

# Enthronement of the **Sacred Heart** in the home



- Three-day Preparation for Enthronement
- Ceremony of Enthronement
- Suggested devotional practices





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# The promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to families who honour His Sacred Heart

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will bless every house in which the picture of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured.
4. I will console them in all their difficulties.
5. I will be their refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
6. I will shed abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
7. Sinners shall find in My Heart a fountain and boundless ocean of mercy.
8. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
9. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the hardest hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart never to be blotted out.
12. I promise Thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all powerful love will grant to all who communicate on the first Friday of the month for nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My displeasure nor without their sacraments: My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



# About the Enthronement

## **What is the Enthronement?**

It is a crusade to establish the Social Reign of the Sacred Heart in society through the family, the most fundamental unit of society. It is based on Our Lord's statement to St. Margaret Mary: "I will reign through My Heart!" It is an organized campaign to restore Christ to the family and the family to Christ. It is the answer to the question: "What can we do to save the family?"

## **How does the Enthronement restore Christ to the family?**

The Enthronement begins with a beautiful and impressive ceremony. In the home itself, in the presence of the priest, who presides at the



ceremony, the family publicly and solemnly acknowledges that Christ is the King and loving Master of its home. This is done by having the head of the family install a picture or statue of the Sacred Heart in the place of honour, in the principal room of the home as on a throne — hence the word “Enthronement.” After this solemn acknowledgment of the sovereign rights of Christ the King over the family, the members consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart. Thereby they pledge themselves to live as though the Sacred Heart were actually dwelling in their midst as He did at Nazareth, treating Him as an intimate member of the family, as Our Lord and Brother.

### **Is this all there is to the Enthronement?**

No, the ceremony is only the beginning of a new life, a life of love; of loving obedience to all the commandments of Christ and the Church; a life of prayer; especially of family prayers before the image of the Enthroned King, evening prayers and rosary in common; a Eucharistic life: of frequent and even daily Mass and Communion, thereby linking up the sanctuary of the Church and the sanctuary of the home; finally a life of Christian penance, especially by refusing to give in to pagan customs and ideas which are slowly destroying the Christian home, and by making reparation for the terrible crimes of divorce, birth control and sensuality.

### **Why will the Enthronement restore the family to Christ?**

Because in the enthronement the family is putting Our Lord and His interests first. In return the Sacred Heart takes over the interests of the family. Our Lord Himself has promised that He will bless and sanctify those families who enthrone Him as King. He asked Saint Margaret Mary, to whom He revealed His Sacred Heart, that He be allowed to reign over the homes of the rich and the poor; that He be solemnly received as King,

and Friend that His Sacred Heart be honoured and loved. “I will establish peace in their homes; I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life; I will comfort them in all their afflictions; I will bless all their undertakings.” Hence we may safely say that this is the means Our Lord Himself has selected to restore His sovereign rights over the family, and through the family, over society itself.

### **Has this work been approved?**

Yes, first by the Sacred Heart Himself, as evidenced by the countless conversions, both of individuals and families, where the Sacred Heart has been enthroned; secondly by four popes of this century: St. Pius X called it “a work of social salvation” Benedict XV wrote to Father Mateo, its founder: “Nothing is more opportune than your undertaking.” Pius XI blessed this work many times both publicly and privately, and Pius XII wrote to Father Mateo praising him for his work and encouraging him to continue the work of “the enthronement, which is so well suited to foster the reign of love and mercy of the Sacred Heart in the family.”

### **What must I do to enthrone the Sacred Heart in my home?**

1. Learn what it is and how important it is.
2. It is important to have a priest preside over the ceremony, but it is not essential to gain the indulgences. For serious reasons, the father, or someone else may preside and lead the prayers. In any case, please consult your parish priest.
3. If possible have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered that morning for the reign of the Sacred Heart in your home, and as an act of love and reparation to the Sacred Heart. The entire family should try to receive Communion at this Mass, or at another Mass.

4. Obtain as beautiful a picture or statue of the Sacred Heart as possible. If you already have a picture, use that one.

5. Obtain a certificate of enthronement to be signed after the Ceremony.<sup>1</sup>

6. Below the place of honour reserved for the statue or picture, prepare a “throne” or “altar,” that is to say, a table (or perhaps the mantelpiece) covered with a white cloth, beautifully decorated with flowers and candles. The picture or statue and holy water should be placed on a small table near the “throne” before the ceremony.

7. Invite your relatives and friends to be present, thus you will already begin to be an “apostle of the Sacred Heart.” Have a family party after the ceremony, with a special treat for the children, who of course, should be present at the ceremony, even the smallest.

