

come back to me very early to-morrow morning, I will then give you further directions."

Shortly after midnight the priest celebrated the holy sacrifice of the Mass in his room. When the child returned in the morning he heard her confession and then said to her :

" My child, I offered up the holy Sacrifice of the Mass for



you and your mother and consecrated and reserved two hosts. You are very young, still I am going to intrust you with a sacred mission. The priests of the primitive Church made use of children as Christ bearers to carry Holy Communion to the Christians about to suffer martyrdom. I will follow their example and allow you to carry Holy Communion to your mother and at the same time give you permission to make