

of his brothers, like a pitying father, besought the Judge for his little sons that He might receive them into His mercy. And Christ showed His wounds all stained with blood, and said to S. Francis; "This have thy brothers done unto Me." And then as he thus prayed he went down a step or two and called to the brothers that had fallen from the vermeil ladder and said: "Come, stand up, my little sons and brothers; take courage and be not downcast; run to the white ladder and climb up, for thereby shall ye be received into the kingdom of heaven; run, brothers, as your father monisheth you, to the white ladder."

And at the top of the ladder appeared the glorious Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesu Christ, all pitiful and kind; and received those brothers, and without any toil entered they into the realm eternal. To the praise of Christ. Amen.