8. Make this day one of the outstanding events of the family life — one long to be remembered. The greater the solemnity, the better.

*NOTE:* There is no more appropriate way for a young couple to begin their married life, than to enthrone the Sacred Heart in their new home.

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<sup>1</sup> Certificate can be obtained from M.I. Library.





## Before the Enthronement

*A day is chosen for the enthronement ceremony which has a special signification for the family, (a marriage anniversary, for example) or an appropriate liturgical feast day, or a day on which a priest can be present, when possible.*

### Preparation

*The better and more serious the preparation for the enthronement, the greater will be the blessings on the family coming from this event. This preparation can be extended over three days (a triduum), or over nine days (a novena). If a Novena is said in reparation, use the following Preparatory prayer and the Litany of the Sacred Heart for Days 1–6 of the Novena, and the Triduum (pages 14–23) on Days 7–9.*

# Preparatory Prayer

(For a Novena, to be said on Days 1–6. For days 7–9, go to p. 14–23)

O Divine Heart of Jesus, come dwell among us, for we love Thee. Visit our home as once Thou didst come to Thy friends at Cana, Bethany, and the home of Zachaeus, the publican. We wish to place our family under Thy care, and bring it into intimate union with Thee, O Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thou art our most faithful Friend. No one has ever loved us as Thou hast done. And we wish to love Thee for those who do not love Thee as Thou art God and Our Saviour. Thou art also Our Lord and King. Since so many scorn Thy kingly might, we desire to call it down upon our family. Take Thou possession of this hearth where we shall reserve a throne as a place of honour for Thee.

Grant that the day of enthronement be both for our family, and for Thee a day of great joy and the beginning of our life truly in submission and intimate union with Thee. All our thoughts and actions must be in harmony with Thy Sacred Law. We wish to cast aside our disordered self-love and to love our neighbour as Thou hast loved us, and dost continue to love us.

Living in a world which has for the most part become once again pagan, and no longer knows Thee, O Divine Heart of Jesus, we ask of Thy gracious presence the charity of the first Christians, of the Apostles, and of the Martyrs. Grant that by this household, which seeks to belong to Thee completely, other families may embrace Thy charity and that thus from family to family the entire globe may submit to Thy Royalty.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, perfect model of fidelity to Our Lord and of union with Him extend and strengthen, within our hearts and our families the reign of charity, the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

# Litany of the Sacred Heart

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Christ, *have mercy on us.*

Lord, *have mercy on us.*

Christ *hear us.*

Christ *graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the World, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, *have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mother, *have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God, *have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty, *etc.*

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, burning Furnace of Charity,

Heart of Jesus, Vessel of justice and love,

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,

Heart of Jesus, Abyss of all virtues,

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,

Heart of Jesus, King and centre of all hearts,

Heart of Jesus, in Whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,

Heart of Jesus, in Whom dwelleth all the fullness of the divinity,

Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father was well pleased,

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received,

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,

Heart of Jesus, patient and abounding in mercy,  
Heart of Jesus, rich unto all who call upon Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, Fountain of life and holiness,  
Heart of Jesus, Propitiation of our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, filled with reproaches,  
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offences,  
Heart of Jesus, made obedient unto death,  
Heart of Jesus, pierced with 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 for our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, Salvation of those who hope in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, Hope of those who die in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, Delight of all the saints,  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us,*  
*O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,  
R. Make our hearts like unto Thy Heart.

***Let Us Pray***

Almighty and eternal God, consider the heart of Thy well beloved Son, and the praises and satisfaction He offers Thee in the name of sinners; appeased by worthy homage, pardon those who implore Thy mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee, world without end.

R. Amen.

# Triduum for the of the Sacred Heart

## Three-day Preparation

*The enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the social reign of Jesus Christ in our homes, parishes, workplaces, schools, communities and nations. We recognize His supreme Sovereignty over peoples, nations and families, and we wish to place everything under the empire of His Divine Love. Our purpose is to bring forth Jesus Christ as the Enthroned King of Kings and Lord of Lords, placing everything under the influence of His Sacred Heart.*

### Day 1

#### **To the Heart of Our King, Jesus of Bethlehem**

*(When Triduum is said as part of a Novena, use as day 7)*

*1. The father or the mother, announces: “The third joyful mystery, the Birth of Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem. In this mystery we will see Jesus being adored as King, by His parents, the shepherds and the Three Kings”. Then are read the following passages from the New Testament:*

