



What is the Enthronement to the Sacred Heart?

To Conquer the Whole World for the Heart of Jesus Home by Home

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart means the official and social recognition of the loving kingship of the Heart of Jesus in the Christian Family. The family acknowledges this recognition by solemnly installing an image of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor in the home and dedicating itself to Him by an Act of Consecration, embracing a Covenant of Love. The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is the acknowledgement of the living presence of Our Lord in the home, where this Divine Heart, as King of Love, is the center of the family, attracting all its members.

Jesus is welcomed and invited to participate in all activities of the family. He then sanctifies all the details of home life; hence through the grace of the Enthronement, the family lives under the influence of the Sacred Heart. Each family member will grow in confidence and love, with the One who longs for our love. Thus, the gift of the Enthronement is an awareness of His Living Presence in the family and a source of grace and blessings for the family. "We are called to be consciously aware of the risen Lord's presence among us." (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*, p. 39)

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is more than a mere veneration of an image, or some prayer said, or a transient commitment. It becomes a way of life, a sharing of hearts, a permanent state of devotedness and love. It sets up a sacred place, a sacred space in the home. The home becomes a Domestic Church—a place where He is loved and where a family will render reparation to the King of Love.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is a complete realization of all the desires of the Sacred Heart as revealed to St Mary Margret. It fulfills, moreover, a further duty by which the family renders solemn reparation. This love is so often ignored. As there is much talk about the separation of church and state there seems to be the same mindset when it comes to the Church and the home. If the Church does not have any impact on the home there is no Domestic Church. The Enthronement must be lived. The Enthronement is not merely an exterior sign, not a mere act of homage nor a pious impulse. It is and must remain a serious act of devotion preformed after mature reflection whereby the family willingly and lovingly acknowledges as the true Head and Ruler of the family the Lord Jesus Christ.