

from the pulpit and confessional. You do not imagine for a moment they could be so false to their character and their mission.

On the other hand those same preceptors receive from parents themselves the order to watch over their children, to educate them, to shield them from evil influences, to strengthen them to face life's duties, and if they neglect to attain this end, the most efficacious means of all, would they not betray the confidence reposed in them ?

"We have no more right to surpress the piety of children than to force it" stoutly maintains Mgr. de Segur their zealous champion.

But an other apart from us draws children to multiply their communions. It is Jesus who gives them a relish and ever increasing desire for this heavenly food, who showers divine caresses on their innocent souls and inflames their longing to such an extent that several having commenced to go to communion every day declare they would not forego this happiness on any account.

We should teach children habits they can keep up all their life. They will not keep that of daily communion.

Yes, education is the apprenticeship of life and must fashion the habits to be practised during its course.

I conclude that nothing in the Christian life being more obligatory than to preserve the state of grace, it is absolutely necessary to inculcate the habit of communion that strengthens this life in us : "He that eateth my flesh hath life in him ; He that eateth not my flesh hath not life in him."

By what right do you decide beforehand that later they will communicate less frequently ? Do you not understand that all the faithful are invited to partake of communion every day in maturity as well as in childhood. The children of today must become accustomed in order that the men of tomorrow be faithful ; moreover to be good now is the best guarantee for the future. And if it were certain that in time the Eucharistic food would be more frugally used we should hasten to fortify those temperaments most exposed to weakness, degeneration and death by giving them, while we may, a powerful dose of the Bread of Life.

— But what is your intention ? Is it not to lead my son to the priesthood, my daughter to the cloister ?

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