

of Egypt with grain against the famine which God had foretold. He didn't excuse himself by saying : "Why, what's the use ! After seven years there won't be any grain to store !" Indeed, this last fact was the prime reason of his activity. Encourage your children to imitate Joseph. If then in after life frequent or daily Communion becomes impossible—and God has not foretold this—there will be something in the granary of the soul during the lean years.

"Don't let the little children begin daily Communion, because they can't keep it up." I protest that I don't know who is responsible for this axiom, unless it be the one who so woefully beguiled Eve in the Garden. The Church certainly does not give any such advice. Our Holy Father, Pius, X, wrote a magnificent Decree on Early Communion, and he nowhere mentions this caution. On the contrary, he says quite decidedly that frequent or daily Communion is to be recommended very earnestly to little children. "Those in charge of children must take the *utmost care* that . . . the . . . children should approach the Holy Table very often, and if it be possible, even daily, as Jesus Christ and our Holy Mother Church desire it" (*Quam Singulari*). And he has said the same in I don't know how many Letters and talks during the last few years.

For instance, about four years ago, the Bishop of Belley in France, mentioned to the Pope that some people were urging this objection. Did His Holiness look anxious and say : "Well, they are right. It seems I have made a mistake. I'll change my Decree" ? No ; he didn't say anything of the sort. What he did say was this : "Granting that they will not always persevere, these frequent Communion deposit in their hearts a seed that will not finally perish." And since that time he has deigned to write even to little children private letters encouraging them to receive our Lord frequently and if possible daily. Not quite one year ago he richly indulged an Association whose chief purpose is to see that little children make their First Communion at the earliest age possible, and then that they begin at once to receive our Lord if possible every day. (The Pious