

SUMMARY

The doctoral dissertation titled *"Conditions for the Transmission of Faith in the Contemporary Family: A Theological-Moral Study"* focuses on the profound and highly relevant topic of transmitting faith in Catholic families. It seeks to address the question of which agents and factors play a key role in this process amidst the challenges of modernity. In the face of increasing secularization, globalization, and postmodern relativism, the Catholic family, as the fundamental community of life and faith, is confronted with a unique mission and responsibility. The central research question of this study is: *Which agents and factors influence the transmission of faith in contemporary families?* The hypothesis posited that parents play the primary role in this process, with their testimony of religious life having a significant impact on their children's attitudes toward faith.

Faith, understood as both a gift and a task, is subjected to an in-depth analysis. This analysis highlights its biblical and patristic roots as well as its contemporary theological interpretations. In the context of the family, faith emerges not merely as the transmission of doctrine but primarily as a living relationship with God and His Church, realized in mutual love, prayer, and daily witness within family life. The Catholic family, immersed in the mystery of the Holy Trinity, becomes a domestic Church—a space where children learn not only the fundamental truths of faith but also forgiveness, self-sacrifice, and love for one's neighbor. The study delves into the condition of contemporary families, revealing the challenges they face in a secularized world. These include the crisis of family bonds, evolving societal models of family life, and the influence of mass culture and social media. Such factors significantly affect the process of raising children in a Christian spirit. However, in families where parents live their faith authentically and deeply, children are more likely to adopt Christian values as the foundation of their lives. Research highlights that shared sacramental life, prayer, and daily experiences of love and unity create an environment in which younger generations naturally and integrally embrace the faith.

The dissertation also emphasizes the role of the Church in supporting families in their evangelizing mission. The Church's role is not limited to the administration of sacraments or school catechesis but extends to the ongoing formation of parents and spouses. It underscores the need to strengthen parish communities as spaces for supporting and accompanying families through various stages of life. In its missionary care, the Church must integrate and support all families, including those experiencing difficulties, enabling them to fulfill their vocation as witnesses of Christ in the world.

The Catholic family is presented as indispensable in shaping the hearts and consciences of younger generations. The transmission of faith goes beyond teaching; it requires living in accordance with the Gospel, which provides children with the most convincing testimony. In the face of contemporary challenges such as individualization, the breakdown of relationships, and the influence of materialism, the Catholic family stands as a bastion of values that contribute to both the community of the Church and a society rooted in human dignity and the common good. The primary achievement of this dissertation lies in substantiating why parents play the most crucial role in transmitting faith in contemporary families and how their witness positively influences the effectiveness of faith transmission. Theological and sociological analyses indicate that children raised in an atmosphere of love, care, and sensitivity are more inclined to adopt the Catholic faith as a way of spiritual life and maintain a connection with the Church's Tradition.

Simultaneously, the work highlights the need for further research into the impact of media, cultural transformations, and intergenerational relations on the process of faith transmission. The dissertation concludes with an appeal to foster authentic Christian witness within families and to deepen reflection on pastoral methods that could better address the needs of contemporary families.

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