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Uneven Exchange

EMERIC A. LAWRENCE, O.S.B., in the *Catholic Digest*

His room was a few doors down from mine on St. Benet Hall's freshman floor back at St. John's in Collegeville, Minn. He was the typical raw freshman, still "redolent" of high school, always into something (except his books), and hard to get up for morning Mass. When you glanced at him, his shy smile immediately became framed in crimson.

Incidents of our life together come back to me now. I especially recall that one night when, after lights were out, I was helping one of Red's classmates put together a bed that had been tampered with after the manner that freshman beds will be tampered with until the end of time. Red rushed in but didn't see me in the corner. "Jiggers!" he whispered, "——'s (I didn't get the name he used) door is open." The beam of my flashlight found his face, not much of a light, but enough to betray a rapidly spreading flush.

Next day Red knocked at my door, came in, stood for a moment flaming, and stammered an apology. I told him I didn't see why he wanted to apologize; so he explained that he hadn't called me by my Religious name last night. After a bit of coaxing, he told me what the name was. There's no point in revealing it now. I hope to be freshman perfect again some day, and besides it was innocent enough. "It's all right, Red," I said. "How about getting up for Mass tomorrow morning?" "O. K., Father, I'll be there." But he probably wasn't. He was young, you see, and growing, but a good boy; you couldn't help liking him.

The following year a new set of freshmen succeeded Red and his classmates. He descended to Father Baldwin's floor; but he landed in one of my religion classes, and I saw him regularly. "Sophomoritis" did not affect him, nor did his success in football change him: he could still smile and blush. But it was obvious that I had failed the year before to make an intellectual of him. His reactions to my explanations of the Mass both in discussion and in written exams were far from spectacular. You would have to dig out my class records from the trunk in the attic of Benet Hall to find out what final mark he received. He passed all right, probably with a C plus, but, as I said before, Red was not the studious type. Moreover, there was that little girl at St. Ben's.

The war took both of us away from St. John's. While Red was in one part of the South earning his Navy wings, I was hundreds of miles away from him going through the transition from monk to chaplain. We never met, but I followed his progress and success. Then I heard that he had received his wings, married the girl from St. Ben's, and gone off to the Aleutians.

Perhaps you have read the circumstances of Red's heroic death, how after the crash he and his crew floated around in a raft in those frightening waters; how, when the rescuers located them, they waved the plane off for fear the awful waves would merely have another victim; and finally how a boat later found the raft and its lifeless cargo. Epic of the Aleutians! Song of Red and his crew! America also has her Roncesvalles, her Roland and his peers!

In June I was alerted. Divine providence, working through the adjutant general's office, sent me to the Aleutians. And a few days ago I stood at Red's grave. Many St. John's boys had gone before Red. There were George, and Jim, and Gene—I thought as much of them as I did of anyone. But here for the first time *I stood at the grave* of one of my freshmen. I didn't like the experience. I didn't like the Aleutians and the war that had made Red's and my presence necessary there. The thought came to me of those freshman days, that night with the wrecked bed, those mornings knocking at his door. The words came back, too: "Red, get up! Come on, Red, it's almost time for Mass."

But Red did not get up. There was silence, and I went back to my hut with my memories. The memories wouldn't let me alone; so I began to write them down. Then Red spoke to me, not the quiet, respectful, blushing Red. Now he was articulate, even eloquent. "I can't get up now, Father, not now. Besides, I've celebrated my Mass. Remember how you used to tell us to offer ourselves with the bread and wine at the Offertory: our days, our work, our lives, hopes, ambitions? And how we become one with Christ at the consecration and Communion? Father, I've done all that. I've been to Mass. Christ's Sacrifice is really mine. But what about you, Father? You are having it a little tough getting used to this, aren't you? This climate, the long way from home, and above all your desire for that other theater of action all wrecked. But it's my turn now. Get up, Father! It's time for Mass, for *your* Mass, the Mass of your life in the Aleutians. You finally have something to offer that is somewhat worthy of the One who will make your offering part of His. At last you are in a place where the Mass can be lived."

