

"One of the things that have always distressed me in my career as a professor, above all since, by the grace of God, I had the happiness of returning to the Faith, is the small place that the God of goodness, life and happiness of souls occupies in the mind and heart of little children. At their age, which is the age of innocence, and in which the mind and heart open to knowledge and love, what an injury to them that we do not more earnestly apply ourselves to inculcate in their soul the knowledge and love of God, of Jesus Christ ! And above all, what a misfortune for these poor little souls to be deprived of the sacramental Presence and action of Jesus Christ ! Alas ! instead of Jesus Christ, it is Satan who is the first occupant. They are acquainted with error before knowing the truth, they love evil before loving good—those poor little ones with hearts so well formed to love Jesus Christ !"

In another letter, dated August 25, 1889, he wrote again these literally prophetic lines :

"No, no, dear Father and friend, Jesus will not indefinitely allow the accomplishment of what you so well denominate *'the massacre of the innocents ; The voice of the Church will be raised*, as formerly that of Rama, to take up in the name of Jesus Christ, who loves them so much, the defence of the little children. They, too, will be bidden to the Banquet of the Father of the family. To them also it will be said : *'Come, and eat ! Come, before you lose the brilliancy and the perfume of innocence ! Come, before being sullied by Satan ! Come, before you have opened your heart to earthly affections.'*"

The desire of the servant of God is realized to-day. From the height of heaven, where without doubt his soul is contemplating face to face Him whom he adored, received, and loved here below under the Eucharistic veils, he is rejoicing with the Church on earth at beholding the dawn of Eucharistic times, so full of hope.

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