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Lord, Be our King!

Our Lord was a King of sorrows, not only during His life on earth, but today He still suffers. Not only did His enemies try to stone Him, but also in our day do the millions of sins committed. However, this King of sorrows was not only the support and strength of His people then, but today is the only hope for humanity continuously at the edge of the precipice.

This is the topic of our bulletin. Let us stand at the foot of the Cross of Christ, our suffering King, and wherever we see the Holy Cross wavering or fallen to the ground, let us lift it back up again with fervent love.

If we look back on the history of mankind we will be astonished to see how repeatedly people quoted the sad episode of the Gospel: “. . .they took up stones to cast at Him.” (*John VIII, 59*) How many times in the last twenty centuries has this terrible cry resounded: “We do not want Him for our King!” Unfortunately this exclamation not only resounded in the past, but in the world today we frequently

hear the same cry: “We do not want Him to reign over us!”

Modern married couples say: “We do not want Him...! The Catholic Church has no right to interfere in marriage affairs. I want to be happy the best way I can.”

Youth say: “We do not want Him...! Let us enjoy life. The sixth Commandment was meant for the Middle Ages.”

Politicians and liberals say: “We do not want Him...! Religion has nothing to do with politics; the state is not obligated to regard the Commandments.”



Painters, sculptors and artists say: "We do not want Him...! What! The Catholic Religion dares to prohibit our works of art, considering them immoral? What do morals have to do with art? They can not tie us down!"

Literature and the press say: "We do not want Him...! Our manuscripts cannot be submitted to old fashioned censures and morals."

Businessmen, bankers and factory workers say: "We do not want Him...! The modern day industry and business does not need to conform to the Ten Commandments!"

Poor Christ the King of sorrows! Look down from Your Cross and see how many are against You. No one is left. Courts and the press are no longer Yours and much less media and entertainment. Society and many families are no longer Yours. What is left for You? Only churches and tabernacles. But if men stone You there also, not one refuge will remain.

But behold, Jesus Christ remains in this last refuge. The tabernacles are still His and from them our King fulfills His mission of conquest to heal sickly mankind.

Oh mankind, don't invent new laws or codes. God Himself placed His law in the Holy Gospels. Our King dwells upon our altars and every Catholic is asked:



"Do you want Him to reign over you?" And we should answer unanimously: **"Yes, yes we want Him to reign!"**

We want and need the Sacred Heart to reign in families so that heavenly peace may pervade our homes and bring about joy once again.

We want and need children's innocence to develop under the shadow of the Cross of our Divine Savior Crucified.

We want and need a firm stable anchor when the torments of youth arise.



We want and need the Cross of Christ to triumph over the battles of life and remain on the right road during the cloudy days of trial.

Christ, the King of Children!

Perhaps there has never been more care taken and so many sacrifices made for the physical and mental development of children as there is today. In order to defend children many high-sounding terms are used: defense of mother and child, sports, hygiene, courts for children under age, children's rights, pedagogical experimentation, etc. All these things are useful to some limit, but the most important thing is forgotten: the spiritual welfare of a child is much more necessary than his physical development.

Parents have an extraordinarily honorable obligation regard-

ing their children and which God Himself has confided to them, an obligation they must fulfill scrupulously and conscientiously since they will have to give an account of it on the last day to the Supreme Judge. Children belong not only to their parents, to society and to the nation, but most of all and first of all to God. They are His valuable treasures, destined to eternal life. It is very important for parents and it is their primary obligation as such, to educate their children according to the will of God, not only for life here on earth but above all for eternal life.

However, how many parents forget this important fact! They make great sacrifices regarding their children's education: schooling, piano lessons, foreign languages, dance classes, gymnastics, etc. This is fine, parents, but doesn't your child have a soul? Have you

worried about his soul too? Perhaps you will answer: “He goes to catechism classes!”