*Luke 1: 26–38:*

And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the virgin’s name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought to herself what manner of salutation this



should be. And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father: and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end. And Mary said to the angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man? And the angel answering, said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And behold thy cousin Elizabeth, she also hath conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren. Because no word shall be impossible with God. And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it done to me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

*Luke 2: 1-20:*

And it came to pass that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David. To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them and the brightness of God shone round about them: and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people: For, this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you. You

shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest: and on earth peace to men of good will. And it came to pass, after the angels departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath shewed to us. And they came with haste: and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child. And all that heard wondered: and at those things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

## 2. Recite one decade of the Rosary.<sup>1</sup>

### ***Let Us Pray***

Sacred Heart of Jesus, we salute Thee, for Thou art the King of Kings, the Ruler of families and nations. But sad to say, in many nations, Thou hast been dethroned and rejected. This is mainly because Thou wast dethroned in many families of which the nations are composed. Loving Master, we want to make up for this insult to Thy Divine Majesty by lovingly enthroning Thee as King of our (*family or organization*). Like Mary and Joseph, like the shepherds and the three kings, we want to give Thee a royal welcome as they did when they adored Thee in Thy humble home in Bethlehem. Like them, we have no royal throne to offer Thee, but we can and will offer something even more pleasing to Thee. In our (*home or organization*), Thy throne will be a living throne: the loyal hearts of the members of this (*home or organization*); Thy royal crown: our acts of love.

O Mary, Queen of our (*home or organization*), by Thy loving submission to the will of God in all things, obtain for us the grace never to sadden the Heart of our King by willful disobedience of His commandments or

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<sup>1</sup> The Litany of the Sacred Heart may be added (p. 12).

those of His Church. May it be said of us what the Gospel said of Jesus, “He was subject to them.”

Good St. Joseph, guardian of our (*family or organization*), help us to make this enthronement the beginning of a new life of love in this (*home or organization*).

Through the presence of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our (*family circle or organization*) and through Thy powerful intercession, may we receive the grace to know our King more personally, love Him more ardently, and thus serve Him more faithfully. Amen.

### ***Daily Prayer***

O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge Thee to be King of the universe; all that has been made is created by Thee. Exercise over us all Thy sovereign rights. We hereby renew the promises of our Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and empty promises, and we promise to lead henceforth a truly Christian life. Divine Heart of Jesus, we offer Thee our poor actions to obtain acknowledgement by every heart of Thy sacred kingly power. May the kingdom of Thy peace be firmly established throughout the earth.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Thy kingdom come through Mary!*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, *protect us!*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, queen of Heaven, *pray for us!*

St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, *pray for us!*

St. Michael, first champion of the Kingship of Christ, *pray for us!*

Guardian Angels, *pray for us!*

Sing an appropriate hymn.

## Day 2

### To the Heart of Our Brother: Jesus of Nazareth

*(When Triduum is said as part of a Novena, use as day 8)*

1. *The father or the mother, announces: "The fifth joyful mystery, the Finding of the Child Jesus in the temple and His return to Nazareth. In this mystery we will think of Jesus the Son of God living an ordinary life in the little home at Nazareth with Mary and Joseph." Then is read the passage from the New Testament:*

*Luke 2:40–52*

And the child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in him. And his parents went every year to Jerusalem, at the solemn day of the Pasch. And when he was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast, and having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem. And his parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey and sought him among their kinsfolks and acquaintance. And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers. And seeing him, they wondered. And his mother said to him: Son, why hast thou done so to us? Behold thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said to them: How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my father's business? And they understood not the word that he spoke unto them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these words in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace with God and men.

2. *Recite One decade of the Rosary.*<sup>2</sup>

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### ***Let Us Pray***

Dear Jesus, Son of God, when we call Thee “Brother”, we speak the truth for Thou art indeed just that. John told us so when in his Gospel he wrote, “But to as many as received Him, He gave the power of becoming sons of God.” Therefore, we are Thine adopted brothers and sisters and co-heirs of heaven. And since Thou art a King, we have the privilege of being members of a royal family, as were Mary and Joseph.

How honoured we will be to have our Brother King come to dwell in our humble (*home or organization*) in order to share our joys and sorrows! Once Thou art enthroned in our (*family or organization*), we will understand as never before the meaning of the words, “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” No longer need we envy Mary and Joseph at Nazareth, for Thy abiding presence in our (*home or organization*) will make our (*family or organization*) another Nazareth wherein we will give proof of our love. We will do this especially by the practice of charity: trying to love each other as Thou didst love us and to establish Thy kingdom on earth in the spirit of Justice and Charity.