Thanks, Red. When I get back to St. John's, I'm going to look into that class-records notebook, and I'm going to change your mark to an A. You've taught your old prof a lot. Only, I wish again and again that the lesson hadn't been so costly, for you.

222 REASONS WHY . . .

. . . there should be a CASUALTY DAY each week at Notre Dame, that is, a day on which every student offers spiritual help to the 166 Notre Dame men who have died in the Service, the 31 who are Missing and the 25 who are prisoners of war, and to those whose names will reach us as the war progresses. Casualties among relatives and friends can be remembered on this day too. We should offer these boys our best; and the best in prayer is the HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS AND HOLY COMMUNION.

Every serviceman at home or abroad needs the prayers of those on the homefront; and what is more, every man in uniform has a *right* to our prayers for them. The effort and sacrifice required to rise for Mass and Communion is as nothing compared to what the dead, missing and captured have suffered or are suffering. THURSDAY of each week will be CASUALTY DAY at Notre Dame, beginning with Thursday of this week, January 12. Attend Mass in your own hall chapel. Loyalty to friends at war should be remembered in all our devotions.

NOTRE DAME MEN DEAD IN SERVICE

166 reported to date, January 5, 1945

Lt. William C. Adams, ex. '42, Lookout Mountain, Tenn.
 Pvt. Robert L. Aimone, ex. '45, Leonia, N. J.
 Lt. Lawrence A. Barrett, '40, Valparaiso, Ind.
 A/C Charles F. Berbeau, '43, Muskegon, Michigan
 A/C Edward J. Brockman, ex. '45, Glencoe, Ill.
 A/C Matthew A. Byrne, '42, New York City, N. Y.
 Pvt. Vito W. Cappello, '43, Brooklyn, New York
 Lt. James L. Carroll, ex. '40, Auburn, New York
 Lt. Richard J. Carroll, '37, Chicago, Illinois
 Lt. Comm. Wells W. Carroll, ex. '16, Plandome, New York
 Pfc. Edward F. Casey, ex. '45, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Ens. John G. Casey, '41, Jordan, Minn.
 Ens. Henry B. Caudill, ex. '41, Pawhuska, Okla.
 Lt. Arthur J. Chadwick, '36, Amityville, New York
 Ens. Francis X. Clarke, '39, Chicago, Ill.
 Ambrose B. Clancy, ex. '46, Brooklyn, New York.
 Capt. Edward T. Clarke, '39, Des Moines, Iowa
 Lt. Richard J. Coad, '42, Green Bay, Wis.
 Lt. James T. Connell, '40, Newport, Rhode Island
 1st Lt. Milton E. Connelly, ex. '43, Chicago, Ill.
 Lt. Richard J. Cotter, ex. '44, Bay Shore, New York
 Lt. John E. Cox, ex. '43, East Haven, Conn.
 Pvt. Louis F. Curran, Jr., ex. '46, Dorchester, Mass.
 Donald S. Currie, ex. '45, Stapleton, L. I., New York
 Lt. (j. g.) Charles H. Deger, '42, Dayton, Ohio
 Lt. John Denney, Jr., '42, Chicago, Ill.
 Ens. Pierre R. de la Vergne, '38, New Orleans, La.
 Lt. Donald Dixon, ex. '34, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Thomas J. Draper, ex. '48, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Kenneth E. Duffy, ex. '43, Chicago, Ill.
 Sgt. William F. Dolb, '42, Glenridge, New York
 Edward J. Dunham, ex. '44, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Lt. (j. g.) Thomas F. Durkin, '37, Cleveland, Ohio
 2nd Lt. George F. Eberhart III, ex. '46, Mishawaka, Indiana
 Ens. Norbert J. Ellrott, ex. '44, Albany, New York
 2nd Lt. Allen H. Elward, Jr., ex. '44, West Lafayette, Ind.
 S/Sgt. Daniel P. Farley, ex. '38, South Bend, Indiana
 Capt. Frank Farrell, '39, South Bend, Indiana
 Lt. A. Gerald Farrell, '34, Rochester, New York
 Lt. James J. Ferry, '41, Brazil, Indiana
 Lt. Homer W. Ferguson, '41, Winslow, Arizona
 Ens. John F. Ffrench, '34, Astoria, L. I., New York
 Sgt. Romaine M. Fiffe, ex. '43, Salina, Kansas
 Capt. John F. Finn, '35, San Antonio, Texas
 Lt. Robert A. Fischer, '42, Wauwatosa, Wis.
 Lt. (Rev.) Patrick X. Flaherty, '34, South Boston, Mass.
 John V. Flynn, '36, Washington, D. C.
 Joseph C. Foley, '37, Dallas, Texas
 Ens. William G. Foley, '41, Memphis, Tenn.
 Pvt. Leo A. Fontana, ex. '43, Gallipolis, Ohio

