



always share the same opinion. Remember St. Paul and St. Barnabas, who also sometimes used to have opposing views. Even the Apostles disagreed with the SAVIOUR on several occasions. And thus it will often be between father and mother, between parents and their children. It is supposed to make people grow stronger.

Only if a soldier engages himself in battle, can he become an experienced soldier, a front-line soldier. It is the same in everyday life. Parents who once loved each other and whose love has grown cold can win back their love for each another. The children, too, have their inner conflicts. Everyone must undergo trials so that afterwards they will be persons of strong character, who will be able to have the courage of their convictions even if the whole village, the entire city thinks differently. – The Holy Family has been given to us as a model. If there are difficulties in a family, why not turn to the Holy Family? They are not just a model, but also a help. So be it, and may GOD so grant it. 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*

## The Holy Family as a Model Prayer for the Families

My dearly beloved! The Holy Family is and always remains a model, which we should orient ourselves to. Father, mother and children make up a family. But the Church, too, is a family. The Church, too, has a father and mother: The mother is the Church; the first one of the Church is the father, under normal circumstances it is the Pope or whom GOD appoints.

I am often heavily worried and deeply hurt because the families do not live accordingly. There are families in which father and mother are throwing vicious remarks at each other. Did Joseph and Mary do so? Do we have the right to treat someone else in such a way, although we, too, have our faults and sins? Do we forget that we have faults that we do not even know about? That everyone has a different character from which they cannot free themselves? To think that people argue because of it. Every child, too, has a different character.

Why do family members often think so little about the fact that they can die? Let us suppose that the spouse or a child dies. If they had been in conflict with each other, if they had not loved each other, then one of them must reckon that the other will hardly pray for him. The deceased may be in for a long wait in Purgatory, because there you cannot help yourself any more. Do not say: „The other person treated me badly on earth!“ Perhaps GOD sent that person to you for the simple reason that you may convert him. I know that it is possible for a family to live in such a way that



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husband and wife never have any angry argument. I know such a family. This, however, is only possible if people resort to prayer by frequently turning to GOD and asking Him for help. Even in this family they did not always agree, that is to say, the husband rather thought like this and the wife did differently. There was a compromise without a quarrel. Sometimes he gave in, sometimes she did. If you love each other, you do not mind giving in.

### **The Parents' Grief over Their Children**

It is an indescribable deep grief for GOD-loving parents if their children do not live according to the desire of their parents' hearts. GOD granted the parents to make their children's outer shell, the body, as He did in the beginning with Adam and Eve. The soul and the spirit of man, however, come from GOD. Parents who have to say: „We have made a mistake. We did not do our utmost to guide the hearts of our children towards GOD,“ should not be afraid. They should intercede with GOD by sacrifice and prayer on behalf of their children, then they are justified before GOD.

### **Children Are Snatched away from Their Parents**

He who wants to marry and finds someone willing to live in a Christian spirit, let him do so. But he should bear in mind that it is becoming more and more difficult for parents. The children are snatched away from them by the teachers at school. I shudder at the thought of what is yet to come unless GOD the HOLY SPIRIT soon intervenes. You will see that they are going to snatch the children away from their parents sooner and sooner. For a long time they have been telling children at school: „You do not need to tell your parents about that.“ What is happening today is – mind you, I am not merely speaking for Switzerland – that boys and girls at school have to go and stand in front of the class, undress in order to explain what a boy and a girl look like, take showers together, and so on.

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### **You Singles, Pray for the Families!**

By “singles” I mean mainly those who have devoted themselves to GOD, and also the single lay persons. Lay person is to me not a negative expression because “lay” actually means: a man or woman chosen for a certain task without belonging to a religious order. Therefore, they used to send the lay apostles out into the world. They were chosen by a Bishop in order to help out, and later on they would become monks. So you who are not married, pray for the families! Because if you pray for the families, you pray for the Church, for the smallest cell of the Church. Many cells together make up the Church and from these cells the Church arises and grows – or dies. The very best guideline for father and mother is to summon before their mind's eye the behaviour of Mary and Joseph: for the wife to consider how the Mother of GOD would act in her stead and for the husband to consider how St. Joseph would act in his stead.

### **Honour Your Father and Your Mother**

The children, however, must not believe that their father and mother should only be kind to them, no, the other way around as well. It is written: „Honour your father and your mother, so that it may go well with you and you may live long on earth!“ The children must grow up. They must learn to become good human beings. They should be moulded into them not only by father and mother, but the child himself is supposed to lend a helping hand. That is why he inwardly needs to go through hardship quite often, the way his parents do things will most of the time not suit him. But the interesting thing about it is that, when the children have grown up and have become fathers or mothers themselves, they realise the importance of a good upbringing, even if it had often been unpleasant, and they will raise their children in the same way.

If children do not honour their father and mother, they will have to pay for it as they grow old in having their own children not honour them, either. So they dig their own grave. But you must also know that, even if husband and wife are saintly people, still they will not

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