

Enthronement of Christ as King and Mary as Queen of our parishes

My Dear Parishioners,

Last Christmas I announced that I felt called to deepen the devotion in our parishes by Enthroning Christ as King and Mary as Queen of our parishes. Such devotions have a long history in the Church. The Solemnity of Christ the King we celebrate yearly in our Church today stems from the multitude of devotions by God's people throughout the world. These express the choice of God's people to accept Christ's Kingship over their lives in a worthy way, in a way that makes up for the crowning with thorns. In that crowning 2,000 years ago, God's people rejected Christ's Kingship and the Romans mocked Him. In this crowning we bend the knee to the only one worthy of such devotion; the God King, Christ the Lord. We accept His reign, welcome Him, adore Him.

As Christ is in the line of Davidic Kings, He took for His queen his holy mother, Mary. The Church celebrates this fact in the feast of the Queenship of Mary which, again, expresses in a global feast the long-standing devotions of God's people to the Queen of Heaven. We see her enthroned in Heaven in the Book of Revelation and we welcome her as Queen in our lives and parishes.

Last year with the members of the Pastoral Councils in love and devotion to the Divine King we placed a crown on our monstrance officially enthroning Him as King of our hearts, families, and parish. Following this we expressed our affection for our Queen Mother and crowned the statue of Mary officially crowning her as the Queen of our hearts, families, and parish.

We have seen many blessings in our parishes from these devotions. On top of this, convicted by the abundant examples from history I am confident that these devotions flowing from our hearts toward the Divine King and His august Mother will continue to draw many blessings from the Heavenly throne down upon our families, parishes, and all those within our boundaries.

I encourage you to deepen the devotions in your own hearts and homes. In this time of great trial what else is there for Catholics except to put ourselves in a humble position of receptivity to Divine grace and surrender to the Divine will that we may find in it His blessings and our salvation.

May the blessings of Christ the King and the graces that flow through His worthy Mother come down upon you and remain with you forever.

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