

Origins of Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

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.

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Home, which dedicates a family and its home to the Sacred Heart, was first widely promoted in the early 20th century through the work of Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey, SS.CC., who emphasized its role in fostering a Christ-centered family life.



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Welcome Jesus into your home
as Lord, King, and
Friend of your family!

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Sacred Heart of Jesus. Painting by Pompeo Batoni (1767). Photo by Tamino Petelinšek, Church of the Gesù, Rome.



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What is Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus means formally recognizing Jesus as King through an enthronement ceremony. During this ceremony, a family places an image of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor in their home, renews their commitment to be faithful disciples, and consecrates 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.



*"In the heart of Christ,
we see the heart of the Father.
And we ask Our Lord to help us
make his heart our own, so that
we may see and love in others
what he sees and loves in us."*

– Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

5 Steps to Enthroning Jesus in Your Home

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 by praying a Novena and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, attending Mass and going to Confession.
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.
4. Choose a place of honor in your home to enthrone 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. As a family, perform an enthronement ceremony using the Knights of Columbus Enthronement Booklet or another suitable ceremony.

Following the enthronement, you can continue to allow the Sacred Heart to reign in your home by practicing devotions such as the First Friday Devotion or a daily renewal prayer to the Sacred Heart.

Enthronement Resources

The Knights of Columbus offers everything your family needs to enthrone an image of the Sacred Heart in your home including:

- Image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Enthronement Ceremony Booklet
- Enthronement Certificate
- Enthronement Prayer Card

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