

Catechesis The Enthronement of a Parish to the Sacred Heart

What is the Enthronement?

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is “the official and social recognition of the loving Kingship of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Christian family” as explained by Fr. Mateo Crowley-Boevey SS.CC.¹

- It is a solemn ceremony where the Kingly authority of Jesus is firmly established over the parish family.
- It is an act of homage to Jesus Christ, King of kings.
- The Kingship of Jesus receives social recognition when lovingly embraced by the parish, who begins to transform all society.
- It is an act of reparation for all who have *de-throned* Jesus in their States, cities, schools and families.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is lovingly enthroned with the Immaculate Heart of Mary as our Queen. The Enthronement is ratified by consecrating and enthroning an image of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary in a prominent location. The images can be in the form of a statue or picture. Through the enthronement and consecration, we formally recognize and acknowledge Jesus as our King and Mary as our Queen Mother in a ***Covenant of Love***.

Our Lord will honor this ***covenant*** by bestowing significant graces and blessings. When Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary about the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart, He made a solemn promise: “I will bless every dwelling in which an image of My Heart is both exposed and honored.”

The Enthronement enkindles *a way of life* ratified by this ***Covenant of Love***. His Divine Heart becomes the wellspring of our life. He attracts our loved ones, families, friends, communities and the broader society to live under the reign of **His Love**.

Why Enthroned the Sacred Heart?

Pope St. John Paul II describes the family as the “Domestic Church” and exhorts families to become “true centers of evangelization.” Enthroning our Parish to the Sacred Heart transforms our parish into a ***School of Love*** so that parish families may live their call as the Domestic Church. The Enthronement teaches and equips our families with the ability to confidently resolve every problem because Jesus is the answer to them all. The parish becomes the arms of love that encircles and shields our families from the many dangers they face today by fostering a more personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Through the enthronement, families receive a greater sense of hope and fortitude to respond to the culture of death by building a civilization of love.

1. Fr. Mateo Crowley-Boevey SS.CC was a world renown Sacred Heart Father commissioned by Pope Pius X to enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Dioceses, Parishes, Families, Institutes, and communities throughout the world.

How Do We Live the Enthronement?

The Holy Eucharist

- Assisting and participating at Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion in a state of grace.
- Spending time adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and cultivating an awareness that Jesus is intimately and truly present to us.
- Fostering our communion with the Church through reception of the Sacraments, observing the commandments, and understanding our faith.

Prayer

- Spending time conversing Heart to heart with Jesus
- Reading Sacred Scripture
- Praying the Rosary
- Grace before and after meals
- Involving Jesus in our joys and sorrows
- Asking His advice when making plans and solving family disputes and problems

Penance

- Being open to forgive and accept forgiveness
- Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly if possible
- Being faithful to our daily responsibilities as a sacrifice in reparation to the Sacred Heart
- Uniting all our pains, sufferings and sorrows with Jesus as an offering with His suffering and death for the redemption of the world
- Doing acts of kindness for others

What will happen if you live out the Enthronement

- You will be drawn more deeply into a Divine relationship with Jesus, who loves you.
- You will grow in your love for others—especially your family members, and you will have a new power of drawing them towards eternal happiness
- You will receive the gift of the 12 promises which Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary when He revealed His Sacred Heart.

The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.

4. I will be their secure refuge in life and above all in death.
5. I will abundantly bless their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of infinite mercy.
7. By devotion to My Heart tepid souls shall grow fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart is set up and honored.
10. I will give priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. In the excessive mercy of My Heart, I will grant final penitence to those who receive the Communion of reparation on the First Friday of nine consecutive months. They shall not die without receiving the Sacraments. My Divine Heart will be their safe refuge in this last moment.

**The Image of the Sacred Heart
reminds us:**

That Jesus took on our human flesh and He became
like us in all things but sin (cf. Heb. 4:15).

That through a marvelous exchange, Jesus “humbled
Himself to share in our humanity so that we could
share in His Divinity.”

That we are created in His Image and now we must
come into His Likeness by loving one another as He
has loved us.

His Heart tells a Story:

He is the Victim who dies no more.

The pierced Heart tells us

He is the Lamb once slain, who lives forever.
He is still our priest and advocate who
pleads our cause.

The Fire in His Heart tells us

Of a love for us beyond measure.

The Crown of thorns around His Heart tells us

He took away all our shame, that we might be restored
to our original identity as a son or daughter
of the Father.

The Cross above His Heart tells us

That He has won dominion over Satan and won
redemption so that we may enter into
the eternal joy of heaven

That the Cross is the sign of victory over sin.

Why are we Enthroning our Queen, Mother Mary next to Her Son?

When Jesus appeared to Sister Lucia, one of the Fatima children, He said, the time has come for His Mother to be Enthroned next to Him. This took place in Pontevedra, Spain in 1935. Our Blessed Mother Herself, asked Sister Lucia: **“You at least try to console Me.”**

Then Our Lady said: **“I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep Me company for 15 minutes meditating on one of the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to Me.”**

Reparation is a proof that you have faith otherwise why would do it? It is a proof you have love, otherwise why would you do it? Why would you willingly take on an inconvenience or a suffering, except for love? You would not do it unless you believed! So those who make an act of reparation, the victory of Our Lady is happening in your Heart right then. The victory of Our Lord is happening in your soul. We do not see it, but your faith has overcome the world!

We are Making reparation for Blasphemes against Our Lady

- 1. Her Immaculate Conception**
- 2. Her Perpetual Virginity**
- 3. Her Divine Motherhood**
- 4. For Those who alienate children from devotion to Our Lady**
- 5. For those who dishonor Her Image**

It is good for Pastors who Enthroned the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary to make an annual renewal on the anniversary of the Parish Enthronement. It reminds us of our Covenant of love.