

Sacred Heart Enthronement

Entrust your home & your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home is a formal invitation to Our Lord to be King in your life. Jesus, King and Centre of all hearts, loves each of us more than we can imagine. He wants to reign in our hearts and in our homes so He can bless, protect, and provide for us.

This special practice is recommended by many popes, including Pope Benedict XV who asked that Christian families consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart in such a way that **His image being installed in the place of honour in the home**, as on a throne, Christ the Lord is seen to reign truly within the Catholic family.¹ Pope Francis renewed the call to this devotion, reminding us that: “the image we venerate thus serves as a summons to make room for an encounter with Christ... Standing before the image, we stand before Christ.” (*Dilexit Nos* #57)

Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home can happen any time of year, and there are many ways to do it. The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart and can be a special time to do this with your family. Here is one way to make this consecration, which has brought incredible graces into many families.

1 Select an image or statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to put in a prominent place in your home. (There is an image included here, which you may use.)

2 Invite your parish priest to be present for the Enthronement, or ask a priest to bless the image or statue beforehand.

3 Select a date when your whole family can be present together in the home. Where possible, attend Holy Mass together that day. Invite other family and friends to join you!

4 Prepare the place where the image will be enthroned. You could decorate a table with flowers or candle, or even have a small procession with the image in your home.

5 After the image is placed or hung on its 'throne', a parent leads the family in the following prayers:

- We the _____ family hereby entrust our entire family, our hearts and our home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

- Together, pray the *Apostles Creed*: "I believe in God..."

- Then, say the *Prayer of Consecration*.

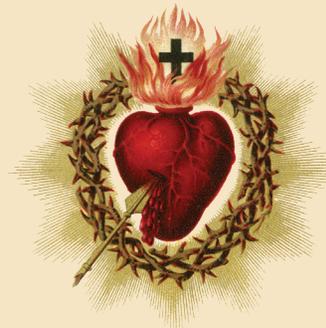
6 Pray one *Our Father*, one *Hail Mary* and one *Glory Be* for absent members of the family, both living and deceased.

7 Once the prayers are complete, each family member (and the priest, if present) signs the Certificate of Enthronement. Display the certificate near the place of enthronement or store in a safe place.

During or after the signing, you could sing a hymn of thanksgiving. Some suggestions: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*; *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*; or *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*.

8 Celebrate with family and friends with a meal or refreshments. Make it special!

9 You can renew your consecration once a year, on special occasions, or even daily.



Certificate of Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

We, the undersigned members of the family of

Solemnly Enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus
King of Our Family and Home

On this the ___ day of _____ 20__

IMAGE BLESSED BY: _____ DATE: _____

Prayer of Consecration

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, who made known to Saint Margaret Mary your great desire to reign over Christian families, we are gathered here today to proclaim your complete dominion over our family. From now on, we promise to lead a Christ like life: we will strive to develop in our home all the virtues which bring with them the peace you promised. We will not compromise with the spirit of the world.

You will rule over our minds through our deep and living faith. You will be King of our hearts by our generous love for you; and we will cultivate this love by the frequent reception of you in Holy Communion.

Divine Heart of Jesus, preside over our family gatherings; bless all our family undertakings, both spiritual and temporal. Banish all worry, sanctify our joys, and comfort us in our sorrows. And if any member of our family should have the misfortune to offend you seriously, remind him or her, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, of your infinite love and mercy for the repentant sinner.

And when the hour of separation comes, when death brings its sorrows into our family, whether we go or whether we stay, we will humbly accept your Divine Will. And at the same time, we will console and comfort ourselves with the thought that the time will come when our whole family will be united lovingly with you in heaven forever. There we will sing a hymn of praise to the infinite mercy and love of your Sacred Heart.

We ask the Immaculate Heart of Mary and our glorious protector, Saint Joseph, to offer you this family consecration of ours. May the memory of this consecration be with us always.

Glory to the Divine Heart of Jesus, our King and our Father! Praise to the Divine Heart of Jesus that brought us salvation. To It be honour and glory forever. Amen.

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