near the image of the Sacred Heart.

Living the Enthronement

The enthronement ceremony is only the beginning; the important thing is living the enthronement in our daily lives. This is the true reign of the Sacred Heart in your home.

Each year, families should attend Mass and renew their consecration to the Sacred Heart on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is also recommended that families practice the First Fridays Devotion. To complete this devotion, one must worthily receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months. Each of these Communions should be received in honor of and in reparation to the Sacred Heart.

Daily Renewal Prayer

This renewal prayer can be said daily.

Lord Jesus Christ, we renew our enthronement commitment and willingly acknowledge you as Lord, Savior, and head of our family. With the help of your grace, we will carry out our responsibilities to our family, to society, and to the Church, so that the Father's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We praise and thank you for your presence among us as our Redeemer and friend, and for your promise to remain with us always. Lord Jesus, you are gentle and humble of heart, teach us goodness and kindness, that our hearts may be reflections of the goodness of your heart. Send us your Holy Spirit with his gifts of joy and peace.

Blessed Michael McGivney, devoted to the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

To the Sacred Heart of Jesus be honor and glory.

Amen.

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