

THE DUTIES OF CATHOLIC PARENTS

The following 27 duties of Catholic parents have been drawn from paragraphs 2221 to 2231 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

1. ___ Parents are to regard their children as children of God and respect them as human persons.
2. ___ Parents are to educate their children that they (the parents) may fulfill God's law.
3. ___ Parents are to create a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule.
4. ___ Parents are to educate their children in the virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance).
5. ___ Parents are to apprentice their children in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery.
6. ___ Parents are to teach their children to subordinate the "material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones."
7. ___ Parents are to give good example to their children;
8. ___ Parents are to acknowledge their own failings to their children.
9. ___ Parents are to guide and correct their children.
10. ___ Parents are to discipline their children.
11. ___ Parents are to bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
12. ___ Parents are to initiate their children into solidarity and communal responsibilities.
13. ___ Parents are to teach their children to avoid the compromising and degrading influences which threaten human societies.
14. ___ Parents are to evangelize their children.
15. ___ Parents are to initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith.
16. ___ Parents are to associate their children, from their tenderest years, with the life of the Church.
17. ___ Parents are to provide a wholesome family life that can foster interior dispositions that are a genuine preparation and support for a living faith.
18. ___ Parents are to begin their children's education in the faith in their earliest years.
19. ___ Parents are to teach their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God.
20. ___ Parents are to establish the parish as the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of their family.
21. ___ Parents are to be generous and tireless in forgiving their children for offenses, quarrels, injustices, and neglect.
22. ___ Parents are to express their respect and affection by the care and attention they devote to providing for their physical and spiritual needs.
23. ___ Parents are to educate their children in the right use of their reason and freedom.
24. ___ Parents are to choose a school for their which corresponds to their own convictions.
25. ___ Parents are to choose schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators.
26. ___ Parents are to respect the rights of their children, when they become adults, to choose their profession and state of life.
27. ___ Parents are to be careful not to exert pressure on their children either in the choice of a profession or in that of a spouse.