

all go to Jesus and to Mary his Mother. May the Holy Child by his sweet charms and attractions, ravish for ever all the love in our hearts. Such, we must believe, is His most ardent desire. Here is a touching example which St. Alphonsus relates in his charming work on Christmas :

« Father Zucchi, of the Society of Jesus, had a great devotion
 « for the divine Child, whose pictures helped him to win many
 « souls to God. It is related in his Life that he offered one on
 « a certain occasion to a young lady who lived in great inno-
 « cence but was far from thinking of being a nun. She accepted
 « the gift but said with a smile : What shall I do with this
 « little Child ? The Father who knew that she was very fond
 « of music replied : You have only to put it in your harpsi-
 « chord. She did so and, having always the Holy Child before
 « her eyes, she had frequent opportunities of looking at him.
 « While doing so she began to experience some feelings of de-
 « votion ; she afterward felt the desire to become better so that
 « her instrument induced her to pray rather than to play.
 « Finally she resolved to leave the world and enter the religious
 « state. Then, quite happy, she went to Father Zucchi to tell
 « him that the little Child had won her heart and by detaching
 « it from earthly affections, had obtained all her love. » She
 entered a convent and led a perfect life there.

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Things not to do

Never let a day pass without doing something that you know will please God.



Never step over one duty to perform another. Take them as they come.



Never covet the possessions of others unless you want to lose your own.