O Mary, queen of Nazareth and Mother of Jesus, obtain for us the grace to appreciate the presence of Thy Divine Son enthroned in our (*home or organization*). Grant us a greater love for Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, a deeper love for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, a more ardent longing to unite ourselves as often as possible with our loving Saviour in Holy Communion.

Good St. Joseph, Thou wast privileged to share the joys and sorrows of Thy foster son at Nazareth. Teach us how to share our everyday joys and sorrows here on earth with our Brother, Jesus, so that one day our entire (*family or organization*) may join Thee and Mary in sharing the joys of heaven. There we will see my King and Brother face to face and with Thee love, adore, thank, and praise Him for all eternity. Amen.

### ***Daily Prayer***

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rights. We hereby renew the promises of our Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and empty promises, and we promise to lead henceforth a truly Christian life. Divine Heart of Jesus, we offer Thee our poor actions to obtain acknowledgement by every heart of Thy sacred kingly power. May the kingdom of Thy peace be firmly established throughout the earth.

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St. Michael, first champion of the Kingship of Christ, *pray for us!*

Guardian Angels, *pray for us!*

Sing an appropriate hymn.

## Day 3

### To the Heart of Our Friend: Jesus of Bethany

*(When Triduum is said as part of a Novena, use as day 9)*

*1. The father or the mother, announces: "The first glorious mystery, the Resurrection. In this mystery we will think of Jesus rising in triumph from the tomb and we will hear Him promising Martha and Mary that their brother also will rise again." Then are read the following passages from the New Testament:*

*Lk 10:38–42:*

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain town: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who, sitting also at the Lord's feet, heard his word. But Martha was busy about much serving, who stood and said: Lord, hast thou no care that my sister hath left me alone to serve? Speak to her therefore, that she help me. And the Lord answering, said to her: Martha, Martha, thou art careful and art troubled about many things: but one thing is necessary. Mary hath chosen the best part, which shall not be taken away from her.

*John 11:1–36:*

Now there was a certain man sick, named Lazarus, of Bethania, of the town of Mary and of Martha her sister. (And Mary was she that anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair: whose brother Lazarus was sick.) His sisters therefore sent to him, saying: Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. And Jesus hearing it, said to them: This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God: that the Son of God may be glorified by it. Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister Mary and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he still remained in the same place two days. Then after that, he said to his disciples: Let us go into Judea again. The disciples say to him: Rabbi, the Jews but now sought to stone thee. And goest thou thither again? Jesus answered: Are there not twelve hours of the day? If a man walk in the day he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world: But if he walk in the night, he stumbleth, because the light is not in him. These things he said; and after that he said to them: Lazarus our friend sleepeth: but I go that I may awake him out of sleep. His disciples therefore said: Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. But Jesus spoke of his death: and they thought that he spoke of the repose of sleep. Then therefore Jesus said to them plainly: Lazarus is dead. And I am glad, for your sakes; that I was not there, that you may believe. But, let us go to him. Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples: Let us also go, that we may die with him. Jesus therefore came: and found that he had been four days already in the grave. (Now Bethania was near Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off.) And many of the Jews were come to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Martha therefore, as soon as she heard that Jesus was come, went to meet him: but Mary sat at home. Martha therefore said to Jesus: Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But now also I know that whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee. Jesus saith to her: Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith to him: I know that he shall rise again, in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said to her: I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live: And every one that liveth and believeth in me shall not die for ever. Believest thou this? She saith to him: Yea, Lord, I have believed that thou art Christ, the Son of the living God, who art come into this world. And when she had said these things, she went and called

her sister Mary secretly, saying: The master is come and calleth for thee. She, as soon as she heard this, riseth quickly and cometh to him. For Jesus was not yet come into the town: but he was still in that place where Martha had met him. The Jews therefore, who were with her in the house and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up speedily and went out, followed her, saying: She goeth to the grave to weep there. When Mary therefore was come where Jesus was, seeing him, she fell down at his feet and saith to him. Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. Jesus, therefore, when he saw her weeping, and the Jews that were come with her weeping, groaned in the spirit and troubled himself, and said: Where have you laid him? They say to him: Lord, come and see. And Jesus wept. The Jews therefore said: Behold how he loved him.

## 2. Recite one decade of the Rosary.<sup>3</sup>

### **Let Us Pray**

“My delight is to be with the children of humankind.” These words from the *Book of Proverbs* were certainly spoken about Thee, dear Jesus, Who came down to share our exile here below. Thou dost delight in being with us because we need Thee and Thou art our best Friend. Thou lovest all without exception: saints and sinners, the rich and the poor, the learned and the uneducated. Thou lovest all races, all peoples, but above all Thou lovest all families. Thou didst prove that love by spending thirty years in Thy home in Nazareth, and during Thy public life, many times Thou didst accept invitations to visit families. Thus, Thou didst tell Zacchaeus the sinner that “I must stay in your house today.” But there was one family for whom Thou hadst a special love, that of Lazarus, Martha, and Mary.