Robert E. Fordyce, ex. '42, Gilman, Ill.
 A/C Richard E. Fox, ex. '41, Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Lt. William M. Fox, ex. '38, South Bend, Indiana
 Capt. Richard C. Freeman, ex. '29, Winamac, Indiana
 Sgt. Thomas J. Galvin, ex. '46, Lawrence, Mass.
 Lt. (j. g.) P. Eugene Golden, '40, Richmond, Va.
 James P. Grant, ex. '45, St. Paul, Minn.
 Sgt. Matthew R. "Dick" Grant, ex. '44, Freeport, Ill.
 2nd Lt. Floyd C. Grazier, ex. '39, Denver, Colo.
 Ens. James R. Hackner, '42, LaCrosse, Wis.
 S/Sgt. George S. Hamilton, ex. '44, Elgin, Ill.
 Major Vincent F. Harrington, '25, Sioux City, Iowa
 A/C Oliver P. Helland, Jr., '39, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
 Lt. Maurice G. Heneault, ex. '42, Danielson, Conn.
 Lt. Theodore M. Henke, ex. '42, Oakmont, Pa.
 Capt. John M. Hennessy, '41, Louisville, Ky.
 Leonard P. Herriges, ex. '43, Lake Forest, Ill.
 William F. Higgins, ex. '46, Youngstown, Ohio
 T/Cpl. Lester R. Hoch, ex. '39, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Ens. John J. Hogan, ex. '45, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 1st Lt. Hershel G. Horton, ex. '43, Aurora, Ill.
 Lt. Frank R. Huisking, '37, Huntington, L. I., N. Y.
 Cpl. George R. Jackman, ex. '42, South Bend, Indiana
 Lt. Vincent J. Jasinski, ex. '34, Spring Valley, New York
 Ens. Paul Kashmer, '43, LaPorte, Indiana
 Ens. Daniel B. Kelly, '39, Forest Hills, L. I., New York
 Ens. Fergus F. Kelly, '37, Jamaica, New York
 C. P. O. Omer A. Kelly, ex. '38, Algona, Iowa
 Lieut. Richard B. Kelly, '40, Lorain, Ohio
 Capt. George R. Dempsey, '39, Oshkosh, Wis.
 Sgt. Louis L. Kmet, ex. '44, Maywood, Ill.
 2nd Lt. Walter J. Koness, ex. '43, Chicago, Ill.
 P/O William J. Kuntz, '41, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
 Lieut. John LaGrou, ex. '45, Detroit, Mich.
 Major Joseph E. Leising, '39, Buffalo, New York
 Lawrence P. Leonard, Jr., ex. '46, Toronto, Canada
 Lt. (j. g.) Gordon A. Love, ex. '41, Buffalo, New York
 S/Sgt. James Mahoney, '27, Rawlins, Wyo.
 Lt. William P. Marsh, '41, Hines, Oregon
 Newton L. Mathews, ex. '36, Chicago, Ill.
 Lt. Joseph A. Matson, '42, Bolivar, New York
 Edwin R. Matthews, ex. '46, South Orange, N. J.
 Lt. Col. Hugh F. McCaffery, '28, Chester, Pa.
 Lt. Col. Joseph F. McCaffery, '28, Chester, Pa.
 Capt. John J. McCloskey, ex. '36, West Philadelphia, Pa.
 A/C Wm. J. McJunkin, '42, Winnetka, Ill.
 Lt. Edward D. McKim, '43, Omaha, Neb.
 Lt. Oliver K. McMahon, ex. '38, Rockville Centre, N. Y.
 Sgt. Raymond J. McManus, '42, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Lt. Donald McNally, '42, Winnetka, Ill.

