

# Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

## Introduction

*All are seated.*

*The father explains what is about to happen.*

*The priest or natural father may begin with a short talk on the meaning and importance of the Enthronement, and comment on various steps of the ritual.*

## Opening Prayer

*All gather (sit or stand) around the image of the Sacred Heart; father, mother and children nearest to the priest.*

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**R. Who made Heaven and earth.**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who dost approve the painting and sculpturing of the images of Thy Saints, so that as often as we gaze upon them we are reminded to imitate their deeds and sanctity; vouchsafe, we implore Thee, to bless and sanctify this image made in honor and in memory of the Most Sacred Heart of Thy only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and grant, that whosoever in its presence, will suppliantly worship and honor the Most Sacred Heart of Thy only begotten Son, may obtain through His merits and intercession grace in this life and everlasting glory in the world to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

**R. Qui fecit coelum et terram.**

V. Dominus vobiscum.

**R. Et cum spiritu tuo.**

Oremus. Omnipotens sempiternus Deus, qui sanctorum tuorum imagines pingi non reprobas, ut quoties illas oculis corpora intuemur, toties eorum actus et sanctitatem ad imitandum memoriae oculis meditemur, hanc quaesumus, imaginem in honorem et memoriam Sacratissimi Cordis Unigeniti Filii tui Domini Nostri Jesu Christi adaptatam bene + dicere et sancti + ficare digneris; et praesta ut quicumque coram illa, Cor Sacratissimum Unigeniti Filii tui suppliciter colere et honorare studuerit, illius meritis et obtentu a te gratiam in praesenti, et aeternam gloriam obtineat in futurum. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

## Image Blessing

*The priest or natural father now sprinkles the image with holy water.*

## Enthronement

*The father, or in his absence, the mother or some other member of the family, enthrones the image in the place of honor prepared for it. This is the symbolic act of enthronement.*

## Creed

*All stand and pray:*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again 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.**

**Credo in Deum Patrem omnipotentem, Creatorem caeli et terrae. Et in Iesum Christum, Filium eius unicum, Dominum nostrum, qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria Virgine, passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, et sepultus, descendit ad inferos, tertia die resurrexit a mortuis, ascendit ad caelos, sedet ad dexteram Dei Patris omnipotentis, inde venturus est iudicare vivos et mortuos. Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam, sanctorum communionem, remissionem peccatorum, carnis resurrectionem, vitam aeternam. Amen.**

## Spiritual Reflection

*All sit.*

*The priest or natural father addresses a few words to those present, reminding the members of the family of what the Sacred Heart expects from families which have acknowledged Him as King; recalling the magnificent promises of the Sacred Heart; urging the family to live its Enthronement and frequently to renew the act of consecration which they are about to make.*

## Conclusion

V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**R. Have mercy on us!**

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V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**R. Have mercy on us!**

V. Immaculate Heart of Mary

**R. Pray for us.**

V. St. Joseph

**R. Pray for us.**

V. St. Margaret Mary

**R. Pray for us.**

**All: Glory to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus forever and ever! Amen.**

## Final Blessing

*The priest gives his blessing in the name of the Church, or the natural father gives a paternal blessing:*

**May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain forever. Amen.**

## Signing of Certificate

*Then the members of the family and the priest sign the Certificate of the Enthronement, which should be framed and hung near the image of the Sacred Heart or kept in the family vault.*

*[Optional]*

*If so desired, St. Margaret Mary's prayer for the holy souls in purgatory may be prayed.*

*"She herself had an extraordinary devotion to these Souls and called them her good suffering friends. . . . She called the devotion to the Sacred Heart the sovereign remedy for their relief." ([www.catholictradition.org/Two-Hearts/devotion12.htm](http://www.catholictradition.org/Two-Hearts/devotion12.htm))*

