

What is the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

The Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a ceremony during which blessed images of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart are enthroned, that is, put in a place of honor. Enthroning the images is the symbolic act of the enthronement of the recognition of Our Lord's authority as our Sovereign King and Our Lady's Queenship over us. Enthronement of the Two Hearts may take place in our homes, schools and workplaces.

The Enthronement Ceremony includes prayers of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We turn our lives and hearts over to Him, confident that He will bless, guide, and protect us always. Our Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary acknowledges her as our spiritual Mother and implores her to extend her mantle of love, comfort, and protection over us and to lead us into a deeper relationship with her Son. Enthroned homes become *domestic churches* in which Jesus and Mary are participants in the everyday lives of all members of our families. The sanctification of daily duty – that most fundamental call of Our Lady of Fatima – is much easier to achieve in such an environment.

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

The 12 promises Jesus revealed to St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque to those who practice devotion to His Sacred Heart are:

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 console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where any image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

If you would like to have your home enthroned, please contact the Legion of Mary at: 09legionofmary15@gmail.com, or you may leave your name and contact information with the receptionist at the front office at the Parish Center at 703-978-4141 ext. 100. Simply ask them to forward your name to the Legion of Mary.