What Happens When my Family is not Present?

Console your hearts. This is said with confidence as Jesus promised St. Faustina:

"Today Jesus said to me, I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer:

"O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us I trust in You."

(Diary, 186-187)

Please know that with this promise you can call upon the mercy of God on behalf of your loved ones who are not present for the enthronement ceremony – because Jesus desires their salvation too!

Renewal by Consecration Prayer

An enthronement is done once but we can renew our Act of Consecration of the Family daily! What a great gift to God and what a great gift to have your family (past, present and future) consecrated to healing, restoration and holiness every day to The Divine Mercy.

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ENTHRONING THE DIVINE MERCY



AS KING OF HOME AND FAMILY

Informational Guide

This brochure provides information about the ceremony whereby Jesus, The Divine Mercy is enthroned as King and Ruler of home and family. The text and instructions for the actual ceremony can be found in the *Enthronement Ceremony Pamphlet*.*

What does it Mean to Enthrone?

When one enthrones he/she recognizes the beginning of a rule of a person in a position of authority. The poignant ceremony when we mark this moment is called an enthronement, which is equivalent to a coronation of a king or queen. By enthroning The Divine Mercy we place Jesus on His Throne of Mercy as King and Ruler of all family members past, present and future.

Purpose and Value of Enthronements

Our Blessed Lord Jesus told St. Faustina:

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." (Diary, 300)

Knowing the problems, hurts and consequences of today's world, we must never forget that Jesus said, "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of my goodness?" (1485) The Lord's mercy is greater than all of our sins! So the purpose of this enthronement is for our families to turn in total surrender to Jesus, The Divine Mercy, to be the King of our homes and entire family lineage. Thus we begin the healing process to restore the family to its God given dignity and grant it the peace Jesus promises and so longs to give us.

The enthronement ceremony includes the recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy and a particular prayer that consecrates the family to The Divine Mercy. A consecration is more than just a devotion; it has great significance.

At the time Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 31, 1942, he described a consecration as being:

"a total gift of self, for the whole of life and for all eternity; and a gift which is not a mere formality or sentimentality, but effectual, comprising the full intensity of the Christian life."

Thus, by our consecration to The Divine Mercy we promise to become dependent on the mercy of Jesus Christ in all things: to offer all our prayers and oblations to The Divine Mercy and to seek every grace that He promises to give us through the veneration of The Divine Mercy Image. We do this with the greatest confidence.

What Must I do to Enthrone The Divine Mercy in My Home?

It is important (but not essential) that a priest or deacon preside over the ceremony. If arrangements cannot be made for a priest or deacon to attend then the head of the household can lead the ceremony to accomplish a completely valid enthronement and consecration. If possible, attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the day of the enthronement. The entire family should also try to receive Holy Communion at this Mass.

The Image of The Divine Mercy is the focal point in the home where the family gathers for the ceremony. Likened to a "throne," an appropriate place of honor should be prepared and decorated with flowers and candles.

"I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." (47,48)

Invite your friends and relatives to be present. Follow the rubrics in the *Enthronement Ceremony Pamphlet** which includes the recitation of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy and the Act of Consecration of the Family to The Divine Mercy.

"By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it." (570)

The ceremony may be enriched by reading and meditating upon a passage from the *Diary* of St. Faustina and/or Holy Scripture immediately after the Chaplet is prayed. It is recommended that silence follow the readings, not breaking the Word. Let the ceremony and readings speak for themselves.

Suggested Diary and Scripture Passages:

378-379, 699, 848, 975, 1182, or The Litany of the Divine Mercy, *Diary*, 949 and/or John 20: 20-27; Luke 23: 43; John 8: 10

Jesus, I trust in You!