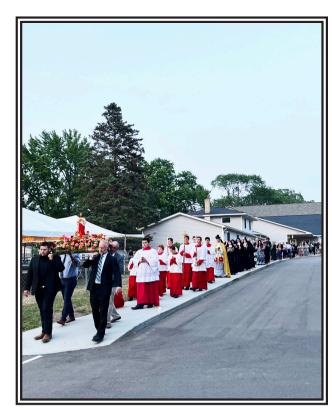
Let us be ever mindful that the devotion to the Sacred Heart is the devotion for our time. It is a source of hope for the world in this age of darkness and unbelief. But, our devotion cannot end with merely enthroning the Sacred Heart in our homes. We must strive to live the enthronement each day. This we can do by saying some prayers in honor of the Sacred Heart, such as the Litany, and by renewing the Act of Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart on the First Friday of each month. We can also live the enthronement by making our homes safe havens for Our Lord and refuges for our families. Let us do this by keeping impure movies and music out of the home and by safeguarding our children against the occasions of sin that are so rampant on the internet and in the world.

In these ways we can do our part in making the Sacred Heart reign in our homes. For His part, Our Lord will bless our families with the grace and strength to persevere in the belief and practice of the Faith. God bless you!



A Procession in Honor of the Sacred Heart at St. Anne's Chapel, White Bear Lake, MN

In the Sacred Heart,

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The Most Reverend James Carroll, C.S.P.V

## Act of Consecration of the Family 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 ever 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 towards the repentant sinner.

Lastly, when the hour of separation strikes and death plunges 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 all 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 act of 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! Amen.