

Home Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

What does it mean?

The word enthronement means “to put upon a throne”. In effect, when we enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus as King and Head of our home, we are turning our life and hearts over to Him to bless, guide, and protect us always. Through the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart, we are asking Mary, our spiritual Mother, to extend Her mantle of love, comfort and protection over us and to lead us into a deeper relationship with Her son Jesus.

Why is it so important?

Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary, “I will bless the homes in which an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored”. To invite Jesus and Mary into our homes takes on greater meaning today in these troubled times, and becomes a source of daily devotion and grace.

Saint John Paul II, in an address to the families of the world said, “Always keep your eyes on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, King and Center of all hearts. From Him, you will learn the great lessons of love, of goodness, of sacrifice, of piety, so necessary for every Christian family.”

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has existed throughout much of the history of the Church.

However, in France in June 1675, Jesus instructed St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that He wished devotion to His Sacred Heart be made known to the world and revealed to her His Twelve Great Promises and First Friday Devotion.

Through the efforts of St. Margaret Mary and St. Claude de la Colombiere, and with the grace of God, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus spread throughout the world.

The modern-day version of the Enthronement Devotion was started by Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary SS.CC in the early 1900’s.

Pope Pius X directed Father Mateo to make it his life’s work to bring the “entire world, home by home, family by family to the Sacred Heart.”

A Powerful Aid to Pastors

As the Enthronement creates an intimate relationship between the Church and the home, and results in greater love for the Eucharist, so it also creates a close relationship between priests and families. The Enthronement is therefore a powerful aid to the pastor, for by its means the zeal of the flock entrusted to him will be rekindled and sustained. Families in which the Sacred Heart reigns and which nourish the spirit of the Enthronement will be for the pastor a staunch support upon which he can confidently rely.

Because of its great importance, the presence of a priest at the Enthronement has always been urged by the founder of the work and by the Church itself. Whenever possible, it should be presided over by one of the parish priests, who thus has a splendid opportunity of meeting entire families. Many priests have experienced the beneficial results of these contacts.”

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