

with Him the most wonderful gifts, which transform man's existence. Does not such a Conqueror deserve your acclamations, your praises, your congratulations? Dear friends, you come to offer them to Him, when, at the hour assigned, you enter the Holy Temple, and, prostrated before Him, you sing with the Blessed in heaven: "The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and benediction."

O dear friends, be faithful to this your beautiful Work! It brings you so much nearer to the members of the heavenly court. In fact it makes you participate in their praises, in their adoration and in their love. Accustom yourselves, dear friends, to do here below what you will do one day in heaven. Make it your sweet duty to remain near Our Lord during this life, to serve Him faithfully, in order that at your last breath you may merit to hear from His lips these consoling words:

"Father, I will that where I am, they also whom Thou hast given Me, may be with Me."  
(John xvii, 24.)

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Let your little children go to Our Blessed Lord, let them approach the Holy Table from their earliest years. Verily, our Lord is better pleased in the heart of an innocent little child than in the most costly, ornate or beautiful ciborium, monstrance or tabernacle. If the pure crystal when exposed to the light emits rays, how much more so will not the pure heart of a child exposed to the light of God's love in Communion... "I am the Bread of Life; Whosoever shall eat of Me the same shall live by Me". Communion at a tender age will safeguard our children and strengthen their faith, and this in a day when faith and virtue are more than ever in danger of shipwreck.

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