

About the

Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

- As the Enthronement creates an intimate relationship between the church and the home, and results in greater love for the Eucharist, so also it creates a close relationship between priests and families. The enthronement is therefore a powerful aid to the priest, 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 (Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey) 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, some of whom might never be contacted otherwise. Many priests have experienced the beneficial results of these contacts.

- If the parish priests are unable to be present for the ceremony; any priest may preside for instance, a friend or relative of the family. If no priest is available, the head of the family, father or mother, or some other member, may preside.



To Jesus through Mary



**Mary's prayer, first miracle,
and the sacrament of Christian society**

Our Blessed Lord entered the world through Mary, and began His public life by her. "*Do whatever he tells you*" Mary told the servants. They obeyed, and Christ began his public life with his first miracle.

Through the Church, Mary our Mother asks us to enthrone Christ in the home as the tool of obeying His commandments.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home is the starting point of the special Graces God gives the world to make Christ reign. By it we become instruments to "re-establish all things in Christ". (Eph. 1:10)



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The Enthronement



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**Sacred Heart of
Jesus in the home**

Object and spirit of the Enthronement

- The Enthronement is like a recognition of the living presence of Our Lord in the home, where His Divine Heart, as King of Love, is the Center, attracting all the members of the family. It is more than a mere veneration of the image of the Sacred Heart or a transient consecration. It is a "way of life," a permanent state of devotedness and love, full of grace and joy.

- The Enthronement is likewise a complete realization of all the desires of the Sacred Heart revealed to Saint Margaret Mary. The home becomes His sanctuary. He is its King and Friend, reigning over it by love, receiving ardent love and tender reparation from His devoted subjects, bestowing in return untold graces, and filling each heart with peace and happiness.

- By the act of Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, the family fulfills at the same time a duty of justice toward our Divine Savior. It fulfills, moreover, the further duty, which devolves upon every truly Christian family, of rendering solemn reparation to the King of Love, by proclaiming the Divine rights of the Sacred Heart — rights which in our present age are so shamefully ignored by a godless world.

- The keynote of the Enthronement is Our Lord's desire to reign over mankind as King of Love. Jesus desires to reign by love and to communicate this love, as He did at Nazareth and Bethany. By the Enthronement and a subsequent life of devotedness, the family recognizes and proclaims in a special way this Kingship of Jesus Christ, so utterly ignored by the world.



The Enthronement Must be "Lived"

- The Enthronement must be LIVED. It must imply the family's intention to live in close union with the Heart of Jesus and in accordance with His desires, a truly Christian life, worthy of their chosen and honored King.

- Jesus must be invited to participate in all family affairs; He must be asked to sanctify all the details of the home life by His blessed presence.

He must really preside everywhere; everything must be done "beneath His eye" and according to His desires. With Him the family shares its joys and sorrows, good or evil fortune, and in sharing them, gives Him glory and deepens the joy or lessens the pain that life inevitably brings.

- Living nobly because Jesus so willed is the real proof of our love for Him, to remain unchanged in our love for God, whether the light of His smile surrounds us or the shadow of His hand lies heavy upon us, is magnanimous friendship.



It is this friendship that is brought about by the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home, when it is lived as it is intended to be lived. By the Enthronement and under the influence of the Sacred Heart, each member of the family learns intimacy with Jesus.

The Enthronement Sanctifies the Family

- The Enthronement, ordained by Divine Providence and highly recommended by the Sovereign Pontiffs, is a powerful means to preserve and sanctify the family. It is a most efficacious means for the Christian education of children.

It enkindles love for the Sacred Heart in the members of the family and encourages frequent and devout attendance at Mass and reception of Holy Communion.

It is a strong rampart against the seductive influences and teachings of the modern corrupted world. It brings about, as a logical sequence, a marked increase in vocations.

For all these reasons, the solemn Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in families ranks as a work of the greatest consequence.

The Enthronement and the Christian Education

- One of the most important factors in family life is the Christian training of children in the home. To give children a Christian training means to instruct them solidly in all the essential truths of our holy Faith. To give them a Christian training means to set them a good example in prayer and the practice of virtue. To give them a Christian training means to school them in self-renunciation and patience in buffering.

- The Catholic school is equally important. Teachers must be animated by a Christian spirit, and the school must continue and complete the Christian education of children. But Holy Church can do little and the school still less with children who do not receive religious training and influence at home.



The Enthronement and the Preserves the Sanctity of Matrimony

- Another effect of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in families is the preservation of the sanctity of matrimony. Not until the full sacredness of the state of matrimony is recognized will the world change for the better.

- For the fulfilment of the duties of married life, the grace of God is necessary. Our Lord has promised this grace to those who venerate His Sacred Heart: I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life. Jesus Christ must again be proclaimed and venerated as the King, the life, the bond of union in the family. The Enthronement, rightly lived, will nourish and preserve this spirit.