

## *Month of Mary and Motherhood*

May 19, 2019

May is the month of Mary and it is appropriate that we celebrate Mother's Day during this month. The sublime vocation of motherhood derives its grace from the fact that God had in mind from the beginning that the Blessed Virgin Mary would bring forth the Second Person of the Holy Trinity to be our Savior. This fact gives great dignity to motherhood. Certainly, the priesthood is a sublime vocation and a conformity to Christ through the Holy Orders being conferred, but the priest still needs a mother and a father to nurture and help that vocation. The family helps him after ordination, too, as Our Lady and the other holy women did for our Lord and the apostles during their public ministry.

If motherhood has this great sublimity and dignity, then you can be sure that Satan will attack it. Probably the greatest attack was the planting of seeds in our society that a woman who raised a child or children is somehow incomplete if she has not made a career for herself in the business world. This insidious doctrine undermines the family and the vocation of motherhood and plants the seeds for the other sins against life and sexuality.

Motherhood and fatherhood have something of the divine - a sharing in the creative process - of bringing forth a new being into life. A being that will be totally dependent on the parents for all its needs, without being able to ask for help. The parents dote their love on the child, who seems indifferent to it at times. One day the child who was truly loved will repay its parents a thousand-fold for the love and affection it received.

Motherhood is not a necessary evil as our present world would seem to portray it; rather, it is a great and wonderful state whereby a mere human cooperates with God's creative powers to bring a new human being into the world. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the patroness of all mothers, so mothers can turn to her for the help needed to fulfill their vocation.

Sincerely in Christ,

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