How many times Thou didst stay in that beloved family at Bethany! It was there Thou didst find rest and solace after the fatigue of Thy labours and the insulting attacks of Thy enemies. At Bethany, Thou wast always received as a royal Guest, but also Thou wast treated as a Brother and Friend. Dear Jesus, once Thou art enthroned in our (*home or organization*), we too want to be Thy true friends. We desire that Thou dost find with us a true home. We will try to con-

<sup>3</sup> The Litany of the Sacred Heart may be added (p. 12).



sole Thee for those who do not love Thee. We will serve Thee like Martha; listen to Thee like Mary; and thank Thee like Lazarus. We are confident that Thou wilt richly bless our (*family or organization*) and all those who invite Thee into their lives. And, if there are in our (*home or organization*) prodigal sons or daughters, lost sheep, sinners dead to the life of grace, we know that Thou wilt say to them as Thou didst say to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation has come to this house.” Thou wilt be to them a loving Father, a Good Shepherd, a Divine Physician, for Thou art “the Resurrection and the Life.”

O Mary, Mother of Our best Friend, and St. Joseph our patron, obtain for us the grace to make our (*home or organization*) a true Bethany for the Sacred Heart. May our friendship with Jesus be loving, loyal, and lasting. May our daily living with my King and Guest bring about a closer union of hearts, of minds, and of wills so that our entire (*family or organization*) united with the Heart of Jesus here on earth may remain united with Him and the Father and the Holy Ghost in our true home, heaven, for all eternity! Amen.

### ***Daily Prayer***

O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge Thee to be King of the universe; all that has been made is created by Thee. Exercise over us all Thy sovereign rights. We hereby renew the promises of our Baptism, renouncing Satan and all his works and empty promises, and we promise to lead henceforth a truly Christian life. Divine Heart of Jesus, we offer Thee our poor actions to obtain acknowledgement by every heart of Thy sacred kingly power. May the kingdom of Thy peace be firmly established throughout the earth.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Thy kingdom come through Mary!*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, *protect us!*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, queen of Heaven, *pray for us!*

St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, *pray for us!*

St. Michael, first champion of the Kingship of Christ, *pray for us!*

Guardian Angels, *pray for us!*

Sing an appropriate hymn.

# Other Preparations

*Plan to receive the Sacrament of Penance and the Holy Eucharist before or on the day of the Enthronement Ceremony and prepare a place of honour for the Sacred Heart image and a place for the Marian image. This place of honour will be your prayer place as you live out your covenant of love. Wall tables or shelves are ideal since there is generally room for a Bible, rosaries, candles, flowers and pictures of loved ones.*

## **Requests of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary**

1. Acknowledge Jesus as your King.
2. Place an image of the Sacred Heart in your home.
3. Consecrate your heart to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
4. Make reparation to Jesus for indifference and hostility to Him.
5. Live a life of love and confidence in Him.
6. Make the Sacred Heart of Jesus better known and loved.
7. Increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.
8. Celebrate First Fridays.

## **Essential Elements of Devotion to the Sacred Heart**

1. Worship of Jesus as the Sacred Heart.
2. Belief in the merciful love of Jesus.
3. Generous return of love to Jesus.
4. Reparation for offences against Jesus, particularly on First Fridays.
5. Special love and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.

# The Enthronement as a Way of Life

*In order to keep the spirit of the enthronement alive, the following prayers and practices are recommended:*

## ***Daily Offering***

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee my prayers, works, joys, and sorrows of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for sin, for the intentions of all my friends and associates, and in particular for the lawful intentions of the Holy Father.

## ***Daily Enthronement Renewal***

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, I renew my pledge of love and loyalty to Thee. Keep me always close to Thy loving Heart, and to the most Immaculate Heart of Thy Mother. May I love others more each day, forgiving other's faults as Thou dost forgive me for my sins. Teach me to see Thee in my neighbor, loving him as Thou dost love me, the poor and oppressed. Make me an instrument of thy justice and peace.

Please help me carry my cross daily out of love for Thee and help me strengthen this love by frequent Mass and Holy Communion. Thank Thee, dear Jesus, for all the blessings of this day. Protect me and others during this night. Help me to live that I might get to heaven.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Thy Kingdom come!*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, *pray for our family!*

St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, *pray for us!*

Our patron saints and guardian angels, *pray for us!*

Amen.

