

ONE DAY HOME ENTHRONEMENT TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS (for Catholic Families)

WELCOME: We congratulate you and your family, as you begin today to consecrate yourself to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Enthroned Him as King of your heart and of your home. As you begin this journey, we believe without reservation that God has called you, at this moment in time to undertake this sincere promise by uniting your heart to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

WHAT IS AN ENTHRONEMENT: The most basic definition of the Sacred Heart Home Enthronement is that an individual or family consciously makes a covenant with Jesus by inviting him to be King of the hearts and home. In return, our Lord Jesus promises you abundant blessings through His **12 Promises**.

As part of this covenant, you are inviting Jesus to become the king of your home; to be always present in your heart; and to be involved in every detail of your life. He has a burning desire to bless you richly for your faithful commitment to living this covenant of love with him. His love will manifest itself to you in the most amazing ways through His never-ending grace. Amazingly, your heart-filled-love-of-Jesus will pour out to the members of your family, your community, and the rest of the world.

“The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is Jesus bringing the kingdom of God to earth through us,” a quote from Msgr. John Esseff, Spiritual Director of the Sacred Heart Home Enthronement International Apostolate.

Jesus told Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, *“I will reign by My Sacred Heart.”*

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque often said: *“I do not know of any other exercise in the spiritual life that is more calculated to raise a soul in a short amount of time to the height of perfection and to make it taste the true sweetness to be found in the service of Jesus Christ.”*

Jesus made these 12 Promises for those who would respond to the desires of His Sacred Heart and make a sincere effort to return His love.

Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary between 1673-1675.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

PREPARATION FOR THE ENTHRONEMENT

It is important to prepare both internally and externally for the Enthronement.

Internal preparation for Catholics includes going to confession, attending Mass, and receiving the Holy Eucharist. If possible, do this on the day of your Enthronement Ceremony. For other Christians, it is recommended that you ask Our Lord to forgive your sins and have a firm purpose of amendment to avoid the near occasion of sin.

External preparation includes having an image/statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; select a prominent place in your home to display the image/statue. Moreover, set up a special place of honor, a “throne,” or altar to magnify the Lord’s presence in your home, which is why an image on a wall, mantle, or table deserves special prominence, including flowers, candles, or family photographs.

Jesus had a great love for his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are encouraged to invite the Immaculate Heart of Mary to enter into this love relationship between you and Jesus by including an image/statue of her Immaculate Heart, and by asking her to help you love like her Son, Jesus, loves.

Blessing Prayer to be prayed over the images/statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary by the head of household, Priest, Deacon, or lay Leader:

Almighty and eternal God, who does not forbid us to display images of your saints, we hope these representations of them remind us to constantly imitate their lives and their holiness. We pray that you bless these images in honor of Your Only Son, Jesus Christ, and his Most Sacred Heart, and make them holy. Grant that everyone who looks upon these images honor and adore the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May we obtain by Grace, the rewards obtained by Jesus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection and the merits of this life and eternal glory promised in the next life. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

THE PROCESSION

Just as you would show a friend around your house for the first time when they visit, the head of the household now carries the Blessed Image of the Sacred Heart and leads a procession throughout the house, stopping in each room. You are encouraged to say whatever prayer comes to mind as each room is visited. For example: "Lord, please bless the children who sleep in this room"...etc. In the living room one might say: "Lord, please bless those who visit or gather here"...etc. In the kitchen one might say: "Thank you Lord for the food which is prepared here and the fellowship we share as we break bread together"...etc.

ENTHRONEMENT CEREMONY OF THE SACRED HEART

Leader/Priest/Minister: *Speaks a few words to the family, reminding them of what the Sacred Heart promises those families who are consecrated to Him. Please recall the 12 Promises made to St. Margaret Mary and urge the family to live the Enthronement by honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Consecration Vows they are about to make.*

Leader/Priest/Minister: Let Us Pray "In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Oh my Jesus, in union with the Holy Catholic Church and the entire Christian Community, we acknowledge you to be the King of the Universe; all that is, has been created by you out of love for us. We invite you Lord Jesus to be present now and with us always as we consecrate ourselves, our hearts, and our home to you through this Covenant of Love.

Reader: 1 John 4:7-12

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us."

Leader/Priest/Minister: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, King of Love, we desire to repair and console your wounded heart by offering up this litany to you.

Leader/Priest/Minister and Family:

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

God, the Son, Redeemer of the World,

God, the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mother's womb,

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the word of God,

Heart of Jesus, of infinite 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, glowing furnace of charity,

Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love,

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and mercy,

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,

Heart of Jesus, king, and center of all hearts

Heart of Jesus, containing all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge

Heart of Jesus, having all the fullness of the Godhead,

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased,

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

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Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who call upon Thee,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our offenses,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in You,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You,	have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints,	have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,	have mercy on us.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God look on the Heart of Your Son and the unfailing praise and glory He offers You for sinners. In your goodness, pardon those who plead for Mercy in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You forever and ever. Amen

Leader/Priest/Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, this family desires to welcome you into their home as a second Bethany. A welcoming place like the home of your friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus where you can rest and dine with them at table; a place you can call home, and share in their daily lives as they share in your life. Lord, bless them as they commit to share their lives with you during this glorious covenant of love with you.