Ens. John A. Miller, ex. '43, South Bend, Indiana
 Ens. Matthew J. Miller, '42, Chicago, Ill.
 Alexander J. Milone, ex. '45, Brooklyn, New York
 A/C Thomas J. McQuaid, ex. '46, Rochester, New York
 1st Lt. James L. Mulcahy, '38, Taunton, Mass.
 Sgt. Francis M. Murphy, ex. '44, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Sgt. William C. Murphy, '33, Middletown, Conn.
 Cpl. Richard L. Novak, '29, Clifton, New Jersey
 Pfc. Joseph A. O'Brien, ex. '40, Springfield, Mass.
 Lt. William P. O'Brien, '40, River Forest, Ill.
 Ens. Charles H. O'Donnell, ex. '40, Gary, Indiana
 Pvt. Thomas F. O'Neill, ex. '30, Albany, N. Y.
 Lt. Bartholomew D. O'Toole, '37, Chicago, Ill.
 Lt. Edward H. Phelan, Jr., ex. '40, Whittier, Calif.
 Capt. Francis Pieri, '40, Mahoney City, Pa.
 Eugene A. Poletto, '40, Clinton, Indiana
 Lt. John S. Powers, '41, Ingalls, Indiana
 Lt. Joseph P. Prendergast, '36, Ware, Mass.
 2nd Lt. Henry C. Priester, Jr., ex. '43, Davenport, Iowa
 Ens. Paul E. Purcell, '40, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Francis V. Quackenbush, ex. '38, Albany, New York
 Capt. James J. Quinn, '36, Columbia, Pa.
 Cpl. J. William Reynolds, '43, Ashville, N. C.
 Pfc. Ambrose I. Rice, ex. '38, South Bend, Ind.
 Pfc. Joseph F. Riley, ex. '37, Weston, W. Va.
 T/Sgt. John W. Roach, Jr., '38, Muscatine, Iowa
 F. O. Edward A. Rowan, ex. '45, St. Louis, Mo.
 Pfc. Francis A. Schmied, '40, Columbus, Wis.
 1st Lt. Robert S. Schorsch, '39, Chicago, Ill.
 Lt. Edward J. Schreiber, '41, Rochester, Minn.
 Ens. James C. Schultheis, ex. '41, Vincennes, Indiana
 Lt. Anthony J. Seman, ex. '40, Greenville, S. C.
 Lt. Thomas J. Sengon, ex. '39, Easton, Pa.
 Lt. Jacob P. Sevcik, ex. '33, Klamath Falls, Oregon
 Cpl. John W. Shea, '40, Poughkeepsie, New York
 Lt. Raymond J. Shea, '35, Springfield, Mass.
 1st Lt. Joseph M. Shields, '42, Pelham Manor, New York
 Lt. Robert J. Simonds, ex. '38, South Bend, Indiana
 S1/C, Arthur C. Smith, '33, Chicago, Ill.
 P/O Lionel V. O. Smith, '33, Buffalo, New York
 1st Lt. Neal D. Smith, ex. '41, Paw Paw, Michigan
 2nd Lt. Robert G. Smith, '42, Joliet, Ill.
 Sgt. Norbert J. Spencer, '40, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Ens. John F. Sprague, ex. '43, Sunnyside, Wash.
 Sgt. Arthur F. Stancati, ex. '46, Red Bank, New Jersey
 Capt. Charles D. Stapleton, '41, Brooklyn, New York
 A/C Archie C. Strang, Jr., '43, Anaconda, Montana
 Capt. T. Joseph Stulb, '39, Augusta, Ga.
 Cpl. Daniel J. Sullivan, ex. '36, Springfield, Mass.
 Harold R. Sweeney, USMCR, ex. '40, Pelham, New York
 John T. Von Harz, '40, Crystal Lake, Ill.
 Lt. James R. Veeneman, ex. '40, Chicago, Ill.
 Lt. Ignatius B. Walker, ex. '46, Winchester, Ill.
 Albert Wallace, ex. '32, Davenport, Iowa
 Lt. John E. Walsh, Jr., '39, Chicago, Illinois
 Sgt. John K. Walsh, ex. '43, Denver, Colo.
 Capt. George C. Wassell, '31, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Douglas C. Weaver, ex. '40, Miamisburg, Ohio
 George W. Weber, ex. '40, Cleveland, Ohio.
 Capt. Thomas J. Webster, '40, Mishawaka, Indiana
 A/C John J. Whelan, ex. '43, Bloomfield, New Jersey
 2nd Lt. John H. Wiechman, ex. '43, Covington, Ky.
 Jerome T. Witzman, ex. '45, St. Bernard, Ohio
 Ens. Ralph G. Wingfield, '40, Lynchburg, Va.