## Recommended Practices

1. Reception of the Eucharist, as often as possible and especially on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Faithful use of the Sacrament of Penance (recommended once a month).
3. Scripture Reading.
4. Spiritual Reading.
5. Holy Hours in the Home and Eucharistic Adoration in church.
6. Monthly First Friday and First Saturday devotions.
7. Celebration of Solemnities or Feasts of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Christ the King.
8. Do something specific and concrete for the reign of Christ in Society.



## Ceremony of Enthronement

*It is, again, recommended to have Mass celebrated for the intentions of the family the day of the enthronement, or at least to attend Mass as a Family and to receive Holy Communion (at least the Sunday before).*

*The place reserved for the image is set up as a small altar. The image of the Sacred Heart is prepared on another table covered in white with candles and flowers. A small bottle of holy water is also prepared.*

## Blessing of the house, or apartment (*ad libitum*)

*At the set hour, parents, children, and friends assemble in the main room of the house for the ceremony. If the house is not yet blessed, the priest, in surplice and white stole, first blesses it.*

V. Adjutorium nostrum in Nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo. Oremus.

Bene +dic Domine, Deus omnipotens, domum istam; ut sit in ea sanitas, castitas, victoria, virtus, humilitas, bonitas, et mansuetudo, plenitudo legis, et gratiarum actio Deo Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: et haec benedictio maneat super hanc domum et super habitantes in ea nunc et in omnia saecula saeculorum.

Amen.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who made Heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit. Let us pray.

O Lord God Almighty, bless this house. In it may there be health, chastity, victory over sin, strength, humility, goodness of heart and gentleness, full observance of Thy law and gratefulness to God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. And may this blessing remain upon this house and upon those who live here, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

## Blessing of the image (statue) of the Sacred Heart

*When it is impossible to have a priest present the image is blessed beforehand. The family kneels before the image. The priest, in surplice and white stole, begins by the blessing.*

V. Adjutorium nostrum in Nomine Domini.

R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo. Oremus.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

R. Who made Heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit. Let us pray.

Omnipotens sempiternus Deus, qui Sanctorum tuorum imagines sculpi aut pingi non reprobas, ut quoties illas oculis corporis intuemur, toties eorum actus et sanctitatem ad imitandum memoriae oculis meditemur, hanc quaesumus, imaginem (seu sculpturam) in honorem et memoriam Sacratissimi Cordis Unigeniti Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi, adaptam bene+dicere et sancti+ficare digneris; et praesta, ut quicumque coram illa Cor Sacratissimum Unigeniti Filii tui suppliciter colere et honorare studuerit, illius meritis et obtentu, a te gratiam in praesenti, et aeternam gloriam obtineat in futurum. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

*Ultimo aspergat aqua benedicta.*

Almighty, everlasting God, Thou dost not forbid us to represent Thy saints in stone or paint, so that, as often as we look upon their likenesses with the eyes of the body, we may with the eyes of the mind meditate upon their holiness and be led to imitate their deeds. In Thy kindness, we beg Thee to bless and sanctify this picture (statue), meant to honour and call to mind the Most Sacred Heart of Thy only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. May all who in its presence humbly strive to serve and honour Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by His merits and intercession gain from Thee grace in the present life and eternal glory in the life to come. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*Then the priest sprinkles the image with holy water.*

## Enthronement of the image

*Then the head of the family sets up the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a place of honour, in order to render homage to the Reign of the Love of Jesus Christ which is everywhere so unknown.*

## Recitation of the Creed

*After the blessing, in order to give explicit expression to the faith of the family, all recite the Apostles' Creed out loud and standing.*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, I Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## Address of the Priest

*Everyone is seated while the priest addresses a few words to those present.*

He recalls:

- the signification of the Enthronement;
- the Christian life of obedience, confidence and love that the Sacred Heart awaits from the families who have given Him this honour;
- the special and abundant blessings which are given to those families faithful to their engagements;
- the family's obligation to renew frequently its consecration, especially during the evening prayers.



# Act of Consecration of the family to the Sacred Heart

*This form was approved by St. Pius X on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1908 and is required as such to gain the indulgences. Thus, it cannot be modified. It is recited kneeling by both the priest and the family. If a priest is not present it is led by the head of the household.*

Sacred Heart of Jesus Who didst make known to St. Margaret Mary Thine ardent desire to reign over Christian families behold us assembled here today to proclaim Thine absolute dominion over our home.

Henceforth we purpose to lead a life like unto Thine, so that amongst us may flourish the virtues for which Thou didst promise peace on earth, and for this end we will banish from our midst the spirit of the world which Thou dost abhor so much.

