

What is an Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary?



FAQ's

Q: What is meant by the word "Enthronement"?

A: "Enthronement" means to put in a place of honor, in this case, images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Q: Why enthrone the images of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart?

A: Enthroning the images is the symbolic act of the recognition of Our Lord's authority as Sovereign King of your family and Our Lady's Queenship over you. The Enthronement Ceremony includes prayers of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Enthroned homes become *domestic churches* in which Jesus and Mary are participants in the everyday lives of all members of a family. The sanctification of daily duty – that most fundamental call of Our Lady of Fatima – is much easier to achieve in such an environment.

Q: Where should an Enthronement take place?

A: In a conspicuous place in your home: a family room, dining room, den, or where your family and friends gather most frequently.

Q: How do I prepare for an Enthronement?

A: Choose a date when most of the family and/or friends can be present. Prepare a home "altar," "throne," or "shrine" where the images can be enthroned. It may be decorated with a cloth, fresh flowers, and candles. If no suitable level area is available, the images may be enthroned and hung on a wall.

Q: Who can do an Enthronement?

A: A priest can bless the images and perform the ceremony, which takes about half an hour. The head of the family or Legionaries of Mary may also perform the ceremony, with the images previously blessed.

Q: Is there a follow-up to an Enthronement?

A: Yes, you invite Jesus to share your everyday life as Friend, constant Companion, and King. Family prayer, especially the rosary, is the best. Also, a daily renewal of your Consecration helps keep your Enthronement alive.

Q: What is the daily renewal of Consecration?

A: It may be prayed as follows: "Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, we renew our pledge today of love and loyalty to You. Keep us always close to Your loving Heart and to the Most Pure Heart of Your Mother. May we love one another more and more each day, forgiving each other's faults as You forgive our sins. Teach us to see You in the members of our family and those we meet outside the home, loving them as You love them, especially the poor and the oppressed, that we may be instrumental in bringing about justice and peace. Please help us to carry

our cross daily out of love for You, and to strengthen this love by frequent Mass and Communion. Thank you, Dear Jesus, King and Friend of our family, for all the blessings of this day. Protect us and all families during this day. Help us to live that we may all get to heaven. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Guardian Angels, pray for us!"

Q: I live alone: is there another prayer that can be said, or do I have to use this one, and make changes?

A: You may certainly say this one with appropriate changes for your family situation. However, there is another element to devotion to the Sacred Heart and this is reparation. We may offer all we think, say, and do each day to His Sacred Heart in reparation for all the outrages and sacrileges with which He is daily offended. This may be along the lines of: "I gladly offer You today, O most Sacred Heart of Jesus all my thoughts, words and deeds, and any trials or sufferings I may endure for the intentions of Thy Most Sacred Heart, in reparation for sins and for the salvation of the world. Accept this consecration I make today of every faculty of my soul and body. I offer this all through the Most Holy Immaculate Heart of Mary, that she may complete these in You for the praise and glory of Your name and for love of You. Amen."

Q: Do we have to say such long prayers? A: No! You may say anything that comes from your heart, even brief prayers such as: "All for You, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus," or "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I love You and I trust in You," or "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I give myself to You through Mary," or any other prayer you wish. He is your Friend; you may speak with Him as you wish.

Q: What else can I do to make my Enthronement effective?

A: In the home: be kind and loving to others, read scripture, and pray together. Keep flowers or a plant by your images at the "shrine." Candles at the "shrine" may be lit during prayers, if desired. Outside the home: be faithful to Sunday Mass attendance, go to Confession frequently, and receive Holy Communion frequently, especially on First Fridays and First Saturdays. Practice the corporeal and spiritual works of mercy. (Find out what they are!)

Sources: National Enthronement Center Fairhaven, Massachusetts www.sccc.org

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