Ens. George A. Wolf, ex. '39, Hollidaysburg, Pa.
 2nd Lt. William R. Wright, ex. '42, South Bend, Indiana

MISSING IN ACTION, 31

Lieut. Louis J. Bemish, '39, Rochester, New York
 John J. Bishop, ex. '44, West Brighton, N. Y.
 F. O. Charles J. Farrell, '41, Okmulgee, Okla.
 Lt. Albert J. Fensel, ex. '43, Bradford, Pa.
 Hercules Bereolos, '42, Hammond, Indiana
 Sgt. Robert D. Bijur, ex. '43, New York City, N. Y.
 2nd Lt. John L. Crane, Jr., Dunkirk, New York
 Pfc. Frank A. Giordano, ex. '44, Jersey City, N. J.
 Ens. R. J. Grumbine, '44, Cincinnati, Ohio
 Lt. Thomas Horgan, '41, Reno, Nev.
 J. Roger Keane, ex. '45, Garden City, N. Y.
 Ensign Jerry Killigrew, '42, Hobart, Indiana
 Lieut. Eugene R. Killoren, ex. '45, Appleton, Wisconsin
 Lieut. Samuel Lawler, ex. '38, South Bend, Indiana
 Pvt. Henry J. McConnell, ex. '37, Pawtucket, R. I.
 Lt. John W. McLaughlin, ex. '39, Alton, Ill.
 Lt. Donald R. McKay, '36, Fargo, N. Dak.
 Robt. L. Hengel, ex. '42, Pierre, So. Dak.
 Lt. Wilbur H. Borer, '40, Great Neck, New York
 Daniel M. O'Connell, ex. '46, Baltimore, Md.
 Lt. Wayne J. O'Connor, ex. '43, Aberdeen, S. Dak.
 Lt. Howard K. Petchel, ex. '42, St. Paul, Minn.
 Joseph J. Reardon, ex. '22, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Capt. John J. Rogers, '40, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Edward F. Rorke, ex. '39, New York City, New York
 Capt. Thomas F. Ruckelhaus, '28, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Lt. Otto J. Seifert, ex. '43, New Ulm, Minnesota
 Charles E. Reynolds, '41, Mt. Carmel, Ill.
 Lieut. John H. Tallett, '43, Chicago, Illinois
 1st Lt. Leo F. Welch, Jr., '38, Indianapolis, Ind.
 2nd Lt. Donald R. Wenge, ex. '44, Elkhart, Indiana

