



TO CHRISTIAN PARENTS
PRETEXTS.

About the Frequent Communion of their Children.



(Continued.)

Obj. This readiness to communicate daily is only impulsiveness, want of reflection.

Ans. That children more readily answer the invitation to daily communion than adults is quite natural. No obstacles in the duties of their life, no inveterate prejudices hinder them ; while they are more generous and hesitate less before inconvenience and sacrifice.

But that the motive leading them to the Holy Table be thoughtlessness, or want of reflection, no, a thousand times no.

We instruct them very carefully and as carefully endeavor to form their convictions ; so much so, that we go as far as being scrupulous in leaving them perfect liberty in the matter and are particular never to show favor to a child whether he or she communicates frequently or not.

What would you think of Christian Preceptors receiving from the Sovereign Pontiff this command : " Use every effort possible to extend the practice of daily Communion," and remaining passive, not frequently and earnestly commending and exhorting the practise both,