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Our Catholic Children.



CHRISTMAS! What a charm the name has for childhood. No doubt the worldly little ones— for there are worldly little ones— associate it in their minds with pretty presents, holidays, good cheer, and, in anticipation at least, with a seemingly endless round of amusement of every kind. But the children in truly Catholic homes, though as ready innocently to enjoy what God in His goodness has made particularly enjoyable for them, see something more in the great Festival of the Church. They see in the Little Saviour at Bethlehem the one who is to die for them on the Cross; they see in the massacre of the Holy Innocents a baptism of blood, and palms, and little martyrs' crowns, and have learnt their first lesson, that to live and to die with Christ and for Christ, whether by the hand of the impious or by crucifying their own sensuousness, is the one