

children will lack religious home training, for your lives will, like that of Mary and Joseph, be a daily lesson in piety and prayer, and your children, subject to you, will grow through fond obedience, as did Our Divine Lord, in every virtue and grace.

You remember that our late Holy Father Pope Leo XIII, of blessed memory, in his Encyclical on the Pious Association of the Holy Family, sets forth clearly how the Holy Family of Nazareth is a model for every Christian family of today. "In St. Joseph," says the late Holy Pontiff, "the father of a family has a wondrous example of parental solicitude and care; in the Most Holy Virgin Mother of God, mothers find a perfect model of love, of modesty, of resignation and of perfect faith; and in Jesus, who 'was subject to them,' children have a divine pattern of obedience for their admiration, their devotion and their imitation. Those who are highly born will learn