



# The Holy Family of Nazareth: *Our Ideal*

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## Education of the human soul as a means to sanctification

- Moral and religious renewal
- Education through ideals
- The Holy Family as an ideal

## Part One - The Theology of the Holy Family

- The Holy Family of Nazareth is known as the other Trinity
  - The position of the Father
  - The position of the Son
  - The element that unites the two.
- The Holy Family is an image of the Church
  - St. Paul compares marriage to the relationship between Christ and the Church
  - We call the family the Domestic Church
- The Holy Family is the home of saints
  - Saint Joseph
  - Blessed Virgin Mary
  - Our Lord

## Part Two - The Pedagogy of the Holy Family

- The Holy Family is a school of bonds
  - Christ nestled in the bosom of a family (bonds and renunciations)
  - Christ sanctified the family (joys and disappointments)
  - Christ knew what it is to live, grow, and suffer in the heart of a family (achievements and sacrifices).
- The Holy Family is a school of respect and freedom, and therefore of magnanimity.
  - The "you" is the most important thing
  - Crises are overcome holding on to our aspirations
  - Each can be who and how they are, even if it hurts the other.

- **The Holy Family is a school of love**
  - The mystery of salvation takes place within the framework of the history of a family
  - Sacrifice is the red thread of this history (with its milestones)
  - Human love becomes a source of grace

### **Part Three - Pathways toward Growth**

- **The life of Father Kantenich shows us how to embrace the elemental features of the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.**
  - In inviting Mary to settle down
  - In educating those entrusted to him
  - Father's courage in the time of Dachau
  - Never stopped educating during exile
  - Closer to one another means closer to God
- **The lives of the Schoenstatt heroes show us the essence of the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.**
  - Joseph Engling - "Comrade, I'm coming for you."
  - Gilbert Schimmel - "Nothing is more important than family."
  - D. John Pozzobon - "Mary comes to sanctify families."
  - Venerable Emilie Engel - "Taming nature by saying 'yes'."
- **The kingdoms of the Home Song show us the virtues that we must conquer in marriage and the family (Toward the Father).**
  - Love
  - Joy
  - Purity
  - Truth
  - Freedom
  - Courage for battle