### **Prayer for the Holy Souls**

*All pray:*

**O Divine Heart of Jesus, grant I pray Thee, eternal rest to the Souls in Purgatory, the final grace to those who are about to die this day, true repentance to sinners, the light of faith to pagans, and Thy blessing to me and to all who are dear to me. To Thee, therefore, O Most Merciful Heart of Jesus, I commend all these souls, and in their behalf I offer unto Thee all Thy merits in union with the merits of Thy Most Blessed Mother and of all the Angels and Saints, together with all the Masses, Communions, prayers and good works which are this day being offered throughout Christendom.**

**O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, shower Thy blessings in abundant measure upon the Thy Holy Church, upon the Supreme Pontiff and upon all the clergy; to the just grant perseverance; convert sinners; enlighten unbelievers; bless our relations, friends and benefactors; assist the dying; deliver the Holy Souls in Purgatory; and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Thy love.**

**Amen.**

### **Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

*All kneel.*

*The priest and the father [or father alone, or his representative] recite the official Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:*

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, who didst make known to St. Margaret Mary Thine ardent desire to reign over Christian families, behold us assembled here today to proclaim Thine absolute dominion over our home.

Henceforth we purpose to lead a life like unto Thine, so that amongst us may flourish the virtues for which Thou didst promise peace on earth, and for this end we will banish from our midst the spirit of the world which Thou dost abhor so much.

Thou wilt reign over our understanding by the simplicity of our faith. Thou wilt reign over our hearts by an ardent love for Thee; and may the flame of this love be kept burning in our hearts by the frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist.

Deign, O Divine Heart, to preside over our meetings, to bless our undertakings, both spiritual and temporal, to banish all worry and care, to sanctify our joys and soothe our sorrows. If any of us should ever have the misfortune to grieve Thy Sacred Heart, remind him of Thy goodness and mercy toward the repentant sinner.

Lastly when the hour of separation will sound and death will plunge our home into mourning, then shall we all and every one of us be resigned to Thy eternal decrees, and seek consolation in the thought that we shall one day be reunited in Heaven, where we shall sing the praises and blessings of Thy Sacred Heart for all eternity.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glorious Patriarch St. Joseph offer Thee this our Consecration, and remind us of the same all the days of our life.

Glory to the Divine Heart of Jesus, our King and our Father!

**Pater, Ave, Gloria**

*All pray:*

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and in the hour of our death. Amen.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Pater noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur Nomen tuum. Adveniat regnum tuum. Fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra.**

**Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie, et dimitte nobis debita nostra sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem, sed libera nos a malo.**

**Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc, et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.**

**Salve Regina**

*All stand.*

*To thank the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the grace of the Enthronement and to proclaim this loving Mother as the Queen of the home, all recite the Hail Holy Queen:*

**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. Amen.**

**Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae: vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria. Amen.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*All pray:*

**Glory be to Thee, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the infinite mercy Thou hast bestowed upon the privileged members of this family. Thou hast chosen it from thousands of others, as a recipient of Thy love and a sanctuary of reparation wherein Thy most loving Heart shall find consolation for the ingratitude of men.**

**How great, O Lord Jesus, is the confusion of this portion of Thy faithful flock as we accept the unmerited honor of seeing Thee preside over our family! Silently we adore Thee, overjoyed to see Thee sharing under the same roof the toils, cares and joys of Thy children! It is true, we are not**

*[Optional]*

*If so desired, an image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary may be installed near the Sacred Heart, with an Act of Consecration to her Immaculate Heart.*

### **Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Heavenly Mother Mary, I come to thy most lovable and sweet Heart, refuge of sinners. I offer myself to thee and consecrate my entire life to thine Immaculate Heart. In this consecration of my total person, I offer thee my body and soul with all its miseries and weaknesses. I offer thee my heart with all its affections and desires, my prayers, works, joys and sufferings. I offer thee every temptation that comes to me so that my every thought and desire may be purified through thy holy intercession.

