

"Very well: you shall come with me," said the priest. "I have already learned something about you from your good curé. Tell your mother to call upon us this evening at the presbytery, and we will talk over the matter."

Before many minutes had elapsed, both mother and son were seated in the humble waiting-room of the parochial residence.

"My dear madam," said the venerable priest, we are going to talk on important business." Then he added, with a smile, "Do you want to sell your little son?" "Sell him? oh no!" cried the mother. "But, Father, if you want him for the Church, gladly will I give him to God."



"Very well," replied the priest. "Get ready his little wardrobe. Let him come to me tomorrow, and henceforth I shall be his father..."

Of the characters in the foregoing little incident the priest is the well-known Don Bosco, who, like another Vincent de Paul, has signalized before the world an almost perfect manifestation of ideal Christian charity, in his thorough self-devotion to the cause and care of those

little ones — otherwise neglected and abandoned — whom our dear Lord would have come to Himself, and of whom He declared was the Kingdom of heaven. The little boy is now Monsignor Cagliers, titular Bishop of Magida — an old town in Asia Minor — and Vicar-Apostolic of Patagonia, in South America. When he had completed his studies and was ordained priest, in 1862, he sought and obtained his appointment as missionary to South Africa. There his labors were especially directed among the inhabitants of Patagonia, and were signally blessed by Heaven. He was consecrated bishop in his native town in France, and prominent among the clergy in attendance was his father in the Lord, Don Bosco.

