

charistic sovereignty and caused His Church, despite hell's blasphemous opposition, to sing exultantly : " The Eucharistic Christ lives, commands, reigns ; " the Christian rejoices and is glad and heaven applauds.

O immutable and eternal God ! O Jesus, Sacred Host, what joy to be able to sing to Thee with holy church this canticle of the Old Law : " All that exists on earth shall perish, but Thou shalt remain, like an old garment they shall change and grow old, but Thou, Thou art ever the same and Thy years shall not weaken."

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What will the opening year be ?

That is the Master's secret, mercifully hidden lest its successes puff us up or its crosses and trials dishearten and discourage us.

Notwithstanding this, fond hearts anticipate the course of time and clothe their dear one's future with brightest hopes, glad New Year wishes.

This gracious, kindly custom should not be merely an empty ceremony, a meaningless exchange of civilities but sincere heartfelt wishes, ascending to Jesus' Eucharistic throne and there invested with the sublimity and efficacy of prayer.

Prostrate before the Ostensorium where Jesus abides, we cordially wish our dear readers a Happy New Year—all that ordinarily and naturally renders a year happy : health, wealth, success. Yet even with the possession of these much coveted gifts, a year may still be far from happy, as—lacking them—it may still be very happy. Therefore, the best of all good wishes is that of the Christ Child Himself : " Peace to men of good-will."

This peace, then, we sincerely wish you all peace with God that stills the heart's remorse and calms its longings and yearnings, peace that flows like a benediction over all things and imparts joy in sorrow, resignation in pain, comfort in adversity ; peace that will fill your home-life with mutual love and forbearance and give you and your loved ones a foretaste of that happiness eye hath not seen ear hath not heard.

May Jesus in the Sacred Host bestow on you His blessed peace during this New Year and always.

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