

which have hardly any faith left and in which sin often prevails. Everywhere sin is offered to them. What then do we expect of our children, if, after all, many grown-ups do not manage to resist all that?

Children expect their parents to open their arms, to be a safeguard to protect them against the sinful world, to ward off evil. Parents, always give your children to understand that they may come to you even if they have fallen into sin. You ought not to be more severe than the confessor at the confessional. Child, the Evil One will whisper to you: „Don't tell your parents whatever you do, otherwise you'll be in for it.“ Should you really not be able to speak about it at home, then you may always come to me. With me you will always find mildness and patience. I will immediately spread a divine net in order to catch you and to give you new strength. – May st Joseph help you all. Amen!

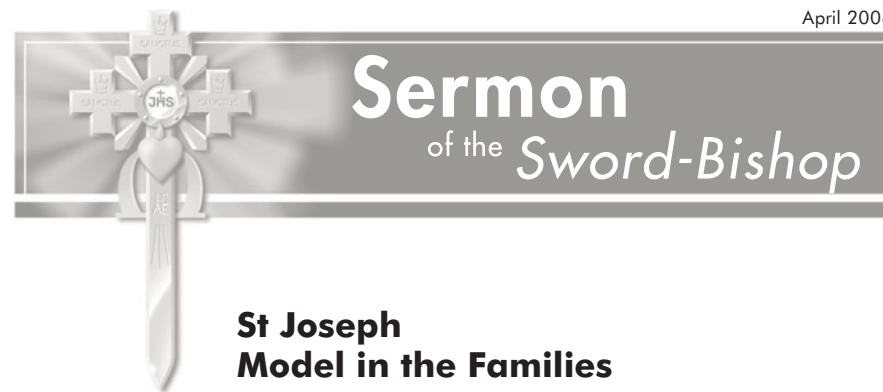
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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,  
the + FATHER and the + SON  
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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# Sermon

of the *Sword-Bishop*

## St Joseph Model in the Families

If we talk about st Joseph, we immediately think of the Holy Family: Joseph, Mary and JESUS. This unity of the Holy Family is so enormous that it is an image of the unity of the Most Holy TRINITY. However, not only is the unique holiness of st Joseph to be admired but above all his high dignity both as nursing and foster father of JESUS and as spouse of Mary, the Blessed Virgin and Mother of GOD. This extraordinary dignity was not only given for his earthly life, but continues to exist in a glorious way in Heaven. JESUS loved Joseph as no other father on earth had ever been loved. If GOD was already so faithful to His nursing and foster father on earth, how faithful will He now also be to him in Heaven. We know that st Joseph, in this sublime election as has no other saint, is often found sidelong behind the divine throne of JESUS like a fatherly adviser. – St Joseph would be able to do so much more for us, if only we asked him more often. By doing so we, as Church Militant, would enhance also the honour and glory of st Joseph.

### „If You Seek Me with all Your Heart“

In order to come nearer to GOD, your own effort, your own exertion is necessary, which does not fail to seek GOD and ask GOD. Your love of GOD and neighbour is necessary and requires first and foremost purity. The more intensely you spend time with GOD and love Him, the more deeply GOD will take you into His confidence. Those who are suffering have the best qualification for it in the process. They are namely rich in colours with which they are able to paint wonderful pictures, and they possess stones which through their sorrow turn to gold and

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diamonds. Unknowingly they build the most beautiful monuments for themselves out of gold and precious stone.

### **Martyrdom for Purity**

Hardly any person in our days is free from unclean thoughts and desires unless he receives a special grace. How come? The spiritual world is permeated with sin and evil to such an extent that it is as if you are walking outside in the summer heat and inevitably you start sweating. In the way that you feel the heat, you also perceive the uncleanness. This, however, is no sin. Simply do not give way to these afflictions. Do not gloat over the unclean. Do not enter into a long discussion, simply say: „Away with it!“ – When you come home bathed in sweat, you will first wash yourself and change your clothes. First take, therefore, if you come home, holy water and wash yourself spiritually by crossing yourself while praying: „All evil away from here, JESUS CHRIST, You reign in me!“ – Children as well as old people have to struggle with that nowadays. Do not let that bother or dishearten you but be glad that you are allowed to be a soldier of CHRIST. Be pleased when the Evil One fights you because then you can prove to GOD how much you love Him. That is the struggle of our days, which may help you to grow holy.

### **Patience and Love**

Today's youth is attracted by yet many another temptation: drugs, disco and this dreadful music which makes the youngsters total wrecks and leads them away from GOD. – Even if it is understandable, still many parents make the mistake of just yelling: „Switch off the damned music!“ Father, mother, again and again you have to explain to your child patiently and with love why he should not do this or that. Quick, cutting orders should only be given in the greatest of danger, when a child is heading for an abyss for example and you have to call him back as a last resort. – You family men, act as st Joseph would. You mothers, act as Mary would. You children, act as JESUS would towards your parents.

### **Grace of Obedience**

You children! GOD tells you: „Honour your father and your mother, that it may go well with you and that your days may be prolonged.“ Sometimes,

however, you may find it difficult to obey your parents immediately and with pleasure. But as you may have heard, GOD says: „Obey that it may go well with you and that your days may be prolonged!“ So even if you just do not understand it correctly and even if it were not absolutely fair provided that it is not against GOD's commandment, obedience will bring you great graces. The SAVIOUR obtained this for you through His exemplary obedience. You may think about how lovingly the SAVIOUR obeyed Mary and Joseph although being GOD He was still Ruler of all creation. Being GOD He obeyed men. I know that your parents are not Joseph and Mary and e.g. sometimes lose control of themselves and then say something without thinking. Yet you still should acknowledge with love and obedience that your parents have given you your life, enabled you to have lodgings, food, clothing, school education and much else through their often painstaking work.

### **Echo**

Harmony, peace, love in the family are mutual. Dear father, dear mother, think of the echo: „You are treated as you treat others.“ If you do not have any patience for your children, they will not have any for you. If you do not show them understanding, neither will they, having grown up, show any for you. – You children, if you want to lead a happy married life one day, if you want to start a family and live in harmony some day, then from now on you will have to begin by honouring your father and mother and holding them in high esteem. For a woman will only come to appreciate her future husband if she as a child has come to appreciate her father. The husband can only appreciate his wife if he as a child also honoured his mother. Therefore, father, mother, be careful that your children may be able to respect and love you. There are children who are moaning and groaning that their parents are so strict. But if they are grown-ups and have families themselves, they make exactly the same mistake if not even worse. Then I sometimes shake my head and wonder how that is possible, for they should really know better now.

### **Open Your Arms**

Times are hard, the devilish spiritual pressures are particularly strong. Especially the youth and the children are involved, who have to go to school and gather there with hundreds of other children from all possible households

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