

from this family of royal blood how to be modest in prosperity and dignified in adversity. The rich will be taught how virtue must be preferred to riches. Those who are engaged in labor, and all who, especially in our times, are so strongly tempted to dissatisfaction and impatience by straitened circumstances and the hardships which they and theirs have to suffer, need only cast their eyes upon these holy members of a holy household, and they will find reasons rather for rejoicing than for murmuring at the lot which has fallen to them. Like the Holy Family, they labor; like the Holy Family, they have to provide for their daily bread; like Joseph, they must live by what they earn; and if they work with their own hands, so also did Jesus before them.

But let me be clearly understood here. The very center of the radiating influence of religious home training is the mother. She is the spiritual sun of the household, giving light and warmth to its every nook