

Chapter 1 : Religious Education | Catholic Parents OnLine

Catholic Parent Know-How. Catholic Parent Know-How helps parents thrive in their roles as teachers. Each vibrantly designed, easy-to-read, 8-page booklet gives parents answers to their questions, along with tips for home catechesis, prayer and ideas to support them in their faith journey.

Catholicism was a huge part of who you were. You worked so hard and sacrificed so much to send me to Catholic schools. You were so proud of me when I made my First Communion, and my Confirmation. Dad, I remember you leading us in the Rosary when we went on long trips. I remember going to Church every Sunday morning, and singing the hymns. Dad, I remember your deep voice booming a vibration I could actually feel, standing next to you. Church was at the center of everything. All our friends were Catholic. I wanted to be like you. I still want to be like you. The people there are great – wonderful, generous, admirable people. I even like the Priest – a sincere, thoughtful young man whom you both would love. I used to love going to the Masses there – I would kneel and I would sing the hymns and recite the same prayers that I used to recite while kneeling next to you. It felt so deep and so connected. I knew it echoed back to you kneeling next to your parents, and their parents, on back. I can go through the motions and try to focus on just the stuff I like, but I feel like a hypocrite. I miss my friends on Sunday mornings. I want to participate in parish festivals and fish fries. I like the camaraderie and the community. I got pretty darned close to the Church. At the same time, he was willing to, at best, avoid investigating a pervert priest and allow him to have access to children. But he presumed to judge me. Mom and Dad, the Church brought you so much richness and friendship. But, did you know that at the same time you were going to Mass every Sunday and tithing your salaries, the Church was actually castrating young men in the Netherlands who had homosexual leanings? At the same time, the Church was covering up rape of children in our parishes? Christian, who hosted movies in the darkened cafeteria of Ascension School? He was raping children. He used those same hands to give us communion, and the Church helped hide his crimes. He never touched me, but a friend of mine was raped by a priest a few parishes over. All that was going on, while we were kneeling in the pews. Someone we know and love was told that she could not get married in the Church because she was born with a birth defect that made her infertile. One of the most devout people I know was unable to get married in the Church because the man she married had been divorced, but they had not managed to get the prior marriage annulled in the Church. That is messed up, but you were doing what the Church expected of you. The Church does not represent good to me anymore. It stands against gay marriage – not just in the passive way that it stands against divorced marriage or infertile marriage, but it is actually trying to stand in the way of allowing gay men and women from having marriages in their own churches, according to their own consciences. I honestly believe in my heart of hearts that the Church is clinging to a societal taboo that, someday, I hope, it will evolve to be deeply ashamed of, like the many other evils it has embraced. Dad, I remember how, when you were dying, you were planning to have a painful, long-shot surgery to extend your life for a few months at best, because you felt that failing to do so would amount to suicide, and bar you from heaven. And, Mom, much more positively, I remember how much comfort your faith brought you in your final months. You were ready to go see Dad and begin your afterlife, and you had no doubt that was the way it would be. But I never really have. But after 50 years of being pushed to believe that I will be with the Father God Almighty, etc. Did you know that the Church is attacking nuns now, for spending too much time on social justice, and not enough time attacking people for abortion and homosexuality? Mom, Dad – could you really support this? Too much time on social justice? Not enough focus on abortion and homosexuality? Would you really be a part of a group that thinks that way? I have, and I know that Jesus would be listed as an enemy of this Church, after he ignored those issues to focus on social justice. I hope, if you were alive, you would join me in stepping aside from the writhing mess of hatred and hypocrisy that the Church has become. I am not a Catholic. This entry was posted on Sunday, April 22nd, at 9: You can follow any responses to this entry through the RSS 2. You can leave a response , or trackback from your own site.

Chapter 2 : Catholic Baptism, What Parents need to know, God's Love

Catholic Parent Know-How: Preparing Your Child - Baptism "Catholic Parent Know-How" is the catechetical series that works! It's the only one with the eye-catching magazine format featuring short, clear, practical articles.

