

# SACRED HEART OF JESUS SOLEMNITY – FAMILY PRAYERS &

## CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS

### INTRODUCTION:

**Month of June** is dedicated to the **Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** – to express our gratitude for his Love for all of us sinners, and to ask for conversion, so that our hearts may become like his. Especially the **Sacred Heart Sodality**, that is **celebrating this year 2020 - 125 years JUBILEE of its founding in 1895 at Centocow Mission, in Umzimkulu Diocese** should become the leaders in the devotion to Jesus and consecrate their families to his Heart's Love and Care, using the Rite of the Consecration they have in their Constitution, have the pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary in their homes. This prayers can be used on day of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on 19<sup>th</sup> of June,

or on the following Sunday, or any other time, when the family can meet together.

**To Prepare:** *Table covered with white cloth, candles, Cross, Statue or Picture of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary if you have, Bible, water or Holy Water if you have. Decorate your small altar with flowers. Assign who is presiding, reading of the readings, singing.*

**Opening Song:** *to Sacred Heart of Jesus.....*

**Presider:**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**All:** Amen.

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And with your spirit

**Presider:**

Dear Family Members, today we celebrate the Love of God, revealed to us in the Most Sacred Heart of his Son Jesus Christ, while hanging on the cross for our salvation. His Sacred Heart was opened by the soldier with the lance, that we can receive his love and mercy, especially in the sacrament of Baptism and the Eucharist, his Body and Blood. In our family celebration we join the whole the Church in thanksgiving to God for his love and mercy for all people and ask to forgive our sins as well as we pray this act of contrition.

**P:** Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Holy Spirit: Lord have mercy.

**All:** Lord have mercy.

**P:** Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

**All:** Christ, have mercy.

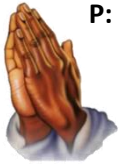
**P:** Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness: Lord have mercy.

**All:** Lord have mercy.

**All say:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.



All Sing: Glory to God .....



**P: Opening Prayer:**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reign in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

**Song:** to Holy Spirit/Word of God

**FIRST READING**      **Deuteronomy 7:6-11**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**      **Ps 103:1-2,3-4,8,10**

**R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
he heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,  
he crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**

He will not always chide,  
nor does he keep his wrath forever.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**



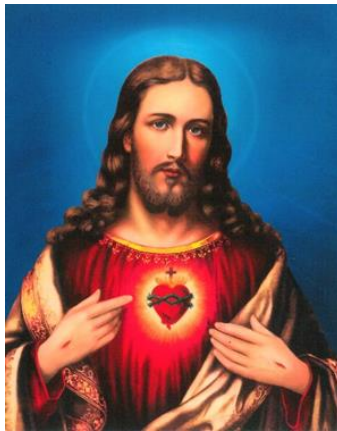
**SECOND READING**      **1 John 4:7-16**

**ALLELUIA**      *Matt 11:29ab*

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. **Alleluia**

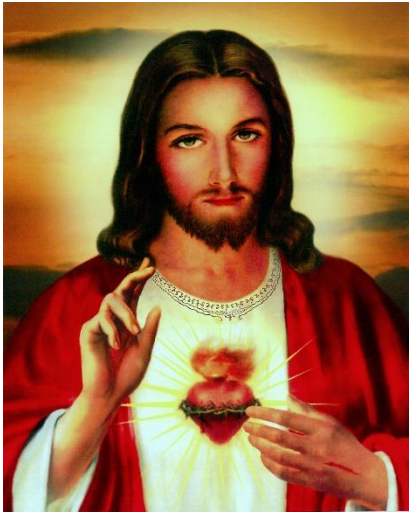
**GOSPEL**      **Matthew 11:25-30**

**After the readings, reflect freely together as the family on the Word of God, that you have heard. Which words touched your heart, how it motivated you to do the action, implement it in your life, or your family.**



# CONSECRATION OF THE HOME TO THE SACRED HEART - Adapted from the Sacred Heart Sodality Constitution

## INTRODUCTION



*This ceremony should be adapted to suit the circumstances in the family, e.g. when the head of the household is the mother, when there are no children, etc.*

- A) V. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.  
R. Now and forever.
- B) **Hymn to the Sacred Heart**
- C) The head of the family explains to the family why he/she wishes to consecrate the home to the Sacred Heart.
- D) Family members prayers

### ***The head of the family prays:***

God, our Father, our ancestors spoke of your great power when they saw the marvels of creation and they feared you. So you sent Jesus, Your Son, to reveal your endless love for people. He offered himself on the cross, that in the blood and water flowing from his side and through his death and resurrection the church might be born. We want Jesus to stay with us in our home to inspire us to do your will and share the inheritance you promised us forever and ever.

