

sin if they acted otherwise. Moreover, Pastors are obliged to organize, at least once a year, a general Communion for all the children, whether those children have already made their First Communion or not, and to have it preceded by special days of instruction and preparation.

Ques.—What must be thought of those who by suggesting to children vain fears of committing sacrilege, or forcibly compelling them to go to confession before communicating, even when they are not sure of having committed a mortal sin, or under any other pretext whatever keep them away from frequent or daily Communion?

Ans.—They must be considered as doing the devil's work, because by their way of acting they become the opponents of the Heart of Jesus which has no greater desire than to give Itself daily to innocent children in the Sacrament of His Love.

Ques.—What other duties have parents, or their representatives, towards children after they have made their First Communion?

Ans.—The serious duty of employing every means to have them assist at Catechism, or at least, to provide for their religious instruction in some other way.

Ques.—Have not parents, or their representatives, another duty with regard to children?

Ans.—Yes, and a very strict one also, namely that of sending immediately for the Pastor or Confessor, when a child who has reached the use of reason falls seriously ill, even if the child has not yet made his First Communion, and is still very young; and this not only that the child may receive holy Viaticum and Extreme Unction, but also that he may not die without receiving sacramental absolution the loss of which would place him in danger of eternal damnation.

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