

you cannot afford to purchase them,—which you should, if possible—at least you have access to the parish library. Have you made the important discovery that every young person will find these more entertaining than nine-tenths of the popular literature which the world is daily devouring. The only adults who do not read Catholic stories and Lives of Saints by preference are they who were not habituated to their use in childhood, whose tastes were vitiated by novels, current magazines, and other worldly literature. It is a remarkable fact that in the biography of almost every Catholic layman who rose to prominence in life and preserved his faith and piety in the midst of every form of worldly distraction, it is recorded that the reading aloud of religious books was a regular practice in his father's home. There is no reason why all this could not be carried out in your home as well.

(7) Yes, your pastor will prepare your children for First Confession and Communion; they will have been started on the way to Heaven. Nor need there be any alarm during life, no matter what the surroundings or temptations, if only they persevere in their resolutions, if only they can preserve the dispositions which on that morning are welling up in their innocent hearts. Will they con-