

they think of me ...” Then you have no respect for yourself anymore. How many interests there are in the world! There are good interests, which we can pursue, but how much do we pursue eternity? We are only a few years on this earth – and then? An everlasting eternity where???

So you must allow yourself some self-esteem. You must love yourself in order to know how to be able to love your neighbour. You do not love yourself if you agree to sin by thinking it is love, or if you think: „That feels good ...”, or: „I enjoy it ...” Or people go to bed with each other before marriage. It is sin! Even if they say: „It is nice!” By doing so they harm themselves. For this purpose GOD has instituted a Sacrament.

My beloved, Heaven exists! Hell exists! We have to make a decision. We do not know when we will die. The SAVIOUR says: „You fool, how do you know that you are still alive tomorrow?” Amen!

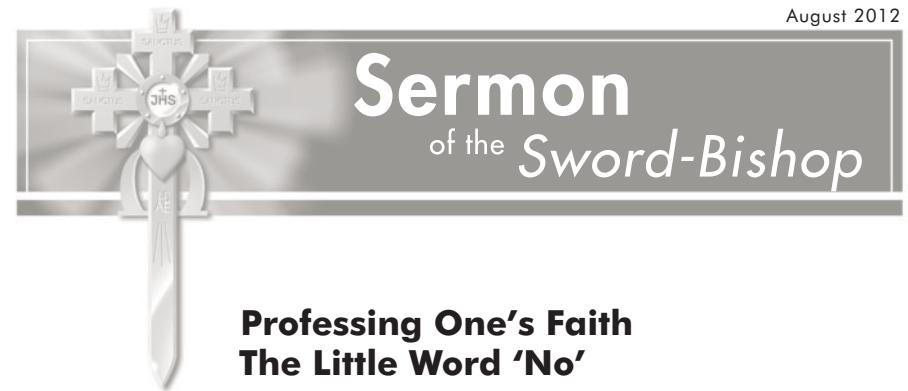
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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Sermon

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Professing One's Faith The Little Word 'No'

Nowadays many people have difficulties in wanting to live a GOD-pleasing life. This starts at school age. Children are bullied because they are Christians and want to live as such. Many become cowards then, do not dare to openly demonstrate their Christian behaviour anymore. They go along with every silly fashion, agree with every absurd opinion of society so as to fit in and not be exposed – and soon GOD falls behind.

Worries Can Be Wings

Of course, life has its difficulties. Just take a look at the wings of the statue of Saint Michael. They seem to be heavy wings, indeed. Worries are heavy like these wings. What does Saint Michael do with these wings? Soar up! The eagle or the condor have giant wings, which are heavy. But they carry them up in the air. Our worries, our crosses carry us up to GOD. We should actually rejoice even if we are ridiculed and looked upon as petty-minded and country bumpkins. „Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven!” Sacred Scripture says.

Should not we, too, be careful not to criticize others because of their religion, such as the Hindu people? Every morning after having said their prayers, they paint a dot on their forehead with ashes. Today I heard a Hindu priest encouraging the people: „Why do you remove the dot so quickly before you go out? Are you afraid to profess your faith?” We should take care not to do the same. Let us remember the wings.

The Little Word 'No'

Here is something very important: many people who believe they live as Catholics condemn one little word because they think it has a bad reputation. They do not dare to use it because they think in using it they will sin against the love of neighbour. What kind of word is it? It is the little word 'no'. There are a lot of situations in which you have to say no. If the Evil One bothers you, if he wants to lead you into temptations and you are trained to say no, he will have to go.

You should always say yes to GOD's will, to the good promptings. Agreeing with everything that is said, that is not what I mean. People should have a mind of their own, otherwise they are slaves. Consider: „What would the SAVIOUR have me do? What would the Mother of GOD do?“ Mary would also dress according to today's custom and good fashion. The females might orient their behaviour towards Mary's, and the males might ask themselves: „What decision would st Joseph make?“ – the priests: „How would the SAVIOUR act in this situation?“

Teaching Children to Say 'No'

Children are often not being trained to say no. They go to school without having been taught to say no at times. Here there is no dividing line between yes and no. Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No', 'No'! If you want to build up your self-esteem in order to walk through the world with head held high, you must have the ability or the courage to say no, if it clashes with your conscience, if it is bad for your soul, if it is directed against GOD.

Love of self and love of one's neighbour begin with the art of a sound dividing line. That is that we should be able to say no to what is not right to us. If you then say no to the other, it is a yes for you. For example, someone says to me: „Do come along to the disco ... After all, it is your birthday, just once forget about the Church!“ What should be my answer? Yes or no? Exactly, the word 'No'! In that case, it is a 'Yes' to GOD and a 'No' to the world.

It gives you self-confidence, it gives you certainty if you can say yes or no from your own conviction. Otherwise you feel as if you have no backbone, like you are a coward. What did they use to do to the early Christians?! They were tortured in a cruel way. Today you cannot expect that you will be beheaded, but perhaps you will be smiled at pityingly, not be understood. But if, apart from that, you are a sincere and happy person, you will be appreciated sooner or later.

If you do not learn to say no to the person who wants to lead you astray, how will you be able to say no to the temptation of the devil? We cannot acquire a true love of GOD, if we cannot also say no to the things contrary to GOD.

We Are Soldiers of GOD

True love of neighbour, of your boy-friend or girl-friend, means that you are also able to say: „Look, that is not allowed. I do not like it. – That is not good!“ Or: „I am sorry, that is not my cup of tea, no!“ Many are afraid of being laughed at or walked out on. – Of course, it also depends on how you say this 'no'. You might also say: „Too bad, you are such a nice person, but it is just not my level! It is too far beneath me. No, that is not the way I want it!“ Watching the other commit sin or joining in it out of politeness towards him is not love.

Bear in mind: Many have a repulsive effect on people because of their false piety and their many pious words. On a picture I have seen st Alphonsus Liguori venerating the Mother of GOD in a very twisted and affected pose. That is utter nonsense! Clearly we are sane people! We are clearly soldiers of GOD and fear nobody – neither death nor the devil! We do not even fear GOD – we love Him – we only fear that we might offend the one we love. That is true fear of GOD.

Love Your Neighbour as Yourself

How can I love my neighbour if I do not love myself? Can you love yourself if you act like a coward? When you say: „My GOD, what will
