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The Pope Writes A Bulletin

All these things, however, Venerable Brethren, depend in large measure on the due preparation remote and proximate, of the parties for marriage. For it cannot be denied that the basis of a happy wedlock, and the ruin of an unhappy one, is prepared and set in the souls of boys and girls during the period of childhood and adolescence.

There is a danger that those who before marriage sought in all things what is theirs, who indulged even their impure desires, will be in the married state what they were before, that they will reap that which they have sown; indeed, within the home there will be sadness, lamentation, mutual contempt, strifes, estrangements, weariness of common life, and worst of all, such parties will find themselves left alone with their own unconquered passions.

SUGGESTIVE BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS Certainly, if the latter day subverters of marriage are entirely devoted to misleading the minds of men and corrupting their hearts, to making a mockery of matrimonial purity and extolling the filthiest of vices by means of books and pamphlets and other innumerable methods, much more ought you (the bishops) give yourself wholly to this, that through yourselves and through the priests subject to you, and moreover, through the laity welded together by Catholic Action . . . into a power of hierarchical apostolate, you may, by every fitting means, oppose error by truth, vice by the excellent dignity of chastity, the slavery of covetousness by the liberty of the sons of God, that disastrous ease in obtaining divorce by an enduring love in the bond of marriage and by the inviolate pledge of fidelity given even to death.

MIXED MARRIAGE They, therefore, who rashly and heedlessly contract mixed marriages, from which the maternal love and providence of the Church dissuades her children for very sound reasons, fail conspicuously in this respect, sometimes with danger to their eternal salvation. The attitude of the Church to mixed marriages appears in many of her documents, all of which are summed up in the Code of Canon Law:

"Everywhere and with the greatest strictness the Church forbids marriages between baptised persons, one of whom is a Catholic and the other a member of a schismatical or heretical sect; and if there is, added to this, the danger of the falling away of the Catholic party and the perversion of the children, such a marriage is forbidden also by the divine law."

If the Church occasionally on account of circumstances does not refuse to grant a dispensation from these strict laws provided that the divine law remains intact and the dangers above mentioned are provided against by suitable safeguards, it is unlikely that the Catholic party will not suffer some detriment from such a marriage.

A DANGER IN MIXED MARRIAGE Where there exists diversity of mind, truth and feeling, the bond of union of mind and heart is wont to be broken, or at least weakened. From this comes the danger lest the love of man and wife grow cold and the peace and happiness of family life, resting as it does on the union of hearts be destroyed. (All paragraphs taken from Encyclical on Marriage and the peace and happiness of family life, resting as it does on the union of hearts be destroyed. (All paragraphs taken from Encyclical on Marriage Pius XI)

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