CAPTURED, 25

Major William G. Blum, ex. '42, Dansville, New York
 Lt. Charles M. Bransfield, '41, Chicago, Illinois
 Cpl. Charles M. Butterworth, ex. '42, South Bend, Indiana.
 Lt. John M. Coppinger, '41, Brooklyn, New York
 Rev. John E. Duffy, '23, Toledo, Ohio
 John W. Disser, ex. '34, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Lt. William J. Eichenlaub, ex. '42, Bexley, Ohio
 2nd Lt. Robert E. Fitzpatrick, ex. '45, Lawrenceville, Ill.
 2nd Lt. Thomas P. Foy, '38, Central, New Mexico
 Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski, ex. '42, Oil City, Pa.
 2nd Lt. Robert Grant, ex. '43, South Bend, Indiana
 2nd Lt. John B. Hynes, ex. '43, West Roxbury, Mass.
 Col. Charles D. Jones, '32, Jackson, Miss.
 1st Lt. John F. Landry, '41, Stoneham, Mass.
 Ens. John C. Metcalf, '37, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Lt. John A. Guldan, ex. '44, Sleepy Eye, Minn.
 Lt. Edward F. Miller, ex. '42, Rochester, New York
 Ens. John D. O'Malley, '43, Terre Haute, Indiana
 Ens. George K. Petritz, ex. '38, Ottawa, Ill.
 Lt. Ora Spaid, Jr., ex. '46, South Bend, Ind.
 2nd Lt. John T. Taylor, ex. '41, South Bend, Ind.
 Sgt. Mario G. Tonelli, ex. '39, Chicago, Ill.
 2nd Lt. William D. Wood, ex. '43, Lowell, Mass.
 Lt. Philip M. Wade, '40, Elizabeth, N. J.
 Charles A. Zitnik, ex. '43, Chicago, Ill.

628,441 More Reasons Why

Washington, D. C., December 28 (UP).—P. S. combat casualties announced here since Pearl Harbor reached 628,441 today, 65,973 greater than the last overall figure announced two weeks ago. The casualties included 547,823 for the army and 80,618 for the navy, marine corps and coast guard. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said the army casualties included only those through December 14 and not any of those suffered in the current German offensive on the western front, which started December 16.

"The army figure included 102,961 killed, 319,935 wounded, 65,762 missing, and 59,165 prisoners of war. The navy total, announced as of last night, included 31,182 dead, 35,942 wounded, 9,010 missing and 4,484 prisoners of war."

Prayers: Dec. 29 was
the 11th anniversary of
death of Prof. Chas. Phillips.

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Killed in action: Lieut.
John Heffernan (rec'd
indoctrination at N.D.
Midshipmen's School in '42.)

Happiness In Marriage.

The biggest kick most young men will get out of life will come not from being called "Doctor," a clever engineer, a smart businessman, but from being "Dad," a father of a family. The role in life which will give you the most satisfaction and wealth of happiness is that of a family man. If you take to yourself a queen--that's what Pope Pius XI calls the wife - and build up a little Kingdom of subjects, you will find in the circle of the home a gold mine of happiness and contentment. God planned it that way; family life is to produce joy.

A look at God's world makes one wonder whether family life actually offers happiness, so many men and women are finding only trouble and misery in that vocation. The records are appalling. About one out of every five marriages end in divorce. Large numbers of children are living more in the streets and movies than at home, giving one to believe that there is more burden than fun for the father and mother in supervising and recreating themselves with their offspring. The increase in birth control manifests a dislike for children, a denial of the thesis that there is contentment in children and family life.

An old truth is being overlooked. God designed all creatures and institutions, like marriage, with the intention of helping men to a fuller happiness and joy. The world with its sky, the sun, all the animals, and food was created to be of service to men. Marriage is a divine product for the profit of both the man and the woman: "It is not good for man to be alone." When God said, "Increase and multiply," to the first couple His glory may have been foremost, but He also had in mind the increased beatitude of the husband and wife through the birth of children.

Before the Fall of Adam and Eve, family life was all pleasure. No effort was required to produce complete happiness. When Adam sinned, he lost, among other gifts, this one of finding joy without pain. After the Fall, God still left the family a little Kingdom of joy, but effort must now be expended by both parties and the children if they would find the maximum of happiness. There is no truth more certain than the one that says, "You get out of marriage what you put into it." No couple hits the jackpot of happiness until they pour into their family life the coins of charity, humility, patience, modesty and mercy. (See the Epistle for Sunday's feast).

Student life is a preparation for family life. You are building your future NOW. In proof of this, reflect on the advice Pope Pius XI gave in his encyclical on Christian 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 danger that those who before marriage sought in all things what is theirs, who indulged even their impure desires, will be in the marriage 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."

This coming Sunday the Church sets before your eyes, for your imitation and inspiration, the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They made the Perfect Family. Mary and Joseph found happiness in "life together" because of the Child. Your family life will be a complete success if you bring the teachings and blessings of that same Child into it. Be sure to pray for the grace to be the family man God wants you to be at Mass on Sunday.