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Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in every home

The enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Catholic homes is a mission began by Fr Mateo Crawley (1875- 1960)

He was born in Sachaca, Peru, on the 18th of November in the year 1875. At the age of 9 the whole family migrated to Chile, where he studied with the Religious of the Sacred Hearts. He entered in the said religious institute in 1891 and was ordained priest in the year 1898. He acted as a professor in the School of the Religious Order.

He did a lot for both the Association of the Sacred Hearts and for several social works. He founded a School of Law under the name of 'Courses of Law,' which will be the beginning of the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso. Near to get stress due to his excessive work trying to help the victims of the 1906 earthquake in Valparaiso, his superiors sent him to Europe in a holiday trip.

On the 24th of August of 1907, he arrived to the Shrine of Paray le-Monial, the place where the Sacred Heart of Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary of Alacoque. There he recovered from his weak health, and saw clearly what would be his call/ vocation for the rest of his life: to conquer the whole world to love the Sacred Heart of Jesus; house by house, family by family, enthroning it in every home. The Pope Saint Pius X was so pleased with such idea, that he told Fr Crawley: 'I do not only allow you but also command you to give up your life for this work of salvation'

He returned to America, where he began his mission in Valparaiso, and then the whole Chile and Peru. He started with the 'First Friday' Magazine, and also wrote articles in others magazines and newspapers. Lately, his Religious Congregation sent him to Europe, to spread the merciful message of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: England, Belgium, Netherland, Switzerland, Portugal and Spain were benefited from his glowing preaching

After being in France he transferred to Spain, where he started 38 centres. In this last country he promoted the gigantic monument of the Sacred Heart in the Angeles' Hill (el Cerro de los Angeles) to consecrate the whole nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The monument would be like a standard of the Christian glory, around which souls and families should gather to proclaim the Royal Divinity of Christ the King in homes and in the nation.

He was sent by the new Pope to teach the missionaries in the Far Eastern Asia. There were 50 years of uninterrupted preaching. He promoted the enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at homes, the night Adoration at homes, as well as the monuments dedicated to Christ in visible places. His objective was 'to make live in homes and for the sake of homes, social cell, the divine call 'I want to reign through my Heart'

Pope Pius XI received a gift with the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from Fr Mateo. He told Fr Mateo: 'I will hung it on my office and every time I look at it I will be sending you my blessing'

The Holy Thursday of 1949 he suffered one stroke; after this one many more would come during the last eleven years of his life. Little by little he was loosing his strength and became unable to do many things: only to say the Mass and to pray his daily prayers was left to him. An ulcer in his right foot was added to all these sufferings. In 1959 he was confined in the Clinic of Valparaiso, where he was not allowed to say the Holy Mass, the center of his life, due to a blood cancer. Both legs were cut... and the patient wrote: 'Heaven is getting closer... so I will sing eternally the mercy of God'

The world-wide known apóstol of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as called by Pope Pius XI, died in Valparaiso on the 4th of May of the year 1960 at the age of 84. Pope Saint John XXIII, sent the following message to the General Superior of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts: 'The Holy Father is fully aware of the mission this tireless apostle carried out during his whole life: the diffusion of the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. That is why is consoling to think that the sad lost the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts had experienced is compensated with the presence in heaven of a new and powerful intercessor'