Chesterton once said that the best argument against Christianity is Christians. That is certainly true of Catholicism. But is that really an argument against the truth of the faith? Try to remember that many people are Catholic by default. I agree with the basic teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. But, I am still in the Baptist church. Good fruit, then, is how we tell if an individual is a faithful disciple. The fact is, you can find plenty of good fruit in the Catholic Church, and you can find plenty of good fruit in the various Protestant churches, too. And because the Catholic Church has been endowed with the fullness of the means of grace that Christ established, a Catholic is able to have the closest possible relationship with Jesus, including even the reality of physical communion with Him. But notice I say, "is able to have," not "is guaranteed to have. So, if you want to look for fruit, be sure you look on the tree. You actually have to believe it, and live it. You have to have a living relationship with the Lord Jesus in order to bear fruit, and many "Catholics" have rejected that relationship, despite being given every opportunity to embrace it. The Church only claims to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ, and it invites everyone to embrace the life of grace He offers. It does not claim that people who spurn its teachings and reject its life will be transformed into faithful disciples anyway. If you want to see the fruit of the Catholic faith, you have to look at the people who are committed to the faith, who take it seriously and put it into practice every day. Repentance and conversion of heart are the keys to the Christian life. Without them, everything else is sterile and false, whether one calls oneself "Catholic" or not. But to compare the best Evangelicals with the worst Catholics is hardly fair. If you want to see the real fruit of the Catholic faith, look at the people who actually put it into practice. As you know, the Catholic Church has produced some of the greatest, most on-fire saints the world has ever known. Some of them converted whole nations to Christ. We still marvel at their faith and holiness many centuries after they died. How can I move from such a dynamic soul-winning church that I am in now into such a seemingly dead church seemingly full of untransformed people? Am I being unfair? Catholicism is an embodied faith. They give form and substance to the reality of our faith. On the other hand, Evangelicalism is largely devoid of physicality. It is a religion almost exclusively characterized by intellectual commitment. When you combine real interior faith with meaningful exterior expression, the result is incredible, believe me. And the best Catholics, like the best Evangelicals, know that a personal relationship with Jesus is the goal of the Christian life. We just have a whole lot of ways to express and experience that relationship. Well, what else would you expect in a "Catholic country"? In some countries, Catholicism is the "default religion. Same goes for judging Catholicism by the so-called Catholics in "Catholic countries. Reprinted with permission of Gary Hoge. Gary Hoge explains his Catholic Outlook website. What you do with that information is, of course, up to you. For about the next twelve years I was an Evangelical, non-denominational Protestant, until the day I made the "mistake" of trying to refute Catholic theology. What I learned convinced me that not only could I not refute it, but that as a Bible-believing Christian, I should embrace it.

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That is why you as parents are invited and encouraged to be involved. The best preparation your son or daughter can be given at this time is to be surrounded by the day-to-day living of the Faith by you, the family, and by the adults in the parish faith community to which you belong.

The Responsibility of Catholic Parents by Fr. What we have been trying to do, as you know, is to have a distinct subject for each of our lectures. First, by way of a short introduction: In our country today this responsibility is the most serious obligation. It is by all odds binding as we say, under pain of mortal sin. For parents to neglect the religious education of their children is to sin gravely. Only God knows how many, but I believe many more than most people either realize or are willing to admit. What is the scope? I want to cover three parts: The meaning of what we are talking about, the motives or the reasons, and then the method or how this should be done. Grave Primary Duty First, what do we mean? Parents have the grave primary duty to educate and train their children in the Catholic faith, in Catholic worship and in morality. In order to prepare them for eternal life in heaven. And the only reason under God that parents even should bring children into the world is to prepare them for heaven. Noting what we are saying, it is a grave duty, to repeat, binding under mortal sin. And it is primary in two ways. It is primary both for the parents, in other words, no one else can really replace them. They may need help, they may be in a position where they cannot provide, really cannot provide the religious education. But then to that extent they are transferring or transmitting their own primary responsibility to someone else, but no one else has the primary responsibility. Primacy of Teaching Religion And secondly, it is also a primacy of teaching religion. And by now you might be bored by the frequency with which I refer to the English language as being the most confused language in the world today. But in plainer English they said it is because people who speak English do not know the meaning of words. They can be very literate. Is every literate person intelligent? Is every illiterate person stupid? Three doctorates in class, applies to all of us too, the fact that you have an education proves nothing about your intelligence. So primary that the obligation to not really teach religion as an isolated subject, which was never the mind of the Church-never! Everything you teach, because everything we are to learn has bearing on eternal life. Everything in our lives is meant to be a divinely ordained means of reaching our eternal destiny. There is such a thing Is there ever! Such a thing as teaching spelling. In fact, studies have shown that Americans may be otherwise very educated that they are especially ignorant of the meaning of religious terms, massive national stupidity of the meaning of religious terms. So spelling, does a word like sacrament occur in your spelling? To Educate To educate-instruction of the mind, but watch it, to educate includes the mind indeed, but the mind is to be educated in order to inspire the will. Feeding the mind, stuffing the mind, with all kinds of ideas and not having that mind motivate the will to do what God wants us to do. The Catholic faith, what to believe and what the Faith means. Catholic worship, prayer and the sacraments, Catholic morality, the decalogue and the beatitudes. In other words, we are talking about the meaning of religious education. It means therefore, that the parents train the children, both in their minds and in their wills on all three levels of our religious instruction. Namely, what our minds are to believe, how we are to worship God and especially how we are to put what we believe into practice, in other words, how we are to behave. In order to prepare, God gave the parents children to be the channels of grace to their offspring. In other words, the single principle whatever word we use means, vehicle, by which the children are to both learn their faith in their minds, know how to worship from infancy, and know how to live in practicing the moral law. The parents are the principle means that God put into their lives, to educate and train their children. But then lets be clear, the purpose is not merely to be pedagogue to their children, not even by their good behavior as parents to edify their children. It is mainly that the parents might be channels of grace to the children whom God gave them. And parents are the principle channels of this grace to their children. For their eternal life in Heaven. In other words, families are meant to be reunited in Heaven. I think I may have mentioned this on some occasion, over the years I would always say my grace before and after meals, as I had been so taught by my mother. Then when my mother died, I always say grace after meals, why else? So I say the grace after meals and then say amen. Then make the sign of the

