

PLANNING TIPS

Preparing for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

1. Understand that the Enthronement is not just a one-night event, but a surrender of your home to Jesus as King and Head of your family. This is a daily decision.
2. You will be making a public statement of Christ's reign over your family. Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, "I will bless every home in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored. I will bring peace into their families, help them with their difficulties, bless their undertakings." But He may also have special work for you to do or hardships to bear.
3. You will need an image (picture or statue) of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. You can use images you already have or purchase them. There are various images to choose from. It is important to make sure that the image has the Crown of Thorns around His Heart, the Flame coming from His Heart and the Cross above the Flames.
4. Think about where your image will be placed and use that space for your preparation if possible. It is important to make sure that you have everything in place and ready for the day of the Ceremony. The shelf or table will need to be in place. It is also important to have the nail already in the wall in order to hang the image, etc.
5. The preparation includes a Triduum (3 days) of prayer.
 - a. Allow at least 30 minutes for your Triduum prayer, if possible.
 - b. Do not be surprised if distractions or obstacles present themselves in your preparations, especially when it comes time to your Triduum. Persevere.
6. Say the Rosary and the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
7. Perform an examination of conscience and go to confession before the Enthronement.
8. Invite family and friends to join you for the ceremony. Celebrate afterwards!
9. During the Ceremony, it is important to stand or kneel *facing* your image as the Consecration is read.
10. At the end of your Ceremony, you will sign your certificate.

