

presence and touch of Jesus Christ bestows rich blessings through the House of Prayer, the Lord's Day, and the Word of God; and all the means of grace in the Church, without that Divine touch and presence, are but "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

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One thing more. The Incarnation is not an event that took place once for all in Nazareth and Bethlehem eighteen centuries ago. It is meant, in a very real sense, to be continued in the Church to the end of time, in the persons of Christ's disciples who are called to obey His commands, to follow in His footsteps, to be animated by His Spirit and to be transformed into His image.

a. When, for example, we look out upon the world that lieth in darkness and the shadow of death, and we often feel, Oh! if wealthy men could only realize their high privilege, not to say feel their great responsibility, how they would pour out their thousands, their millions like water for the evangelization of the world; and if praying souls only knew the mighty power of prayer, they would cry to God unceasingly day and night for the millions who are as sheep which have no shepherd. God has certainly said, *Give ye*. He has also said, *Pray ye*. But the essential work of God in the world is to be done by obedience to that other command, *Go ye*. It is the application of the Incarnation of Christ to living men by living men. It is to bring home to the hearts and consciences of men, by *personal contact*, the life, the atonement, the spirit of our incarnate and glorified Lord.

b. So, too, when we look around us on all sides, and see the poor in need of relief, the sick in need of healing and the heart-broken in need of comfort, we cry out again: Oh! if men and women who live in comfortable and luxurious homes would only support, as they ought to do, the various institutions in our midst, what a Christ-like work would be done in the world, how many tears would be wiped away and how much joy would be imparted. That is, no doubt, in a large measure, true. But men and women who live in bright and

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