Thou wilt reign over our understanding by the simplicity of our faith. Thou wilt reign over our hearts by an ardent love for Thee; 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 Thy Sacred Heart, remind him of Thy goodness and mercy towards 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 Thy eternal decrees, and seek consolation in the thought that we shall one day be reunited in Heaven, where we shall sing the praises and blessings of Thy Sacred Heart for all eternity.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, offer Thee 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 following prayer, formerly used, can be recited on other occasions.*

Lord Jesus deign to visit this home in company with Thy Most Holy Mother and to pour out upon its inhabitants those graces which Thou hast promised to families specially consecrated to Thy Divine Heart. It was Thou alone, O Saviour of the world, who in revealing Thyself to St. Margaret Mary didst demand, for an end most merciful, the solemn homage of universal love to Thy Divine Heart, that fleart which has so much loved men and was so little loved in return.

This family seeks urgently to answer Thy call and, in reparation for the indifference and the apostasy of so many souls it comes, O Divine Heart, to proclaim Thee as its loving Sovereign and to consecrate to Thee without hope of gain, its joys, labour, and sorrows, the present and the future of this household, which henceforth belongs to none other than Thee.

Thus bless those who are here present. Bless also those who, by the will of the Most High, have passed away. Bless those who are absent, O Jesus! In the name of the Virgin Mary we beseech Thee, O Heart of Love, to establish this household in the reign of charity. Pour forth on it Thy spirit of faith, of holiness, and of purity. Be Thou the unique Master of these souls: detach them from worldliness and empty vanities. Open to them, Lord, the adorable wound of Thy most merciful Heart; and as an Ark of Salvation keep them therein, for they are Thine unto eternal Life!

May the Triumphant Heart of Jesus dwell among us forever loved, blessed, and glorified! Amen.

# Prayer for absent and dead family members

*No one should be absent on this solemn occasion , therefore those who have died should be called to mind Thus say one Our Father and one Hail Mary for these, and for those who are absent.*

Our Father.....& Hail Mary.....

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Sanctify, O Lord, those who devote themselves to Thy service.

R. And all those who place their hope in Thee.

# Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for children

*If the children are present, they may recite the following prayer:*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Heart of Our best Friend and most lovable King Thou hast set up Thy throne in this house, in order to always live with us. Say to us those same words: "Let the little children come unto Me." Behold us, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, kneeling at Thy feet and promising from now on to be as obedient and respectful as Thou wast to Thy holy Parents at the little house at Nazareth, so that we may grow both in virtue and wisdom along with age. Most lovable Heart of Jesus, Thou wishest also to possess

our hearts, for Thou hast said: “My child, give me your heart” Thou wishest to remain alone in our hearts, and we must console Thee by our love, for all those who do not know Thee or do not desire to love Thee. Most sweet Jesus, Divine Friend of children, receive our hearts, make them pure, holy and happy. Receive also our bodies, our souls, and all our strength. We consecrate ourselves to Thee now and forever. Be Thou alone our King. All our thoughts, and our words, our actions, and our prayers, we consecrate to Thee, our Friend and Our King.

All for Thee, O Sacred Heart of Jesus!

*The children may recite a poem or sing a hymn in honour of the Sacred Heart.*

## Prayer of thanksgiving

*The whole family recites the following prayer:*

Glory be to Thee, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the infinite mercy Thou hast bestowed upon the privileged members of this family. Thou hast chosen it from thousands of others, as a recipient of Thy love and as a sanctuary of reparation wherein Thy most loving Heart shall find consolation for the ingratitude of men. How great, O Lord Jesus, is the confusion of this portion of Thy faithful flock as we accept the unmerited honour of seeing Thee preside over our family.

Silently we adore Thee, overjoyed to see Thee sharing under the same roof the toils, cares and joys of Thy innocent children. It is true we are not worthy that Thou shouldst enter our humble abode, but Thou hast already reassured us, when Thou didst reveal Thy Sacred Heart to us, teaching us to find in the wound of Thy Sacred Side the source of grace and life everlasting. In this loving and trusting spirit we give ourselves to Thee, Thou who art unchanging Life. Remain with us, Most

Sacred Heart, for we feel an irresistible desire to love Thee and make Thee loved.

May our home be for Thee a haven as sweet as that of Bethany, where Thou canst find rest in the midst of loving friends, who like Mary have chosen the better part in the loving intimacy of Thy Heart.