My Queen, my Mother, I offer thee in consecration all sufferings which come into my life, both physical and spiritual. I offer thee especially my death with all that will accompany it. I offer thee my last agony. Accept all this, my Mother, and take all into thy Immaculate Heart as I give to thee irrevocably all that I am and all that I have, together with all property and possessions. I offer thee my family and all who are near and dear to me. Take them all into thine Immaculate Heart and keep us ever one in thy Son Jesus Christ.

I renew today the vows of my Baptism and Confirmation. Keep me ever faithful to God and to Holy Church, and loyal in obedience to the Holy Father, the Pope. I desire to pray the Rosary properly, meditating on its mysteries. I desire to participate in the Sacrifice of thy Son perpetuated at Holy Mass and receive Him frequently, even daily in Holy Communion. I attach special importance to the first Saturday of the month in reparation to thine Immaculate Heart and I will work for the conversion of sinners. I will strive to live daily the spirit of Eucharistic reparation.

O Queen of the Angels, my Queen and my Mother, I humbly prostrate myself before thee as I approach thee with my Guardian Angel. I desire all the holy Angels, and especially my Guardian, to venerate thee always as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Command my Guardian and all holy Angels to keep me always in thy love and in the union of grace with thy Divine Son. Send forth thy Angels to assist me in spreading devotion to thine Immaculate Heart so that through thine intercession there may be peace in the world and in the Church, and the Kingdom of Christ may come on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

**worthy that Thou shouldst enter our humble abode, but Thou hast already reassured us, when Thou didst reveal Thy Sacred Heart to us, teaching us to find in the wound of Thy Sacred Side the source of grace and life everlasting. In this loving and trusting spirit we give ourselves to Thee, Thou who art unchanging Life.**

**Remain with us, Most Sacred Heart, for we feel an irresistible desire to love Thee and make Thee loved. May our home be for Thee a haven as sweet as that of Bethany, where Thou canst find rest in the midst of loving friends, who like Mary have chosen the better part in the loving intimacy of Thy Heart!**

**May this home be for Thee, O beloved Savior, a humble but hospitable refuge during the exile imposed on Thee by Thine enemies. Come, then, Lord Jesus, come, for here as at Nazareth, we have a tender love for the Virgin Mary, Thy sweet Mother whom Thou hast given us to be our Mother. Come, to fill with Thy sweet presence the vacancies which misfortune and death have wrought in our midst.**

**O most faithful Friend, hadst Thou been here in the midst of sorrow, our tears would have been less bitter; the comforting balm of peace would then have soothed these hidden wounds, which are known to Thee alone.**

**Come, for even now perhaps, there is drawing near for us the twilight of tribulation, and the decline of the passing days of our youth and our illusions.**

**Stay with us, for already it is late, and a perverted world seeks to envelop us in the darkness of its denials while we wish to adhere to Thee who alone art the Way the Truth and the Life.**

**Repeat for us those words Thou didst utter of old: "This day I must abide in this home."**

**Yes, dear Lord, take up Thy abode with us, so that we may live in Thy love and in Thy presence, we who proclaim Thee as our King and wish no other!**

**May Thy triumphant Heart, O Jesus, be forever loved, blessed, and glorified in this home! Thy Kingdom Come! Amen!**

[Optional]

## Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, ...**  
Christ, have mercy on us. **Christ, ...**  
Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, ...**  
Christ, hear us. **Christ, hear us.**  
Christ, graciously hear us. **Christ, ...**

God, the Father of Heaven,  
**have mercy on us.**  
God, the Son, Redeemer of the World,  
God, the Holy Ghost,  
Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,  
**have mercy on us.**  
Heart of Jesus, formed in the womb of the Virgin  
Mother by the Holy Ghost,  
Heart of Jesus, united substantially with the word  
of God,  
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,  
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God,  
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,  
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,  
Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity,  
Heart of Jesus, vessel of  
justice and love,  
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,  
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,  
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,  
Heart of Jesus, king and center of  
all hearts,  
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of  
wisdom and knowledge,  
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwelleth all the fullness  
of the Divinity,  
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well  
pleased,  
Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all  
received,