This is not sufficient. What use is the weekly catechism class if at home, in society and on the streets the beautiful doctrine of the Faith is not practiced or if he sees things that are totally contrary to what he learns at catechism?

What, then, should parents do? They should talk to their children about Our Lord Jesus Christ and teach them how to pray. They should educate them 1) with discipline 2) with vigilance and 3) by their good example.

1) Educate the child with discipline

When the Old Testament relates the history of Heli it gives a serious lesson to parents who for-

give and excuse everything their children do. “I will judge his house forever, for iniquity, because he knew that his sons did wickedly, and did not chastise them.” (*I Kings III, 13*) Heli scolded his sons but not severely enough.

What would Our Lord have to say in our day about the inordinate love that parents have for their children? Parents kill their children’s souls in those homes where a certain idolatry has been introduced. On his throne the little four or five year old tyrant gets angry, screams and kicks while his two “servants” bend over him and hasten to satisfy every whim of their beloved little idol.

Parents who do not know how to educate or correct your children nor deny them anything, con-



senting to their demands, remember the cowardice of Herod who could not resist the crazy whim of Herodias and against his own convictions had St. John the Baptist beheaded.

True education is to avoid spoiling the child and making him obey without complaint. Poor is the child who is not used to obeying... what surprises await him when he has to face life! Woe to the parents who are responsible.

especially of those of his house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.” (*1 Tim. V, 8*) What would he say now about the typical modern day women who go to parties, meetings, reunions and entertainments, who spoil their pets but have no time to take care of their children and leave them with a babysitter instead?

3) *Lastly, educate the child by your good example*



2) *Educate the child with vigilance*

Mothers and fathers, are you acquainted with your child's best friends? Do you know what they talk about? If he is a teenager, do you know where he goes? Do you know what kind of books he reads?

Don't give the routine answer: "My child is still very innocent; he is yet too small and ignores such things!" Don't make excuses for your own negligence. What did St. Paul say? "If any man have not care of his own, and

Unfortunately, the beautiful Catholic traditions that gave warmth and delight to the homes of old, have disappeared: morning and evening prayers said together, spiritual reading, images of Saints hanging on the walls, pious conversations. Today this atmosphere no longer exists except by narrations of the grandparents.

"If the root be holy, so are the branches." (*Rom. XI, 16*)

And if the root is not holy, if the parents'souls are cold, what will be of the child?

Christ the King, Who in the past urged the Christians to martyrdom to death, also has the right to urge us to a life of martyrdom.

Youth with no ideal!

If the parent's obligation is difficult regarding their children's education, how much greater is their responsibility with respect to the spiritual welfare of their sons and daughters at the age of puberty? When they are in greater need of their parents than the smaller children. On the other hand, the mission of the parents at this age is more difficult than when they were small. Smaller children. . . smaller

problems; bigger children. . . bigger problems. In this world so full of temptations, all of those who bear the cross of educating youth can well understand these words.

To be correctly acquainted with the dangers that threaten modern day youth, it is necessary to sketch out with sincerity the spiritual state of those from 16 to 20 years old. It would be lamentable to expose the spiritual orphanage that exists among them, many times without it being their fault.

Who will revive our country? The sickly old folks? No. The new generation? Perhaps the youngsters of our day who do not respect authority, whose own parents and teachers are incapable of

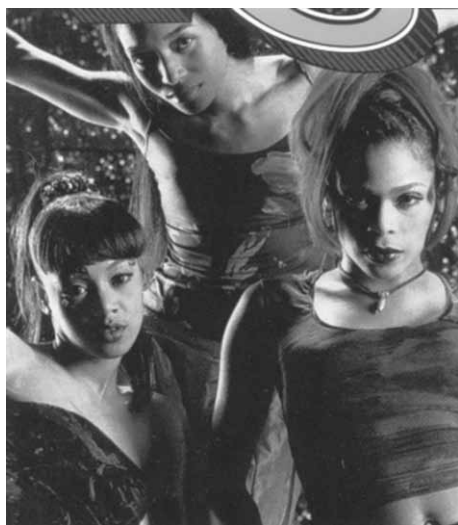
controlling them? Perhaps the 18 year olds who mock at every ideal, proudly believing to have experience and know all about life? Or the girls and boys who are induced by sensuality and an uncontrollable desire for pleasures? Or those youngsters who have never picked up a prayer book but read bad magazines, who never go to church or even to a cultural museum, who never go to the public library but only to bars? Will these kind of youngsters, so physically deformed, provide our country a happy future?

