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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

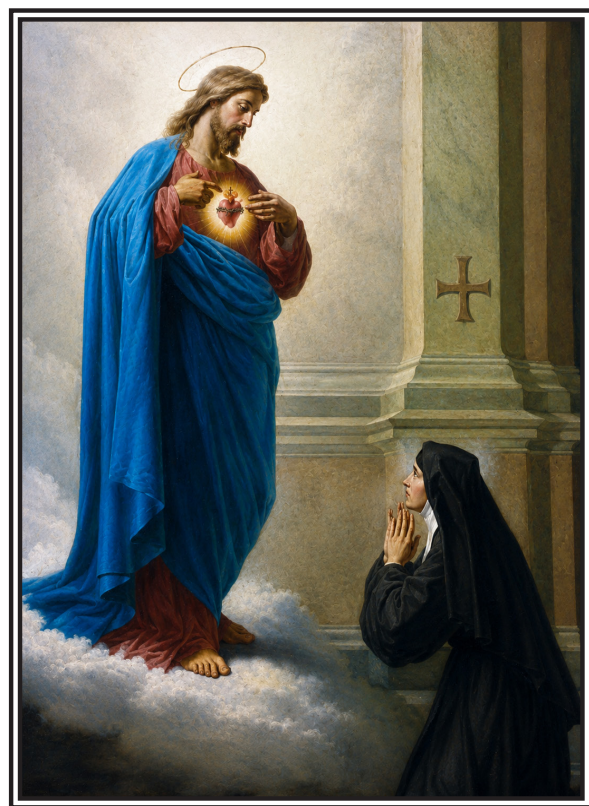
June has long been dedicated in a special way to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it today, began in France in the Visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial. There Our Lord appeared to a humble nun, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, while she prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. He revealed to her His Sacred Heart, radiant with flames of love, pierced by the wound of the lance, encircled by the crown of thorns, and surmounted by the Cross. This image struck Saint Margaret Mary, but what moved her most deeply was not merely the vision itself; it was the sorrow in Our Lord's voice. He lamented the indifference, forgetfulness, and ingratitude of mankind toward His love. "Behold this Heart," He said, "which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify to its love. And in return, I receive for the most part only ingratitude."

He then asked that devotion to His Sacred Heart be spread throughout the world, and He promised abundant graces to those who would honor His Heart and place their trust in Him. In particular, He promised that He would bless every place where an image of His Sacred Heart would be displayed and honored.

From this promise arose one of the most beautiful customs of Catholic family life: the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home. This practice was begun and widely promoted in the early twentieth century by Father Mateo Crawley-Boevey. He recognized that families desperately needed to make Christ the center of the home. Encouraged by Pope Saint Pius X, Father Mateo traveled tirelessly across the world preaching this message: if the Sacred Heart will reign in society, He must first reign in the home.

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart is the solemn recognition of the kingship of Jesus Christ over the family. This recognition is outwardly expressed and made permanent when the family installs an image of the Sacred Heart in a prominent place within the home and makes the Act of Consecration. The Enthronement is thus not merely the blessing of a picture or a passing ceremony. Rather, it is a public declaration that Our Lord is the King of that home.

During the Enthronement ceremony, the family gathers together around an image of the Sacred Heart. The priest blesses the image, and it is placed in a prominent place of honor within the home. Together the family prays the Apostles' Creed, recites prayers of consecration and thanksgiving, and entrusts every member





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Sacred Heart of Jesus. By entrusting the home to Him, a family opens the doors of the household to His grace and places itself under His loving protection. Of course, this does not mean that every difficulty will suddenly disappear. Families will still experience crosses: misunderstandings, illnesses, financial burdens, sufferings, and hardships. But after the enthronement, they face those trials with Christ reigning in their home, that is, with His grace sustaining them, guiding them, and strengthening them.

If your family has not yet had the Sacred Heart enthroned, I encourage you to contact the priest in charge of the chapel or mission you attend and arrange to have it done. If you have had your home enthroned, I urge you to renew the Act of Consecration on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which this year falls on Friday, June 12. At the seminary we renew the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart each month to honor Our Lord as the King of our Congregation.

We are grateful for your prayers and support. Throughout June we will remember you and your loved ones in our prayers and commend you to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, asking that His Sacred Heart watch over and protect you always.

In the Sacred Heart,

*+James Carroll, C.S.P.V*

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

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### **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.