

children, for many future generations, of your setting a good example to-day?

"You cannot instruct your children in their religion?" Then lose no time in learning how. This objection did not deter you from marrying and becoming a father; it will not excuse you from fulfilling the obligation of a father. If you do not understand your religion well enough to be of assistance to your children, it is very doubtful if you know what is necessary to save your own soul. Do you not know your prayers, or do you know or say very few? For the sake of your own eternal salvation there is no time to lose.

But, you argue, "I cannot even read." That is positively no excuse. Many of the most exemplary families you and I have known received their religious training from fathers who could not read, living in places where neither parochial nor Sunday schools were heard of.

Try what you can do; give the time to it; don't grow weary; be faithful to it, evening after evening, Sunday after Sunday, week after week, year after year.

Now, let us see what you can do certainly.

(1) The catechism speaks of eight prayers which are particularly recommended to us. The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Apostles' Creed, and Confiteor, The Acts of Contrition,