

in that soul. Let us not force Him to reconquer it like some dethroned sovereign.

If there be any who are unwilling to yield to the reasons here advanced, and to the authorities quoted, and who persist in denying the duty of giving Holy Communion to children who are capable — be their age what it may we would beg them to weigh seriously the following pronouncement of the Council of Trent : "If any one shall venture to deny that all and each of the faithful of both sexes are bound, on having reached the age of discretion, to receive Communion once a year, at all events at Easter, according to the Commandment of our Holy Mother the Church : let him be anathema".

Monseigneur Isoard issued the following practical rule: "Parish priests are entitled to admit to the Easter Communion a child that has not taken part in the First Communion solemnity of the preceeding year, provided it seems to satisfy all the conditions for receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In such a case, the child should communicate along with its parents and the other parishioners, without any ceremony to distinguish its Communion from that made by the rest of the faithful."

~ The Holy Hour ~

One hour with Thee in silent adoration,
To taste the sweetness of Thy holy place ;
To bow my soul, in peace or desolation,
Before the pity of Thy Sacred Face ;
The world shut out, from sin and turmoil free, —
Only one little hour, my God, with Thee !

One hour with Thee — one short and precious hour,
Snatched from the rush and clamor of the day ;
O gracious gift of love, O welcome shower
Of tranquil joy, that melts my soul away ;
Making all things outside of Thee to seem
A vain illusion, an unhappy dream !