

13. **TO CORRECT THEIR SINS AND FAULTS.** It is a serious sin to neglect this duty.
14. **TO TEACH THEM THE VIRTUES OF HONESTY, OBEDIENCE, TRUTHFULNESS, PURITY, AND MODESTY IN DRESS.** These lessons must be given early and repeated continually.
15. **TO TEACH THEM RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS.** Many parents sin seriously by bad example in this matter.
16. **TO TEACH THEM RESPECT FOR ALL LAWFUL AUTHORITY.** Children should be taught early to respect all lawful authority, especially the authority of the Church, the State and the School.
17. **TO GIVE THEM WHOLESOME RECREATION AND KEEP THEM FROM EVIL COMPANIONS.** The Christian home should be the center of the child's social life, a place where he feels free to bring his companions. - - Parents should be extremely careful about allowing their children to attend motion pictures; they should also examine their comic books and govern their use of the radio and television, as well as the VCR. Children receive many un-Christian ideas on life, marriage, crime, drinking, body piercing, etc. from these sources of entertainment.
18. **TO ENCOURAGE A CHILD'S DESIRE TO BE A PRIEST, A BROTHER OR SISTER.** Having a priest, brother or sister in the family is one of the greatest blessings that God can give a mother and father. Instead of turning a child away from such a desire, parents should encourage the child.

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PARENTS PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Creator of the universe,
we thank You for the children that You have entrusted to us.
We want to cooperate with You fully in helping them grow
into free and responsible persons
and mature in the faith received at Baptism.

Grant us the grace to be able to guide them
in the practice of virtue and the way of your commandments- - -
by the good example of our lives,
and by the loving observance of your law and that of Your Church.

Most of all, however, guide them with Your Spirit
so that they may know the vocation You will for them
and be open to genuine self-giving and true Christian love.
Amen.

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DUTIES OF PARENTS TOWARD THEIR CHILDREN

Protect them as they are our most precious gift...



ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN FOR CHILDREN

Blood of my Saviour, a thousand times adorable! Blood a thousand times Precious! Thou, Which dost adorn the baptismal innocence of children, deign to bless this young soul whom we consecrate to Thee this day. O sweet Jesus! Hide beneath the vivifying waves of thy most Precious Blood thy little (name) so that he (she) may grow in grace and holiness all the days of his (her) life. Deign to look upon him (her) as a perpetual adorer of Thy Divine Blood in as far as the designs of Providence will permit and grant that all his (her) prayers, deeds and sacrifices may be so many acts of reparation and love.

O Immaculate Virgin, ever spotless through the Blood of Jesus, thou who art called the "Flower of the Field" and the "Lily of the Valley," look down lovingly from Thy heavenly throne upon this dear child; may he (she) grow up also under Thy maternal care, shielded by Thy blessings, and may every day of his (her) life be marked by Thy benefits.

Most Holy Virgin whom the Church calls "Morning Star," shine upon this soul now commencing his (her) earthly pilgrimage, preserve him (her) from all harm, and until the last moment of his (her) life, may he (she) keep pure and unsullied the robe with which through the Blood of Jesus, he (she) was robed in holy Baptism. Take his (her) family also under Thy protection, O Mary. Bless his (her) pious parents, remove far from them every temporal or spiritual misfortune, and may peace, charity and all virtues dear to thy pure and holy heart dwell ever in their midst. Amen.

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taken from "A Brief Catechism for Adults"

"But he that shall scandalize one of these little ones that believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea."

(Matthew 18:6)

- 1. TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN THE NECESSARY FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER.** This obligation rests on both parents, whether living together or separated. They must also keep their children from all danger to life and protect them from possible death.
- 2. TO GIVE THEM GOOD EXAMPLE.**
Parents give good example by observing strictly all of their religious duties. For example: Regularly attending Mass, not eating meat on days of abstinence, carefully avoiding indecent speech, lying, cursing, criticism of others, immodesty and drunkenness. -- Parents should remember that children are great imitators, and they should be very careful of everything they do and say in the presence of their children.
- 3. TO PROVIDE A TRULY CATHOLIC HOME FOR THEM.**
A Catholic home is one in which God and Religion are of the greatest importance. -- In the home there should be crucifixes, pictures of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints.
Indecent pictures and calendars, lewd and sensational magazines, books, comic books, TV shows and videos have no place in the Christian home. There should be good books, Catholic newspapers and Catholic magazines.
- 4. TO HAVE THEM BAPTIZED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER BIRTH.**
It is a serious sin to delay the Baptism of infants, and if there is any danger to the life of the newly born baby, the priest should be called immediately. -- In danger of death, and if no priest is available, Baptism can and should be given by anyone (preferably someone other than the parents). The one baptizing need not be Catholic; he may be of any religion or of no religion. But he must have the intention of doing what the Church does in Baptism. The procedure is : Pour water over the head of the child, saying at the same time: "I baptize thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."
- 5. TO SEE THAT THEY GO TO CONFESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION AND RECEIVE CONFIRMATION.**
The children should be taught to go to confession and Holy Communion regularly and frequently - every week, if possible, especially during vacation time.
- 6. TO TEACH THEM TO PRAY.**
Daily prayers should be said together by the whole family. - - As the saying goes, "The family that prays together stays together." The daily family Rosary will go a very long way towards ensuring that the children grow up to be good Catholics.
- 7. TO SEE THAT THEY GO TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY AND ON THE HOLY DAYS.**
Parents should not keep children home from Mass except for very serious reasons.
- 8. TO SEE THAT ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE FRIDAYS OF LENT THEY ABSTAIN.**
Parents should see that they abstain from meat altogether and that on the other Fridays of the year they refrain from meat or perform a comparable penance.
- 9. TO SEND THEM TO A CATHOLIC SCHOOL.**
This includes high school and college, as well as grammar school. Parents are forbidden by Church Law to send their children to any other kind of school.- - In very many cases today, the only truly Catholic school available is home schooling. Experience has shown that Catholic home schooling produces excellent results both spiritually and academically and that it brings great blessings to the family.
- 10. TO INSIST THAT THEY MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.**
A Catholic cannot marry except in the presence of a Catholic priest and two witnesses. - - When a son or daughter begins to think seriously of marrying, the parents should have him (or her) see the priest and receive the necessary instructions on marriage. They should encourage dating only with Catholics, or at least with non-Catholics who are willing to take a full course of instructions in the Catholic Religion. Parents commit a mortal sin by forcing or unduly persuading any of their children to marry.
- 11. TO GIVE THEM THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE ON MARRIAGE AND HAVING CHILDREN.**
Parents should avoid complaining about the hardships of married life and joking about the sacred duties of marriage.- - The birth of another child should be a joyful occasion for the whole family so that the other children will consider having children as the greatest blessing of married life.
- 12. TO PREPARE THEM FOR MARRIAGE.** The children should be taught the serious duties and responsibilities of marriage, both by word and example. - - They should also be taught the practical side of making a home, such as cleaning, cooking, sewing, repairing, caring for children, being on time, and being neat and orderly.