

tinue to approach these Sacraments frequently and always with similar dispositions? This is for you to decide; it is quite within your power. But do not leave it to the teacher to remind them that the day for Confession has arrived; you must think of that, you must help them to make a preparation, and, when possible, accompany them. Never forget that they are children, with all the thoughtlessness of childhood. They may easily fall into the habit of going to confession after a preparation alarmingly brief, and they may leave the church with little or no thanksgiving after Communion. How many a promise of sanctity, of a life full of great things for God, has suffered the decay that comes of woeful indifference, perhaps has ended in the loss of Faith altogether, due solely to indifference in this very matter. Assure yourself, therefore, that the evil do not find its way among those precious souls for whom you are one day to answer to God.

Now, dear Christian father, by this time, perhaps, you are beginning to think that a rather lengthy and onerous series of duties has been outlined for you. Positively nothing, however, that you cannot do. None which you did not accept of your own accord in becoming a father. Why then would you not attend to them?

To you these children owe their existence;