

CEREMONY FOR THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART IN THE HOME

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What you need: blessed image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (you may choose to frame), blessed image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (you may choose to frame), a Bible, candles. Ideally, the husband/father as the head of the household should serve as the leader for the prayer. However, if this is not possible, then another faithful person may lead the prayers.

Sign of the Cross

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

Response (R/.): **Amen.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

R/. **And with your spirit.**

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 Apostle's 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; the third day He rose 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.

Reading from Sacred Scripture

Someone other than the leader reads from the Bible: 1John 4:1-16a

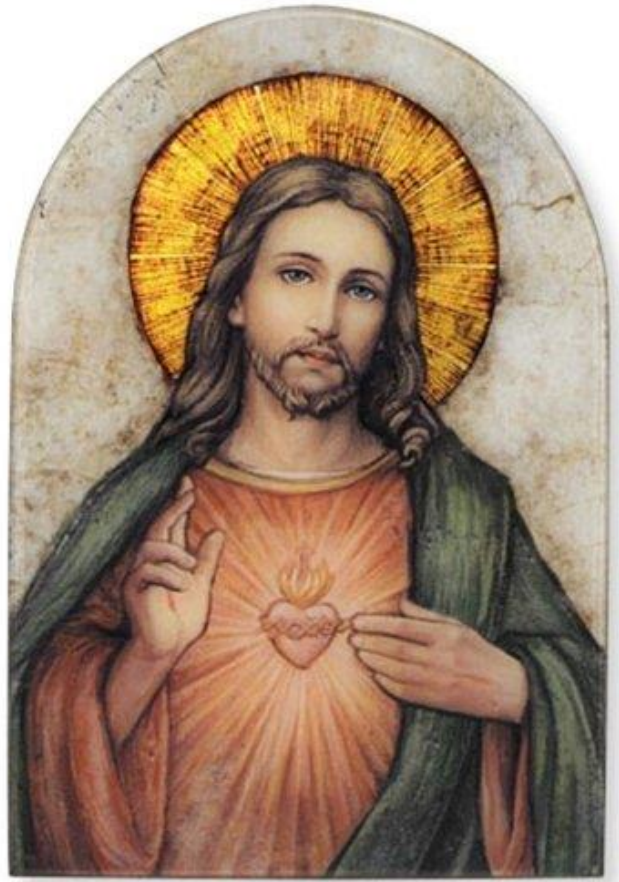
A reading from the First Letter of John

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 live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins.

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 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 as for us.

The Word of the Lord.

R./ **Thanks be to God.**



Act of Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

For the procession, the head of the household carries the image of the Sacred Heart, another family member carries the image of the Immaculate Heart, another family carries the Bible, and others may carry candles. The head of the household (ideally, the father), members of the household, and any guests present then process with the images of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart to the place of Enthronement. The head of the household enthrones the image of the Sacred Heart in the selected place 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.

The candles are then placed on either side of the image as the candle bearers (or all present, if there are no candle bearers) say the following together:

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

Act of Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

If possible, all kneel 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 member of our family should have the misfortune to offend You seriously, remind him, 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 ourselves 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 It be honor and glory forever.

Amen.



The person holding the image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary now places it in its proper place near the image of the Sacred Heart.

Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart

All: Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother of men, to fulfill the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the request of the Vicar of your Son on earth, we consecrate ourselves and our families to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and we recommend to you, all the people of our country and all the world.

Please accept our Consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as you wish to accomplish your designs in the world.

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and Queen of the World, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Our King. Save us from the spreading flood of modern paganism; kindle in our hearts and homes the love of purity, the practice of a virtuous life, an ardent zeal for souls, and a desire to pray the Rosary more faithfully.

We come with confidence to you, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love. In flame us with the same Divine Fire which has inflamed your own Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Make our hearts and homes your shrine, and through us, make the Heart of Jesus, together with your rule, triumph in every heart and home. Amen. (Venerable Pope Pius XII)



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 reads the intercessions:

For the grace of being faithful to this covenant with Jesus and our renewed way of life in Him, let us pray:

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

For an increase of personal, generous love for Jesus, and a greater trust in His merciful love, let us pray:

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

That the Holy Spirit may always find our hearts responsive to His call, let us pray:

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, let us pray:

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, let us pray:

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 forever, let us pray:

R/: **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:

Hail Holy Queen

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.**

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

If desired, a closing hymn may be sung at this time (for example, Holy God We Praise Your Name).

