

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

Each year you very likely look forward to Mother's Day as a day to show your love and thankfulness to your mother (and your wife). If one or the other has been called by God to her eternal reward, a visit and prayer at the cemetery would be very appropriate. If you are still blessed with these most special ladies in your life, you want to be sure about that special card or gift—the very best gift, of course, being our novena of Masses for the occasion.



But should we stop there? Mothers/wives deserve our every effort to show our love and appreciation. The backbone of the family, she thinks day and night about the well-being of the family. She is the first to praise and encourage her children, to comfort and protect them when she senses that they might be in danger. Throughout their lives, she continues to carry them in her heart.

Appreciating and respecting our mothers and wives is the best way for each person to understand his/her role in the family. If every member in every family showed love toward his/her mother/wife, their lives would be much better for it, and, for that matter, so would the world be.

Let's not miss the chance to use this Mother's Day to show much more love to our mothers and wives. If we do this, we will actually be doing *ourselves* a service, *i.e.*, developing a better understanding of what parenthood, marriage, and family are about. It is *not* about controlling one's wife is not about making selfish demands on one's mother. It is about *protecting, loving, and caring* for her. In the end, the entire family will feel better about themselves and welcome the transforming effect of realizing how much they truly care for and love each other.

Let's make it Mother's Day all year 'round. May all family members do their best to show appreciation for everything that these wonderful ladies have done for them, and for many others as well.

Peace and Blessings,

Father Conrad