R. Amen.

### **The Father prays:**

Sacred Heart of Jesus, when we see your picture, may we realize that today we have declared you King of our home. God, you appointed Joseph head of the home in which Jesus grew up. May his example show me how to be a true father of this house.

Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

### **The Mother prays:**

Lord, you chose Mary as the mother who developed the character of Jesus. Make me like her so that I may help our children to grow in wisdom and virtue. Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

### **A child prays:**

Lord, you made Jesus grow up in a home so that we might see the help and love of parents and children. Help us to obey our parents. Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

### **Another child prays:**

Lord, help us to confide in our parents so that the gifts you give us may grow. Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Another child prays:**

Lord, protect our parents and give them strength so that they never tire of leading us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us.

**Other petitions may also be added:**

- i) Hymn to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**The Head of the Family or All Members say this prayer together**

Sacred Heart of Jesus, you once prayed for your followers saying, “Father, consecrated them in the truth.” Look on our family as it consecrates itself to you. Your image is here so that we may never forget your love for us. You know the dangers we must face and temptations we meet. Give us courage and strength. Protect us. Enlighten us so that we may hold fast to your truth. May everybody who visits this home see that there is peace here because the family trusts God. Accept us. Form us, so that people may see that we are like you – humble, kind, helpful, compassionate and forgiving. May our example inspire others so that our community and country may have peace. Lead us all to your Father’s home where we will live forever and ever. Amen.



**The family prays:**

Jesus, reign always in our home. Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like yours.

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART**

Remember, our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the things the Lord has done for you... He chose you for His Mother... He wanted you close to His Cross ... He gives you a share in his glory... He listens to your prayer. Offer him our prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Present our petitions to Him. Let us live like you in love of your Son that his Kingdom may come. Lead all people to the source of living water that flows from His Heart, spreading over the world hope and salvation, justice and peace. See our trust in you. Answer our prayers, show yourself always our Mother. Amen.



**The Presider together with the whole Family sprinkle the rooms and whole house with water, and all sing the song to Sacred Heart of Jesus or related to Baptism.**

**After the sprinkling – all continue the prayers**

**Another prayer that can be used: Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart**

Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look upon us humbly kneeling before your altar to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself/herself today to your most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you, many too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them, Most Merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Before you, O! Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you; but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father’s house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be you king of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord holds aloof, and call them back to the harbour of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one shepherd. Grant O! Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations; and make the earth resound from pole with one cry: “Peace to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honour forever!” Amen.

**Or: LITANY TO THE SACRED OF JESUS: .....**



**Song: to Sacred Heart of Jesus.....**

***An Act of Spiritual Communion***

*“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.” Amen. (St. Thérèse of Lisieux)*



**Prayer to stop the Coronavirus**

Almighty and Merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the Corona Virus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families. We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the relevant Governments and Health Authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

Gathering these prayers together, as well as those we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray in the words that Jesus taught us. **Our Father...**

**All: The Angel of Lord.....**

**Blessing:**

**P:** May God make our hearts like the heart of Jesus so that we may be faithful sons and daughters of God.

**All:** Amen.

**P:** May we be kind, and loving all people so that we may experience God’s love in our lives.

**All:** Amen.

**P:** May we be compassionate and forgiving so that misery and strife may end.

**All:** Amen.

**All: May Almighty God bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen! Alleluia!**

**Praise the Lord**

**Thanks be to God** *All are invited to share a sign of Christ’s peace*

**May the Sacred Heart Jesus Christ, embrace you with Love and Mercy,**

*Yours in Christ, praying for All of you in daily Holy Mass,*

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