May this home be for Thee, O beloved Saviour, a humble but hospitable refuge during the exile imposed on Thee by Thine enemies. Come, then Lord Jesus, come, for here as at Nazareth, we have a tender love for the Virgin Mary, Thy sweet Mother, whom Thou hast given us to be our Mother. Come, to fill with Thy sweet presence the vacancies which misfortune and death have wrought in our midst.

O most faithful Friend, hadst Thou been here in the midst of sorrow, our tears would have been less bitter; the comforting balm of peace would then have soothed these hidden wounds, which are known to Thee 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 our 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 Thee who alone art the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Repeat for us those words Thou didst utter of old: "This day I must abide in this home" (Lk. 19:5).

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

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come! (thrice) Immaculate Heart of Mary, *pray for us!*

St. Joseph, pray for us! St. Pius X, *pray for us!*

St. Margaret Mary, *pray for us!*

Long live the Sacred Heart of Jesus forever and ever. Amen.



## Homage to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

*All stand in order to thank the Heart of Mary for the grace of the enthronement that Jesus has granted to the family, and to proclaim this good Mother as the Queen of the home. Her image is installed next to that of the Sacred Heart. All recite the “Hail Holy Queen.”*

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail 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.

# Family Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Heart of Jesus, Mother and Queen of our household that we may fulfil Thy ardent desire, we consecrate ourselves to Thee, and we beseech Thee to reign over our family. Reign over each one of us, and teach us how to make the Sacred Heart of Thy Divine Son reign and triumph in us and about us, as He has reigned and triumphed by Thee.

Reign over us, O Beloved Mother so that we may be Thine both in prosperity and in adversity, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in life and in death. O most compassionate Heart of Mary, Queen of Virgins, watch over our souls and our hearts and preserve them from the flood of pride, impurity, and paganism of which Thou hast complained so bitterly. We desire to do reparation for the numerous crimes committed against Jesus and Thee. We call upon our home, upon the homes of this country and upon those of the entire world, the peace of Christ in justice and charity.

Wherefore we promise to imitate Thy virtues, by a practical Christian life, and by frequent and fervent Holy Communion, regardless of human respect. We come with confidence to Thee, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love; inflame us with the same divine fire which has inflamed Thy own Immaculate Heart. Kindle in our Hearts and homes, the love of purity, an ardent zeal for souls, and desire for the holiness of family life. We accept now, all the sacrifices that the Christian life will impose on us and we offer them to the Heart of Jesus, by the Immaculate Heart, in a spirit of reparation and of penance. To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary be love, honour, and glory forever and ever! Amen.

# Blessing of the Priest

*The priest blesses those present by the usual formula:*

Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super vos et maneat semper. Amen.

*Both the priest and the family sign the Certificate of Enthronement. This great document is to be reserved with the other keepsakes of the family, or framed and hung near the Sacred Heart.*





# Renewal of the family Consecration to the Sacred Heart

*If possible, recite as a family each day the following small consecration:*

## Renewal of the Consecration

Sweet Saviour, kneeling humbly at Thy feet, we renew the consecration of our family to Thy Divine Heart. Be forever our King; we have full and complete confidence in Thee. May Thy spirit fill our thoughts, our desires, our words, and our works. Bless our undertakings. Take part in our joys, our trials, and our labours. Grant to us to know Thee better, to love Thee more, and to serve Thee without fail. From one pole of the earth to the other may the cry resound: “Beloved, blessed, and glorified be everywhere and forever the Triumphant Heart of Jesus!” Amen.

**Parents!**  
**Pray together with your  
children!**

# Suggested devotional practices

1. Frequent and even daily attendance at Mass by at least one member of the family, and Communion of Reparation.

2. Observance of the First Friday of each month (Holy Mass, Communion of Reparation, renewal of act of consecration before enthroned image).

3. Daily family Rosary before the enthroned image of the Sacred Heart, with renewal of the act of consecration (short form).

4. Celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart by the entire family; attendance at Mass, Communion for the extension of the Reign of the Sacred Heart through the enthronement; family gathering and celebration at home, with renewal of enthronement; special party for the children.

5. Observe the month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart; keep flowers before the “throne.” Mass and communion as often as possible.

6. Night adoration in the home. Any hour between 9 and 6, by any one or all the members of the family at least once a month.

7. Celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. Holy Mass, Holy Communion, and consecration of the family to the Immaculate Heart.

8. Make the five First Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of Russia; Holy Mass and Communion of reparation; five decades of the Rosary plus a fifteen minutes meditation on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary. The Rosary and meditation may be carried out at any hour on the First Saturday; a sermon in church will satisfy the obligation of the meditation.

9. Practice devotion to the Holy Ghost. Recite the chaplet of the Holy Ghost.





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