Family: The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is Enthroned in the place of supreme honor and respect as the family recites the following prayer.

I give myself and consecrate to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, my person, my life, my actions, its pains and sufferings, Furthermore, I will not be able to make use of any part of my being other than to honor, love, and glorify the Sacred Heart. This is my perpetual purpose: to give Him my all; to do all things for the love of Him; and with all my heart, I renounce anything and everything that displeases Him.

Therefore, I take You, Most Sacred Heart, to be the sole object of my love, the guardian of my life, my assurance of salvation, the remedy of my weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for all the faults of my life, and my sure refuge at the hour of death. O Heart of goodness be my justification as I stand before God the Father and safeguard me from his just and righteous anger.

O Heart of Love and Mercy, I place my confidence in You. I fear for my salvation because of my own wickedness and frailty, but I place my hope in all things promised through Your goodness and bounty. Cleanse me of all that displeases You or opposes Your Holy Divine Will. Allow your deep and abiding love to purify my heart and soul so deeply that I shall not forget You or be separated from You for even an instant.

May I obtain from all Your loving kindness the grace of having my name written in Your Heart, for in You I desire to place all my happiness and glory, living and dying in bondage to You. Amen.

(St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

Leader/Priest/Minister: As Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today, salvation has come to this house." (*Luke 19:9*) **And so it is for this HOME! Congratulations!!!**

Leader/Priest/Minister: Let us pray an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father, and for all members of the family, living and deceased.

At this time, we ask the family to offer up any special intentions they have to the Sacred Heart, and our response will be, "**Lord, hear and answer our prayers.**"

Family: (Special Intentions are offered up)

Leader/Priest/Minister: In your great mercy Lord, hear and graciously shower your healing love upon this family and all their intentions.

Family Blessing: The head of the household is blessed by the Leader/Priest/Minister, and then the head of the household blesses each family member, who then will take turns blessing each other. (Please use holy water, if available.)

Leader/Priest/Minister: During the wedding feast at Cana, Mary the Mother of Jesus goes to her son to tell them there is no more wine. Jesus responds to the request of his Mother with his first public miracle. (*John 2:1-12*)

Let us turn to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and ask her to accept us as her children, and intercede for us to her Son in our times of need.

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (The mother or a family member places the image or statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary next to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.)

Family: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary and tender Mother of the Church, we consecrate ourselves to you, and to your Immaculate Heart. We recommend to your loving care our family, families in our communities, our country and the world. Please accept our consecration dearest Mother and in your compassionate love, guide us in the ways of our Heavenly Father's divine will. O spouse of the Holy Spirit, kindle in our hearts the love of purity, the practice of Christian virtues, and courage to witness to our faith, and love of your Son. Make our home a Marian shrine, a Eucharistic shrine, a house of prayer, a Christian fortress, and domestic church. May we be apostles of love and proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Friend all the days of our lives. Amen.

Family: O Saint Joseph, faithful spouse of Mary and beloved foster father of Jesus we turn to you and ask for your intercession on behalf of all families. Shelter, protect, and guide us during our earthly journey so we may become a holy family like yours. Amen.

Leader/Priest/Minister: A final Blessing is given to everyone, and invites everyone to sign the certificate.

The family thanks their guests for coming, and invites them for refreshments.

SIGNING OF THE CERTIFICATE

All family members sign the Enthronement Certificate on the front side.

All guests sign the certificate on the back side.

Congratulations and Blessings to ALL families and guests.

Thanksgiving, refreshments, and fellowship are now enjoyed by all.



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On this the _____ day of _____ 20_____ In Token Whereof We Sign

Witness by Priest or duly Authorized Representative

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should be celebrated with Great Solemnity in Home and in Church

Venerate Jesus image daily by simply spending a moment in front of Him either in silence, in thanksgiving with prayers of petition or by simply saying "Jesus, I trust in you."

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spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, reading Scripture daily, monthly confession,

praying the rosary, and fasting. All undertaken with the intention of offering reparation to the offenses committed against the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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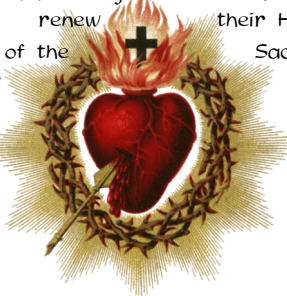
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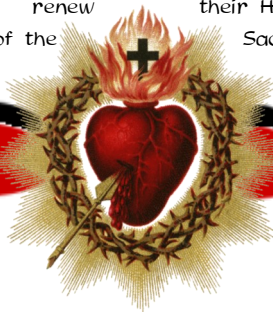
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