

Homily of 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (Father's Day)

Tribute and Encouragement to Fathers:

Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad, and that's why I call you dad... - Wade Boggs

My father didn't [always have to] tell me how to live; he lived and let me watch him do it. – Clarence Kelland

Nothing has brought me more peace and content in life than simply being a good husband and father. – Frank Abagnale

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. – Theodore Hesburgh

Fatherhood has taught me about unconditional love, reinforced the importance of giving back and taught me how to be a better person. - Naveen Jain

Becoming a father increases your capacity for love and your level of patience. – Kyle Maclachlan

My greatest achievement is my children and my family. It's about being a good father, a good husband. – David Beckham

One of the greatest gifts my father gave me - unintentionally - was witnessing the courage with which he bore adversity. – Ben Okri

It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father. – Pope John XXIII

Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them. – Proverbs 13:24

Discipline your children, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to their death. – Proverbs 19:18

Do not withhold discipline from youths; if you beat them with rod [discipline them], they will not die. Beat them with the rod [discipline them] and you will save them from sheol [disaster]. – Proverbs 23: 13-14

A rod of correction gives wisdom, but uncontrolled youths disgrace their mother. ... Discipline your children and they will bring you comfort and give delight to your soul. – Proverbs 29:15 & 17

A wise son loves correction, but the scoffer heeds no rebuke. – Proverbs 13:1

Kindness to a father will not be forgotten; it will serve as a sin offering – it will take lasting root. ... Those who neglect their father are like blasphemers; those who neglect their mother are accursed by their Creator. – Sirach 3: 14 & 16

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with training and instruction of the Lord. – Ephesians 6:4

Husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. – Ephesians 5:28

Happy the husband of a good wife, the number of his days will be doubled. – Sirach 26:1

A woman of worth is the crown of her husband, but a disgraceful one is like a rot in his bones. – Proverbs 12:4

We thank God for the gift of our fathers. They are our foundation and pillars! What can we do without them? Without them we cannot start and without them we cannot stand. God bless our fathers. Amen.

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