cross and leave. There is an addition to that grace after meals. From tonight never say grace after meals without adding that invocation. Because I realized, my gosh, there is one person as I was confident that she would be in Heaven was my mother, because I was hoping she would get me there. But this is a deep, not merely human, but supernatural desire we should all have- to be reunited in Heaven with those whom we have dearly loved here on earth, to pray for them. Motives Now the motives: Why should parents have a grave duty to train their children religiously? First, because they are the parents. Except for the parents there would be no children. And a country like ours, that we had better be clear about, because parenthood in our country is becoming more and more obscured. But remember, and I hope to be clear, parents are by God meant to be parents for their children twice over. The physical existence of the children depends on having father and mother bringing them into the world, but we have two kinds of lives. We have a physical life and we have a spiritual life. This is different than merely that parents are to educate their children. That is still on the natural level. In other words, parents are to be believers and only believers can reproduce other believers. And the more clearly and deeply the parents believe their Catholic faith, the more grace they will be communicating to their offspring. In other words, parents are to be parents both of the physical and spiritual lives of their children. First of all, unless the parents have the faith in the first place, the odds are the children would not even have been baptized to begin with. Believing parents then, will make sure that their children are baptized. We go on Why is there such a grave responsibility? It is therefore, a revealed truth taught by God and gravely binding on everyone who has the faith. First, to make sure that the children who they have brought physically are baptized and thus receive the supernatural life at baptism. And this by the way, is becoming again, a test of our faith in our country. Because it is not impossible for a person to be baptized and not have received sanctifying grace. There must be faith behind that baptism. Faith in the parents who believe, faith in the godparents who believe, and faith in the priest who baptizes. I must by now have said this ten times, in other words the pouring of water and the pronouncement of the Holy Trinity does not baptize anyone. There must be faith behind the baptism, and this is first faith in the parents. If you were aware, and this was brought up by a priest that would indicate right off the bat that the priest does not have a faith in what he is teaching. So then should you have the child rebaptized by a believing priest? That is good thing that you asked because even though the priest does not believe, the baptism does, as we do believe remove original sin and restore the state of grace. The faith of the parents would then, shall I say What a statement! Pray for priests, that they remain firm in their faith. The devil is especially active to seduce bishops and priests in the world today. Which incidentally is heavily drawn on in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If there is one thing that the present pope makes so clear in the Catechism is the responsibility of the parents to teach their children their faith, because in the last analysis their influence is deepest on the children. Four, because of the powerful forces at work in the modern world to take the rights of parents or take away the rights of parents and give them to the states. And this is not just a basic premise of communism; this is where Karl Marx has deeply, profoundly infected our nation. Does United States have income tax? I never thought I would live as a Jesuit vowed to total poverty to pay my income tax every year. I am taxed even for Well, I turn all the money I put in. The Order is taxed, and this is for my publications. Karl Marx brought income tax into the world. Over the years I have taught graduate courses in Marxism, and the bottom line of Marxism is for the state to take over the education of children from their youngest years. This is what is going on, and most Americans are just like sheep not realizing what is going on. So what is happening, so many parents are now in competition with the state. That is why, since we have already formed, you know we already now have a National Catholic Home Education Association to assist parents in home schooling.

Chapter 4 : Dear Mom and Dad, I'm not a Catholic Anymore « Gone Mild

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They are words of Jesus recorded according to the Gospel of Matthew You shall love your neighbour as yourself. Does God Love your Child before they are being Baptised? I felt very sorry for 8-year old Zoey, as she thought God did not love her, because she was not baptised. What happens at Baptism or what do we hope for our children through Catholic Baptism? Some parents are keen to baptise their children as soon as they are born, so that in case something happens, they know that their child will go to heaven. Yet Catholic Baptism does not end with just the ritual. It is an invitation and an acceptance to a life long journey with God. But how can Baptism prepare our children for eternal life or help them to live their lives in companionship with God? This is the very reason, that the Catholic church celebrates baptism as a church community. The church is the body of Christ. We parents, God parents and members of the church are responsible to guide our children to live a life of faith. The priest asks many questions during the celebration. Above are a few commitments we make on behalf of our child during their baptism. What is the meaning of the symbols and gestures that are used in Catholic Baptism? In baptism we commit to a new life in Christ. Sacramental Oil is used for anointing. Oil is the symbol of strength, health and beauty. Pope Benedict explains that it is truly beautiful to live a life in communion with Christ. The white garment is an expression of the culture of beauty and the culture of a good life. Parents, God parents and the community are responsible to remind their children of their baptismal commitment, as they grow. Children learn to be good Christians mainly, by experiencing Christianity at "home", the "domestic church". Without the experience of faith, hope and commitment in their home, children find it difficult to understand their baptismal commitment towards the larger church.

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