

"Please, papa," she said in a hesitating voice as she twined her little arms about his neck. "I have to ask you something else. You know this is my First Communion day, and all the little girls are going to invite their papas and mammas to come to the Mass and see them receive their First Communion. Mamma is coming, and I invite you to come, too, papa. I know you don't like my Church," she said hastily, seeing the frown of disapproval on his face, "but, oh, papa, if you would only come this once I am sure you would like it. All the little girls will be dressed in white like me, and the church will be decorated fine with flowers and lights. Oh, papa, it would make me so happy if you would only come," she said with fervor, as she kissed him.

"But I have to go to work," urged Mr. Crane sheepishly.

"It won't matter if you stay home just this once, papa," said Catherine. "You know you stayed home to go to Uncle John's funeral. Mr. Rogan can tell them at the shop. Please, dear papa, promise me you will come," kissing him again.

"All right, I'll come just this once to please you," said her father.

"Oh, you dear, good papa!" cried Catherine as she rose from her knees. "You don't know how happy I am. I'll pray for you every minute of the time," she said, running from the room.

True to his promise, Mr. Crane accompanied his wife to the Mass. They found a seat where they could plainly see the altar and get a good view of the little ones. Mr. Crane was much interested in the ceremony of the Mass, and listened attentively to the short instruction given by the good pastor to his little flock. Mr. Crane was much moved by the rapt attention of little Catherine, who scarcely took her eyes from the altar, and when the priest placed the Sacred Host on her little tongue her father almost unconsciously bent his head in reverence, and a tear stole down his cheek.

From that time forth he showed an interest in the children's attendance at Mass and Sunday school, and often heard them recite their catechism lesson. When