

## FATHER

We have all heard, "The hand that rocks the cradle rocks the world." Quite true. However, may we add the following: For a cradle to be rocked there must first be a hand to build the cradle – the hand of the Father. Two people, Father and Mother, working together, each have a hand in the awesome responsibility of raising and teaching the young child. Where this is not the case, it is inevitable that the work of raising and teaching children will go awry. In our day, this has certainly been the case. And this is what has gone wrong within the wonderful Family of Man.

Can anyone deny that a condition has developed within the Family of Man in today's world which, if unchecked, will complete the degradation of the human species? Today there is to be seen a more frightful contrast between dwarfed virtues and gigantic vices. In the sickening uniformity of evil which prevails in almost every walk of life we now encounter, there is something quite dead. Everywhere this has broken out in frequent eruptions of anarchy, irreligion, flagrant indecency, rank immodesty, alcohol and drug abuse, every type of evil and criminal activity, and unrestrained sex – even amongst our littlest children. Must we throw up our hands in discouragement and despair? By no means. That would make matters far worse. Parents, in spite of criticism and peer pressure, must fearlessly turn to more ardent prayer. Kind, gentle, yet most fervent must be the prayer life in the home.

**Today is Fathers' Day.** It is a most wonderful day and should be a happy one. Fathers must not fear to stand tall and show the entire household that true Fatherhood is the most wonderful display of real manhood that exists and has always existed in the Family of Man. At the very same time true Motherhood is the most wonderful display of real womanhood that exists. A wholesome, unbroken family is most wonderful to behold – but it can exist only when both Father and Mother work together to give a good example of mutual love, fidelity, and trust to their children. Children will see this and will take note of the beauty of the bond of charity in the dedicated lives of their Father and Mother.

May God be blessed in the Fathers and Mothers He has appointed to watch over His children, whom He loves so very much, and may He have mercy on us all and keep us all from harm and danger. ☐

### Blessing of Fathers and Children on Fathers' Day

℣. Preserve thy sons, O Lord.	℟. Who trust in Thee, my God.
℣. Send them, Lord, aid from on high.	℟. And from Sion watch over them.
℣. Let the enemy have no power over them.	℟. And the son of evil have no power over them.
℣. O Lord hear my prayer.	℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.
℣. The Lord be with thee.	℟. And with thy spirit.

#### LET US PRAY.

O most watchful Guardian of the Incarnate Son of God, glorious St. Joseph, what toil was thine in supporting and waiting upon the Son of the Most High God, especially in the flight into Egypt. What concern was thine in providing the daily needs of your Family. How solicitous you were of the marvelous union that existed between you and your Immaculate Spouse. We look to you for guidance and example in these days of serious decline of respect for the place of the Father in the family.

Holy Father Joseph, obtain for us the graces we need in the fulfillment of our duties of Fathers. Keep before us at all times the needs of our beloved wives and our dear sons and daughters. Obtain for us the patience we need to understand the troubles that might besiege the members of our families. Teach us to keep our families uppermost in our minds, never permitting the demands of our employment in the market place to overshadow the requirements of family life. Protect us from the virus of materialistic worldliness. Help us keep the Holy House of Nazareth ever before our eyes. Amen

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, ✠ and Holy Ghost, ✠ come upon you, and remain with you for all time. Amen.

1. **CATECHISM CLASS:** Children 6 to 14 please meet Father Joseph in the vestibule right after the 10:00 Mass.
2. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.** Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. **NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER.** **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special intention of Thomas J. Hamilton
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention of Daniel Geitz
THURSDAY:	For Gary Bezakola
FRIDAY:	Special intention of Elizabeth Delucca
SATURDAY:	Welfare of the Hanson Family

### A Thought To Remember ...

Always, in good fortune and under adverse conditions, in peaceful and in stormy time, the soul must keep its forces intact so that the cry of its unshakeable faith may reach the ear of God.