Don't say that this is an exaggeration, with a negative outlook on everything. All



youngsters, of course, are not like these, but a great majority. The parents of good ones must daily give thanks to God on their knees.

The greater part of our youth is frivolous. Listen to the complaints about young boys and girls who criticize everything, who submit to no authority, who do not respect their own parents and do not want to study. Statistics show that twenty years ago 70% of criminals



were over 30 years old and now 70% is under 30 years old and a great number under 20.

Listen to the complaints of parents who say that their youngsters are never home and just spend the night there as if it were a hotel. Without doubt, their spiritual situation worries us all.

What is the cause of it all and what is the solution? How can there be some improvement?

When the terrible struggle between good and evil arises in the souls of youngsters, will worldly occupations obtain for them the strength to practice virtue? Of course not! A spiritual retreat, spiritual conferences or pilgrimages would be an excellent help for their education, if the examples they get at home or outside of it did not destroy their beneficial influence.

When the home atmosphere corroborates with the educating influence of catechism class; when the good example of the parents becomes once again a favorable aid to the catechism teacher, as it used to be; when parents fulfill once again the primary role of education where the greatest wisdom is to educate for Christ. . . only then will there be hope for our youth.

To parents who are worried about their children's spiritual advancement, there is no better advice than this: educate them for Christ! Not only with promises and threats; not only with rewards and punishments, but above all with Christ, with the love of Christ. A 3 or 4 year old who has learned to fervently love Christ, or a 7 year old who has made his First Holy Communion and continues to receive Communion frequently, are the children who will not need to be scolded or spanked nor bribed with gifts. It is enough for mother



to say: "My son, Our Lord Jesus Christ wants or forbids this."

Our Lord is the best Teacher because He penetrates the human heart and grants us the strength to fulfill His Commandments after having first taught us by His good example. The fruit of good education is to have the strength to do good. Excellent books can be written on morals, explaining its beauty, but in order to practice its concepts something more is necessary: the supernatural dynamic of grace.

Since our youngsters are in such need of Christ, since He is the apple of their eye, their beauty and strength, their defense in time of temptation. . .don't let Christ be

taken away from them! Who and what is capable of separating Him from them? A modern household, parents who never pray, who carry on bad conversations or even blasphemy in front of their children, and who confide their children's education to strangers.

"Children nowadays do not obey their parents." This is a common complaint, but. . .do the parents obey God? How do they expect their children to keep the Fourth Commandment if they don't keep any of the Ten? Children are capable of understanding things perfectly well! Parents... you don't have any idea how observant the child you are raising is! He observes how his mother

does not keep the Commandments and how his father for years has never gone to Confession or received Communion. The parent's cold indifference passes on to their child and freezes – so to speak – the image of Christ in his soul. Parents. . .don't let Christ be taken away from our youth!

He is taken away by bad friendships, bad books, dangerous pastimes, internet and immoral advertisements. Terrible things happen on city streets. Daily a multitude of children can see the scandalous images on public billboards.

Laws are enacted to protect the environment, but they do not defend the innocence of immortal souls. The most abominable immoral spectacles are available to all ages and to all places and no

one can prohibit them. If there is a prison for a traitor who turns over a castle to the enemy, there should also be one for those who infiltrate their corrupted doctrine into souls and turn over to sin the holy castle of moral virginity of our youngsters.

