

Preparation for an Enthronement

Before inviting Jesus into our homes and proclaiming Him as the King and Head of our household, we must be well prepared. The real gift of the Enthronement is the awareness of the Living Presence of God in our homes, and therefore we prepare our hearts and home with that gift of His coming foremost on our minds.

When introducing the King of Love into any home, a forerunner is sent to ensure that the family fully realizes the importance of what is going to take place, and that the ceremony is performed with all the piety and reverence that it deserves. The nine-day preparation period begins with a promoter coming to your home to offer support and to explain all aspects of the preparation and the ceremony. The promoter will also bring you a pilgrim picture of our Lady of Perpetual Help, which will stay with you throughout the preparation phase, and will lead the family in praying the Rosary. Mary leads the way for the Kingship of her Son. When you draw close to Mary, she will draw you closer to her Son. This time together will open your hearts and your home to the fullness of grace that the King of Kings wants to give you from His Heart. The greater the preparation, the greater will be the graces.

In an Enthronement ceremony, a blessed picture or a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is used.

Any image is usable, as long as it replicates what St. Margaret Mary described seeing when Our Lord appeared to her:

- Around His Heart is a crown of thorns.
- There is a wound, from the soldier's spear, showing that our sins hurt Him in the Heart.
- The flames coming from His Heart show the intensity of His Love.
- Above the flames is a cross showing that His Love for us was so great that He died for us.

These are the symbols of His passion. We were redeemed by the cross and we will be saved by it.