

pleted, tries to make up for your neglect by looking after the children's prayers and catechism lessons.

You say your children are going to a Catholic school and the sisters and teachers are attending to this. They cannot; no teacher can take your place. You have a father's heart and a father's anxiety for the welfare of his children; you have also a father's authority; God has given these to no one on earth but you. These children are to you what they are to no other human being. Moreover, is your part merely to drudge and toil that they have enough to eat and wherewith to be clothed, while others have to do with their minds and hearts and wills, with their habits, their affections, their thoughts? Is this your conception of the dignity of a father? Are your efforts merely to sustain their lives on earth, utterly regardless of that other life which is eternal?

Your father did not do all this for you in your childhood, you say. Precisely, and here is the result. It has never occurred to you to do otherwise than follow the example he left you. What would be your practice in this matter to-day if your father had done his duty? Now, which would you prefer to leave as a heritage to your sons? Would you have them neglect the religious training of their children in turn? Do you appreciate what will be the consequences for your grand-