

up in school or in Church, if not supported or strengthened by home teaching, sooner or later, must fall to ruin. Hence the duty of parents is to provide their children with a Christian home.

And now let me ask what is a Christian home? It is a fortress built by the hand of God founded and instituted at His command, sanctified by His Divine love. It is, as the good Bishop of Leeds says, a home in which religion holds the first place, in which the name of our Lord is a familiar sound and where the parents govern themselves and rule their children by the principles of a Christian life. The Christian home is easily discovered. The very walls of the house will tell you at a glance who it is that holds the first place in the minds and hearts of its inmates. If on looking around the eye rests on emblems of our holy faith, if you find in every room the crucifix or the image of Our Lady, or a religious picture; if you see the holy water stoup well replenished,