



# Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Home

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The tradition of enthroneing and image or statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the home grows out of the 9<sup>th</sup> promise Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, “I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.”

Pope Pious XII tells us in his encyclical on the Sacred Heart, *Haurietis Aquas*, that “the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, of its very nature, is a worship of the love with which God, through Jesus, loves us, and at the same time, an exercise in our own love by which we are related to God and other men.”

Enthroning the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the home, is a sign that you desire to put the boundless love of Jesus at the center of your home, family, and life, and respond to it with your own love.

## Preparation for the Ceremony of Enthronement

1. While it's traditional to have a priest lead the Ceremony of Enthronement, it isn't necessary for the devotion, and the head of the household may lead the ceremony instead.
2. Obtain a picture or statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (or use one you already have). If a priest will not be present at the Enthronement, have it blessed ahead of time.
3. If you wish to have an official certificate of your Enthronement, find one you like online and print it.
4. Prepare a “throne” for the Sacred Heart. This should be somewhere prominent in your home, such as a mantle or table. Decorate it appropriately, but don't place the image or statue there until the ceremony.
5. Decide what daily devotions to the Sacred Heart you will continue to practice after the enthronement of it in your home. The goal is not to have a one day event, but to bring Christ's love into the center of your home and life. This requires daily devotion and can be as simple as reciting the Litany of the Sacred Heart, the Morning Offering, or the short form of the Consecration to the Sacred Heart in front of the image daily.
6. Receive Communion in a state of grace on the day you plan to do the Enthronement.
7. Invite your friends and family to join you for the ceremony.

# The Ceremony

*Gather the whole family at the "throne." Begin with the Sign of the Cross*

**Leader:** Let us pray, Almighty and everlasting God, who does approve the painting and sculpturing of the images of Your saints, so that as often as we gaze upon them we are reminded to imitate their deeds and sanctity; vouchsafe, we implore You, to bless and sanctify this picture made in honor and in memory of the Most Sacred Heart of Your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and grant that whosoever, in its presence, will suppliantly worship and honor the Most Sacred Heart of Your only begotten Son, may obtain through His merits and intercession grace in this life and everlasting glory in the world to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The leader then installs the picture or statue in its place of honor.*

**All (stand):** 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 rose 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.

*All kneel for the official Act of Consecration if able to.*

**Leader:** O Sacred Heart of Jesus, who did make known to St. Margaret Mary Your ardent desire to reign over Christian families, behold us assembled here today to proclaim Your absolute dominion over our home. Henceforth we purpose to lead a life like Yours so that among us may flourish the virtues for which You did promise peace on earth, and for this end we will banish from our midst the spirit of the world which You abhor so much.

You will reign over our understanding by the simplicity of our faith. You will reign over our hearts by an ardent love for You; and may the flame of this love be ever kept burning in our hearts by the frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist.

Deign, O Divine Heart, to preside over our meetings, to bless our undertakings, both spiritual and temporal, to banish all worry and care, to sanctify our joys and soothe our sorrows. If any of us should ever have the misfortune to grieve Your Sacred Heart, remind him of Your goodness and mercy toward the repentant sinner.

Lastly, when the hour of separation will sound and death will plunge our home into mourning, then shall we all and every one of us be resigned to Your eternal decrees, and seek consolation in the thought that we shall all one day be reunited in heaven, where we shall sing the praises and blessings of Your Sacred Heart for all eternity. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph offer You this our Consecration and remind us of the same all the days of our life. Glory to the Divine Heart of Jesus, our King and our Father!

*The leader here asks those present to say together one Our Father and Hail Mary for all absent members, both living and dead.*

**Leader:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** 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.

**Leader:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

**All:** Glory be to You, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the infinite mercy You have bestowed upon the privileged members of this family. You have chosen it from thousands of others, as a recipient of Your Love and a sanctuary of reparation wherein Your most loving heart shall find consolation for all the ingratitude of men.

How great, O Lord Jesus, is the confusion of this portion of Your faithful flock as we accept the unmerited honor of seeing You preside over our family! Silently we adore You, overjoyed to see You sharing under the same roof the toils, cares, and joys of Your innocent children!

It is true we are not worthy that You should enter our humble abode, but You have already reassured us, when You revealed Your Sacred Heart to us, teaching us to find in the wound of Your Sacred Side the source of grace and life everlasting. In this loving and trusting spirit we give ourselves to You, You who are unchanging life.

Remain with us, Most Sacred Heart, for we feel an irresistible desire to love You and make You loved. May our home be for You a haven as sweet as that of Bethany, where You can find rest in the midst of loving friends, who like Mary have chosen the better part in the loving intimacy of Your Heart! May this home be for You, O beloved Savior, a humble but hospitable refuge during the exile imposed on You by Your enemies.

Come, then, Lord Jesus, come, for here as at Nazareth, we have a tender love for the Virgin Mary, Your sweet Mother, whom You have given us to be our Mother. Come to fill with Your sweet presence the vacancies which misfortune and death have wrought in our midst. O most faithful Friend, had You been here in the midst of sorrow, our tears would have been less bitter; the comforting balm of peace would have soothed these hidden wounds, which are known to You alone.

Come, for even now perhaps, there is drawing near for us the twilight of tribulation, and the decline of the passing days of our youth and illusions. Stay with us, for already it is late, and a perverted world seeks to envelop us in the darkness of its denials while we wish to adhere to You, who alone are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Repeat for us those words You uttered of old, "This day I must abide in this home."

Yes, dear Lord, take up Your abode with us, so that we may live in Your love and in Your presence, we who proclaim You as our King and wish no other! May Your triumphant Heart, O Jesus, be forever loved, blessed, and glorified in this home. Your Kingdom come! Amen.

*All stand.*

**Leader:** Hail, holy Queen

**All:** mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

**Leader:** Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

**All:** that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

**Leader:** Most Sacred Heart of Jesus...     **R/:** Have mercy on us [*repeat 3x*]

**Leader:** Immaculate Heart of Mary...     **R/:** Pray for us

**Leader:** St. Joseph...     **R/:** Pray for us

**Leader:** St. Margaret Mary...     **R/:** Pray for us

**All:** Glory to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

*End with the Sign of the Cross.*

*If you have a certificate, all family members should sign it. It may be framed and hung near the picture of the Sacred Heart or kept in the family archives.*

## **Renewal of the Consecration of the Family**

*To be said at night prayers in union with all families in which the Sacred Heart has been enthroned.*

Most Sweet Jesus, humbly kneeling at Your feet, we renew the consecration of our family to Your Divine Heart. Be You our King forever! In You we have full and entire confidence. May Your spirit penetrate our thoughts, our desires, our words, and our works. Bless our undertakings, share in our joys, in our trials and our labors. Grant us to know You better, to love You more, to serve You without faltering.

By the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Peace, set up Your kingdom in our country. Enter closely into the midst of our families and make them Yours through the solemn enthronement of Your Sacred Heart, so that soon one cry may resound from home to home: "May the triumphant Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved, blessed, and glorified forever!" Honor and glory to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary!

Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect our families. Amen.



Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins...

**R/** *have mercy on us*

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...

Heart of Jesus, hope of all who die in you...

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints...

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

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

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart...

**R/** *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.*

# Morning Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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O Jesus,  
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer you my prayers, works,  
joys, and sufferings  
of this day for all the intentions  
of your Sacred Heart  
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
throughout the world,  
for the salvation of souls,  
the reparation of sins,  
the reunion of all Christians,  
and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father  
this month.  
Amen.