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,  
Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy,  
Heart of Jesus, rich to all who invoke Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness,  
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,

Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**  
Christe, eleison. **Christe, eleison.**  
Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**  
Christe, audi nos. **Christe, audi nos.**  
Christe, exaudi nos. **Christe, exaudi nos.**

Pater de caelis, Deus,  
**miserere nobis.**  
Fili, Redemptor mundi, Deus,  
Spiritus Sancte, Deus,  
Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus,

Cor Iesu, Filii Patris aeterni,  
**miserere nobis.**  
Cor Iesu, in sinu Virginis Matris a Spiritu  
Sancto formatum,  
Cor Iesu, Verbo Dei substantialiter  
unitum,  
Cor Iesu, maiestatis infinitae,  
Cor Iesu, templum Dei sanctum,  
Cor Iesu, tabernaculum Altissimi,  
Cor Iesu, domus Dei et porta caeli,  
Cor Iesu, fornax ardens caritatis,  
Cor Iesu, iustitiae et amoris  
receptaculum,  
Cor Iesu, bonitate et amore plenum,  
Cor Iesu, virtutum omnium abyssus,  
Cor Iesu, omni laude dignissimum,  
Cor Iesu, rex et centrum omnium  
cordium,  
Cor Iesu, in quo sunt omnes thesauri  
sapientiae et scientiae,  
Cor Iesu, in quo habitat omnis plenitudo  
divinitatis,  
Cor Iesu, in quo Pater sibi bene  
complacuit,  
Cor Iesu, de cuius plenitudine omnes nos  
accepimus,

Cor Iesu, desiderium collium aeternorum,  
Cor Iesu, patiens et multae misericordiae,  
Cor Iesu, dives in omnes qui invocant te,  
Cor Iesu, fons vitae et sanctitatis,  
Cor Iesu, propitiation pro peccatis nostris

Heart of Jesus, saturated with revilings,  
Heart of Jesus, crushed for our iniquities,  
Heart of Jesus, made obedient  
unto death,  
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,  
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,  
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,  
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,  
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who  
hope in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the  
world, **spare us, O Lord.**  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the  
world, **graciously hear us, O Lord.**  
Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the  
world, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, meek and humble of Heart. **Make our  
hearts like unto Thine.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, look  
upon the Heart of Thy well-beloved Son and upon  
the acts of praise and satisfaction which He  
renders unto Thee in the name of sinners; and do  
Thou, in Thy great goodness, grant pardon to  
them who seek Thy mercy, in the name of the  
same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, Who liveth and  
reigneth with Thee, world without end.

**Amen.**

Cor Iesu, saturatum opprobriis,  
Cor Iesu, attritum propter scelera nostra,  
Cor Iesu, usque ad mortem oboediens  
factum,  
Cor Iesu, lancea perforatum,  
Cor Iesu, fons totius consolationis,  
Cor Iesu, vita et resurrectio nostra,  
Cor Iesu, pax et reconciliatio nostra,  
Cor Iesu, victima peccatorum,  
Cor Iesu, salus in te  
sperantium,  
Cor Iesu, spes in te morientium,  
Cor Iesu, deliciae Sanctorum omnium,

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, **parce nobis, Domine.**  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, **exaudi nos, Domine.**  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
**miserere nobis, Domine.**  
Iesu, mitis et humilis Corde, **Fac cor  
nostrum secundum Cor tuum.**

Oremus. Omnipotens sempiternae Deus,  
respice in Cor dilectissimi Filii tui et in  
laudes et satisfactiones, quas in nomine  
peccatorum tibi persolvit, iisque  
misericordiam tuam petentibus, tu  
veniam concede placatus in nomine  
eiusdem Filii tui Iesu Christi: Qui tecum  
vivit et regnat in saecula saeculorum.

**Amen.**