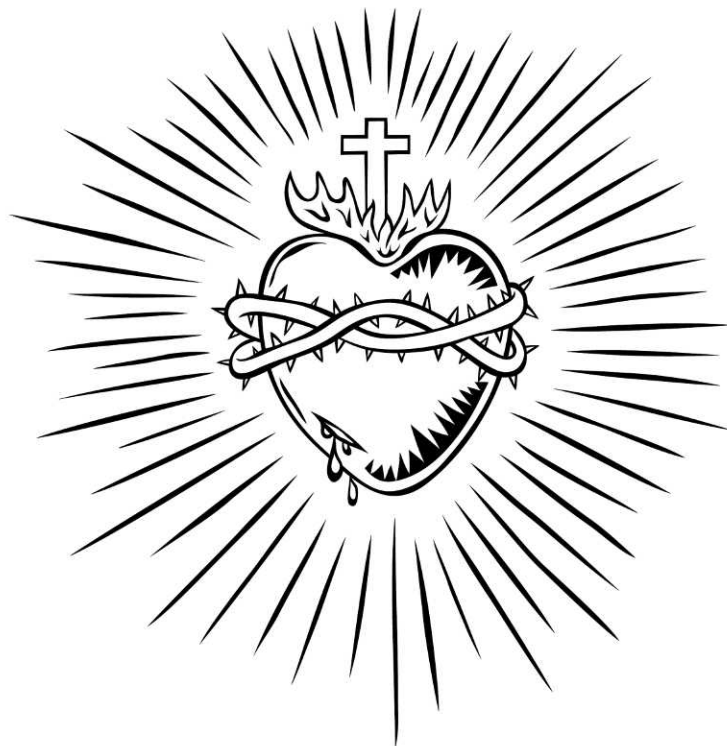


**CEREMONY FOR THE ENTHRONEMENT
OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
IN THE HOME**



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After all the arrangements have been made, the Enthronement Ceremony begins at a table on which the image of the Sacred Heart(s) has been placed. This table should be somewhat distant from the place of Enthronement (if practicable) in order to distinguish the act of enthronement of the image in its permanent place. A priest should bless the image beforehand.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

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

R/. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION

Leader: “God is love” (1 *John* 4:16), and all of His works serve to show this divine love to mankind. The writings of the Old Testament reveal that God’s love created us in His image and likeness; it established a covenant with Abraham; it rescued the Chosen People from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land. The fullest expression of God’s love is the Person of Jesus Christ: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in

him should not perish but have eternal life” (*John* 3:16). The Heart of Jesus itself, in love with and wounded for mankind, is the most perfect symbol of the love of God. For this reason, “The prayer of the Church venerates and honors the Heart of Jesus...It adores the incarnate Word and his Heart which, out of love for us, he allowed to be pierced by our sins” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 2669).

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for which we are gathered, is an expression of our own love of God and the love which He shows to us. The enthroned image of the Sacred Heart expresses the true Kingship of Christ Who rules over us by giving up His life for us. It daily reminds each member of the family to follow in Christ’s royal way by making reparation for sins and striving to serve God and neighbor more lovingly. The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is enthroned to signify that Christ is He Who gives inspiration and direction to each member of the family. The Enthronement is a single act, but it represents a way of life by which each member of the family is transformed in Christ each day. May the Enthronement truly be for this family a source of new vigor in living the Christian vocation, the vocation to love.

APOSTLES' CREED

Leader: As an act of loving faith in all of Jesus' teachings, and as an act of atonement for those who reject them or do not practice them, let us recite the Apostles' Creed together:

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 sits at the right
hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall 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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Someone other than the Leader reads:

A reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only-begotten 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 to be the expiation of our sins. The Word of the Lord.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us.

The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

A brief reflection may be offered by the leader.

ACT OF ENTHRONEMENT

For the procession, the leader carries the image of the Sacred Heart, another family member carries the Bible, and others may carry candles. The parent or head of household enthrones the image of the Sacred Heart while saying:

I now enthrone Jesus as King and Friend of our family.

The person carrying the Bible then places it near the image of the Sacred Heart and says:

We are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, and by the Word of God.

Any candles are then placed on either side of the image as all present say:

The Lord sits enthroned as King forever! All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.
(Psalm 29:10b, Exodus 24:7)

ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE FAMILY

All kneel (if possible) and say in unison:

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 rule 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 that You promised. And we will not compromise with the spirit of secularism which You have so strongly denounced.

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. Sanctify our joys and comfort us in our sorrows. And if any members of our family should have the misfortune to offend you seriously, remind them, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, of Your infinite love and mercy for the penitent 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 one another with the thought that the time will come when our whole family will be united lovingly with You in Heaven forever. There we shall 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.

May the memory of this Consecration be with us always.

Glory to the Divine Heart of Jesus, our King!

Praise to the Divine Heart of Jesus that brought us salvation. To Him be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: Lord Jesus, You told us that “whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give to you.” In Your name, and with great confidence in Your love, we now offer these prayers:

Someone other than the leader says the following:

For the grace of being faithful to this covenant with Jesus and our renewed way of life in Him, we pray to the Lord.

R/. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For an increase of personal, generous love for Jesus, and a greater trust in His merciful love, we pray to the Lord.

R/. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may always find our hearts responsive to His call, we pray to the Lord.

R/. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For a deeper appreciation of the greatest gift of the Heart of Jesus, the Holy Eucharist, through frequent participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Communion, especially on First Fridays, we pray to the Lord.

R/. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may desire to receive the Sacrament of Confession more often in order to increase our love for Jesus and to avoid sin, we pray to the Lord.

R/. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our family members who are absent may be protected in all they do, and that all our beloved family who have died may be united to the Heart of Jesus in Heaven for ever, we pray to the Lord.

R/. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray?

Family members and guests voice their own prayer intentions, adding, "we pray to the Lord." All respond, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader: God our Father, through the Sacred Heart of your Son, Jesus, You pour forth Your eternal love upon us. By the Enthronement of the image of Jesus' Heart and our Consecration to It, may we show our love to You and to the world. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

R/. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us conclude by calling on the Mother of God, Mary Most Holy:

All: **Hail, Holy Queen, 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.
R/. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Leader: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
R/. **Have mercy on us.**

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

Leader: Saint Joseph,
R/. **Pray for us!**

Leader: Our Guardian Angels,
R/. **Pray for us!**

Leader: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

R/. **Have mercy on us.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

O Father of mercies and God of all consolation, Who by the exceeding love with which You have loved us, have given us the Heart of Your beloved Son so that having but one heart with Him, we may love You perfectly; Grant, we beseech You, that our hearts, being consumed in unity with the Heart of Jesus and with one another, may perform all our works in accord with His humility and charity and that, by His mediation, the just desires of our hearts may be accomplished, through the same Christ our Lord.

R/. **Amen.**

The ceremony concludes with the Sign of the Cross. A Certificate of Enthronement is signed by those in attendance as a reminder of the event.