

Man. By Baptism and the other sacraments, but especially by the ineffable Eucharist, we come into contact with Our Lord, although hidden from our gaze under the sacramental species. This union is not an empty word, a mere abstraction; for, among the spiritual, and sometimes corporal, effects of grace on the frailties of our nature, it leaves in us a pledge and a germ of resurrection and immortality.

Now, the ties of this special relationship bind us also to Mary and her Parents. If we address Mary by the sweet name of Mother, is it not, under a certain aspect, on account of that sacramental kinship? Is it not because Our Lord, by sharing His rights with us, has introduced us into His own family and called Himself our elder brother? If such is the case, have we not an indisputable right to proclaim ourselves grand-sons of St. Anne, to call her by the tender name of Mother, and, as such, should we not render to her, as to St. Joachim, the duties of filial piety?

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## DUTIES OF PARENTS TOWARDS THEIR CHILDREN.

Fathers and mothers, it is to you that the Church appeals in these days of sorrow and desolation, when everything seems to unite for the ruin of religion and the triumph of the spirit of evil.

Society is fast losing its Christian character. But society is made up of families. Before a spirit of indifference penetrates the masses, it has secretly exerted its disastrous influence in the domestic sanctuary. It cannot have so universally spread among the people without having first corrupted the individuals in the very bosom of their family.