We all see how sin is spreading its dominion in a satanic way and marching about the world causing desolation everywhere, freezing the flower buds of our youngsters, clouding their vision and destroying their character.

Not only priests should take an interest in their spiritual welfare but all who love their country and fear for her future. But if we remain silent and let our youngsters be morally degraded, any reformation and instruction





will be in vain, even if new systems of teaching are invented and studying is intensified.

The devil is interested in destroying our youth's physical and spiritual health so they may collapse and fall like unripen fruit eaten by worms. The vital strength of a nation depends in great part on this dilemma: its youth is either vigorously renewed or slowly slides down the path of immorality towards the abyss. Those who, by way of poisonous books, aim their shots against the moral and physical health of our youngsters, know very well that the best factor for their victory is a degraded youth. The youth of today will be the country of tomorrow.

Mothers, you must begin the work of a more beautiful and peaceful future; teach your children the secret to merit and virtue. Teach them to desire what is





The Cristeros. Men who gave up their lives for the Faith and their country.

beautiful and noble. Teach them to be brave, to love truth, to keep their promises...in a word: teach them to be manlike!

We need youngsters who do not seek satisfaction in lowly things, but making use of their own energy strive for great noble goals and firmly defend the security of their souls against the enemy who fights against them.

The hope of the country cannot depend on a deficient youth with no fixed goal; it must rest on healthy robust youngsters full of life who will be the future of the nation. If youth is pious, the country will be rejuvenated and capable of making its people happy.

*Christ,
the King of our youth!*

Catholic youth be strong! Because the illness of our century is weakness of soul with no effort to strive for an ideal or for a great love. There is a lack of firm faith, which is suffocated by egoism.

Dear young Catholics don't let yourself be drug along by the mob of idle and irresponsible people. There is so much good to be done everywhere now and in the future. Consider that within a short period of time, like it or not, you will have to carry out a



mission which will determine your own happiness or disgrace, and consequently that of all your loved ones.

How will you be able to enlighten and encourage the youngsters of tomorrow if you

never wanted to master yourself? What a responsibility! Your two great models, Christ and the Blessed Virgin, will help you to understand more clearly what you must do and the ideal youngster you must be.



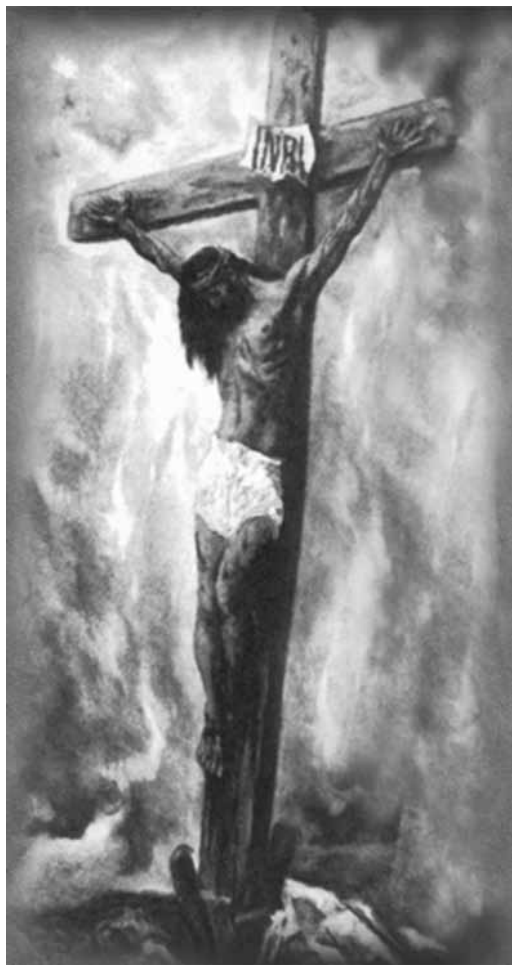
First of all, focus your sight on a great ideal: charity. Choose Christ as your model; as much as you can try to be like Christ, to be another Christ. His majestic, serene countenance attracts and conquers.

