

Enthronement of The Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Home

What is it?

Fundamentally, this is a crusade to restore the rights of Christ the King of Love over all phases of human activity. We call it a "crusade for the Social Reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus." But we are first crusading to restore faith -- faith in the merciful love of the Redeemer, especially belief in His loving concern for the ones most dear to His Heart -- the family. Our Lord always demanded faith before he worked a miracle: "All things are possible to him who believes." (Mk. 9:22)

As a sign of your faith in our Lord's understanding love for you and your family we urge you to carry out His own request to enthrone a picture or statue of Jesus showing His Heart in a prominent place in your home. This is your act of faith in His divine providence that watches over your family; this is your way of saying : " Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have come to believe and to know that You are the Christ, the Son of God." (John 6:68) "Lord, save us, we perish." (Lk. 8:22-25) "Have compassion on us and help us." (Mk. 9:13) Then you may expect Him to say to you what He said to the sinner Zachaeus: "Today, salvation has come to this house."

But the "exposing" of the image of the Sacred Heart is only the first step. Our Lord also asked us to "honor" His Heart. So, the next step is to say the Apostles Creed as an act of faith in His love. Something else: Jesus asked us to tell Him that we will try to love Him more than we have; that we will express that love by trust in the midst of trouble, by greater fidelity to duty, more frequent (or perhaps more faithful) Mass and Communion. This is the meaning behind the "Act of Consecration" of your family to the Sacred Heart whom you have just enthroned. Our prayers follow, ending with a familiar prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Queen and Mother of every home: the "Hail Holy Queen."

This briefly is the ceremony of the Enthronement. It lasts about 30 minutes. But it will prove to be the best half of an hour you ever spent, provided you follow through on a few simple suggestions. The Enthronement ceremony is the "kickoff", or the "launching pad," the "inauguration" of a new way of life for you and your family-- a life of greater peace, happiness and unity. In the ceremony, you have proclaimed Christ the Lord, the King, the Head of your family. You have "invited" Him into your home to share its ups and downs, its joy and sorrows.