

Enthronement Form

I/we wish to have the Sacred Heart of Jesus enthroned in our home

Name: _____

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Daily Offering

"Eternal Father, I offer You everything I do this day; my thoughts, words, joys and sufferings. Grant that, vivified by the Holy Spirit and united to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, my life this day may be of service to You and to others. I also offer all these in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for all the causes You have at heart, in reparation for my sins, for our associates and for the Holy Father's prayer intentions for this month."

Prayer of Consecration

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
today, in return for Your great love for us,
we proclaim your complete dominion over our family.
From now on we wish to live Your life,
to cultivate in our home those virtues which bring
with them Your peace, and to avoid the worldliness
which You have condemned.
Preside over our family, Divine Heart of Jesus.
Bless all we do, dispel our troubles,
sanctify our joys,
lighten our sufferings.
If we should ever offend You by sin,
remind us, merciful Jesus,
of Your goodness and mercy to the penitent sinner.
And when death brings its grief into our midst,
those of us who go and those who must stay
will be submissive;
it will be our consolation to remember
that the day will come when our entire family,
reunited in heaven, will be able to sing forever
of Your glory and Your mercy.

May Your mother, Mary, and Your foster father, St Joseph present this consecration of ours to You and keep us ever mindful of it all the days of our lives. Amen.

The Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Why?

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INTRODUCTION

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, is devotion to Jesus Our Lord: a commitment to Him, a wholehearted giving of self to Him. This is asked of every Christian. It is an effort to return love for love because of what Jesus has done for me. Out of love He has died for me.

Why another devotional practice?

Pope Pius XII, stresses that this Devotion (to the Sacred Heart of Jesus) is not optional. He says it is not simply an ordinary form of piety which anyone may at his discretion regard lightly. "This form of piety should be held in highest esteem by means of which mankind honours and loves God more and dedicates himself with greater ease and promptness to the divine charity."

Who and When?

St Margaret Mary and Origin

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus had existed for many centuries before Our Lord appeared to St Margaret Mary between 1673 to 1675.

Through the apparitions Christ urged St Margaret Mary to stir up in the hearts of people a greater desire to come to know Him through this Devotion, and to come to love God, the Father of all. This is because Christ said that the hearts of humankind have turned very cold and have ignored Him.

Where?

Scriptural Foundation

"There is no doubt that the Scripture never makes express mention of special veneration paid to the physical Heart of the Incarnate Word as the symbol of His most ardent love. While we must openly admit this, we too have to admit that the *divine love of Jesus for us*, is the principal reason for this devotion." (Pope Pius XII)

In the *Old Testament*, the Covenant made between God and His Chosen People (the Israelites) is the basic image. This Covenant is really a love story. The Israelites at times betrayed the Covenant, but God did not. Pope Pius XII

explains further that, "For the people of Israel the weightiest reason for obeying God was not the fear of divine vengeance, but rather love for God." (cf. Dt 6,4- 6; Jer 3e1-3; Dt 32,11)

The New Testament enriches this image further through the divine and human love of the person Jesus Christ, along with the love of the Father and the Holy Spirit. We can easily see how Devotion to the Sacred Heart takes its origin from Divine Revelation and not private revelations. Down through the centuries, devout persons entered into this devotion through reflection on God's love; with emphasis on how His Son showed His love for us.

How?

i. Family and Personal Consecration

We consecrate ourselves and our family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by inviting a priest to carry out the simple ceremony in our homes. This act of consecration or entrusting ourselves to Christ is referred to as "enthronement". To enthrone ourselves and our home to the Heart of Christ is to place God on a throne and to recognize His authority over us as Christ the Lord, the King of Love. To recognize this publicly, we put up an image of the Sacred Heart in a prominent place in the home.

ii. Daily Renewal and Offering

One way to do this is to say the "Daily Offering Prayer". The purpose of such a prayer is to offer and unite all that we do during the day to God. In doing so, everything done during the day will be transformed by God's grace into apostolic prayer.

iii. First Friday Devotions

Between 13th and 20th of June 1675, Jesus spoke to St Margaret Mary. He said, "I ask of you that the first Friday after the octave of the Blessed Sacrament (i.e. Feast of Corpus Christi) shall be kept as a special feast in honour of My Heart, to make reparation for all the indignities offered to it, and as a Communion day, in order to atone for the unworthy treatment it has received when exposed upon the altars.

Since then many papal documents were issued, ranging from Pope Clement XIII (1758-69) to the present Pope, to approve and encourage this devotion. On 23rd August 1856, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was officially established for the whole Church.

What?

The "Twelve Promises"

Attached to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus are twelve promises. These promises are actually concise interpretations of the abundant blessings and benefits, which as St Margaret Mary understood Christ would give to those who accept His request for consecration and reparation.

What Else?

i. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

We cannot separate Christ's redemptive love from that of His mother's love for us. "By the will of God, the Most blessed Virgin Mary is inseparably joined with Christ in accomplishing the work of men's redemption, so that our salvation flows from love of Jesus Christ and his sufferings, intimately united with the love and sorrows of His mother ..." (Pope Pius XII, Encyclical on the Sacred Heart, 1956)

ii. Apostleship of Prayer

Pope Pius XII is convinced that the Apostleship of Prayer is the perfect form of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He says, "Through this devotion, the faithful may reach more deeply into the mystery of the love of Christ and also share more profoundly in the paschal mystery of the Lord."