The ideal of your life should be: to live in order to inflame souls in charity, in the divine life. To do so you must preserve your soul in the state of grace, detest sin and anything that is sinful with horror. You must prefer to die than to sin, nourish your soul with the frequent reception of Holy Communion and a firm piety, renounce egoism and love suffering.

Joy and enthusiasm, kindness and compassion, work, study and sociability are the means to spread the divine life of your soul and conquer souls for Our Lord.

Be aware of the greatness of being Catholic! And the responsibility you have to give a good example and exhale the good odor of Christ. Your soul's destiny is so great!

A young man or woman with character has good principles, noble ideals and knows how to put them into action. He or she knows how to maintain themselves firm



even when the world does not accept them, when all those around them are weak and without character. They are faithful in spite of millions of bad examples and faithful to their principles whatever the circumstances may be. Only God knows how difficult that is at times!

A Catholic who prays well, lives well. Pray unceasingly with great confidence and you will see the results. How many sins you would have avoided if you would

have had recourse to prayer. Fix your eyes with great devotion on Jesus Crucified. His hands only give out blessings and His Divine feet never tired in walking to spread the Gospel of salvation. Now His hands and feet are nailed and atrociously motionless on the Cross. His Divine head is hanging, deformed by spittle, sweat and blood. A terrible fever makes His entire Body shiver, thus horribly extended and nailed to the Cross. He is the Son of God and seems to have been abandoned by God Himself.

What is the reason? For having loved you and borne your sins, for having offered up His life to save you. Behold Him crucified for you and interceding to obtain forgiveness and not punishment for you. Let yourself be saved! Throw yourself in His arms!

Be devoted to the Blessed Virgin because She is a sign of salvation.

Christ will save our youth if it accepts Him for King. Oh how blind souls are! How few consider that Jesus Christ is above all things!

Jesus, Divine Savior, Who has redeemed us with Your Precious Blood, Who has strengthened us in life's combats, Who has forgiven us our sins, Who has nourished us

with Your Sacred Body.

You are our Master and we listen to You.

You are our Light and we follow You.

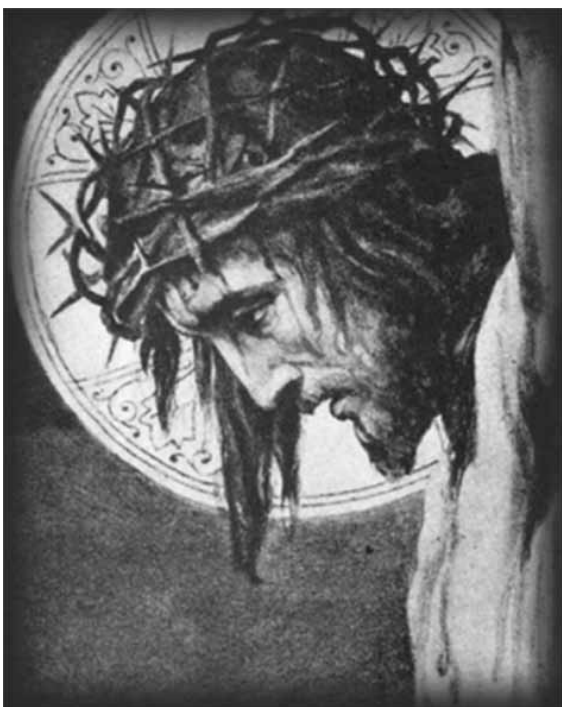
You are beautiful and we love You.

You are Almighty and we honor You

You are Our Lord, our God and we adore You.

You are our King and we obey You.

Hail Divine King!



May it be for the glory of God!

Holy Mary
of Guadalupe

Queen of Mexico
y Empress of America,

Save our Country,
preserve our faith,
protect the children
and youth !