

to it that you do not overdo things. We cannot exaggerate the love of GOD, but we can overact.

JESUS goes on saying: „Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and anyone who loves a son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life,“ for example, whoever seeks nothing but his own gratification and is happy with it, „will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me,“ the FATHER. „Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.“ Amen!

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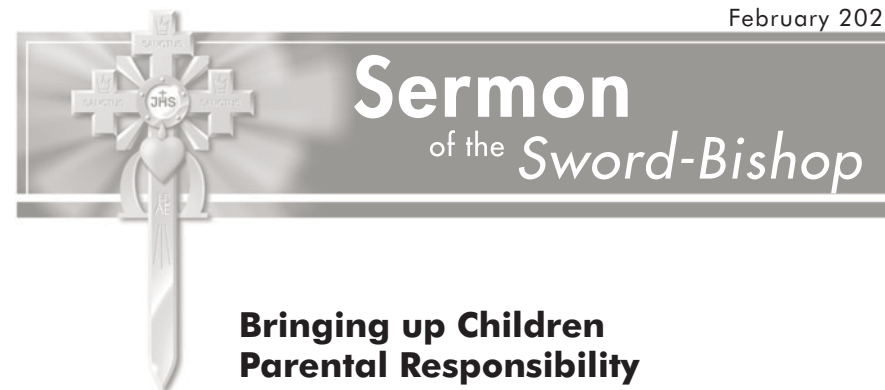


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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,**

**the + FATHER and the + SON  
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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# Sermon

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## Bringing up Children Parental Responsibility

My beloved! In bringing up children there are often problems in the family. It is important that the family is intact. But today that is no longer possible. No sooner do the children enter nursery school than they become corrupted. Suddenly they start saying things which really make you stand aghast: „How can a child already say such a thing?“ Then do not scold him, explain him and say in a calm voice: „Not in this house.“ Many parents have their children’s best interests at heart and want to help them by saying: „It is time for you to go to confession again!“ It is wrong to put pressure on them. Just be a good example. Without a good example, even the best dressing-down is of no use. When, of course, the father explains: „Boy, you must not lie, it is not done!“ and then he is filling out the tax return saying: „Well, you know, here we will write ...,“ then the good example is missing. This is just one example, there are thousands.

Father, mother, if you disagree in matters concerning your children and you get into an argument, do not quarrel with each other in front of them. The child observes: „Ah, who is on my side?“ and will remember. Then he will always go to this parent. That, however, is still healthy and normal. It was the same in our family. One of my sons came to me and said: „Dad, can I do this?“ At first I answered: „Yes, all right, you do that.“ Later I found out that my wife had said something different to him before. Next time he came to me again, after Mother Paula had said no, because he thought: „Dad is more likely to give in.“ But this time I asked him: „What does mum say?“ – Hold together in front of the children, I

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say it once again, it is so important to me. Do not push them to the Sacraments, rather explain to them what they mean and can achieve.

Religious instruction used to be given by parish priests and nuns, today it is no longer so. Today Muslims are allowed to teach; homosexuals and lesbians come and tell the pupils what they are convinced of and how they do it, but a Catholic priest is no longer allowed admittance. That is why the parents themselves must give religious instruction to their children, unless they have the opportunity of having their children taught religion by clergy and nuns – as is the case with us – outside of school. However, religious instruction twice a month is not enough. Therefore, the parents should absolutely deepen their children's faith at home, using our instruction binders as a help or by telling them bedtime Bible stories. GOD mainly gave the mothers the gift of instilling the faith in their children's hearts. The father should, in agreement with the mother, decide how they wish to practise religion in their family. Furthermore, the father should say grace at mealtime and lead in prayer during common family prayers.

You parents, ask your children on a regular basis what they were taught in school. Ask them above all whether a teacher said that they should not tell anyone anything at home because the parents would not understand. Also regularly check their exercise books. And do not wait too long to explain the facts of life to the child to prevent the school from anticipating you. A child will cling to the person who awakens his sexuality.

### **Priesthood of the Parents**

When you have received the Sacrament of Marriage through the Church, the priest laid his hands on you, blessed you and you became priests of your family. What kind of priests are you? Do not worry, I know that you cannot force your children, but make them excited, lure them. Nevertheless, every human being has their own free will. Oh, if you could only charm other people in religious matters just as the girls charm the boys. Enthusiasm is important! I sometimes see parents absorbed in devotion during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, but they do not notice their child beside them any more. Again and

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again, whisper into your child's ear what is happening on the Altar, something he can imagine at the same time because in this way he will discover something to relate to what is happening and will consequently be more at ease. I speak from my own experience as I am married. My wife and I have four sons. We went through all these things, I know a thing or two about it. The Sacrament is still valid, except that I have lived in celibacy since my ordination to the priesthood.

You, parents, have become priests in your family through the Sacrament of Marriage. In the power of this Sacrament you could fill your children with enthusiasm. The child always wants to copy what father and mother do. An example: The parents are saying an evening prayer without the child joining in because he is still too young. He notices that the parents are in fact near, but elsewhere. He thinks: „Oh, where are mum and dad?“ Then he goes to his parents because he wants to join in. – When you pray, allow the children to join in your prayer; and when you notice that they are falling asleep, bring them to bed. Then you can go on praying together.

### **Doing More for GOD**

We have been assigned to preach, although the best sermons can actually be found in the Bible. Now I want to show you what is very important: to first work to improve yourself and then you can make your neighbour a better person. The SAVIOUR says in Matthew:

10,34-42: „Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Your enemies will be the members of your own household.“

Is it not often the case that there is an argument when someone wants to be there for GOD a little bit more, wants to be more pious? Of course, the duties of your station should not be neglected on account of it. When you have found GOD, recognise Him better and better, are able to immerse yourself in Him more, become happy with Him, then your own housemates are often the ones to say: „You are bonkers! You are out of your mind!“ Is it not so? Of course, you must see

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