

Let us speak no longer, my Child, of your childish acts, nor of what I thought I had to say to you. Since you are making efforts to be what you have to be, you will soon be what you want to be for the glory of God.

Prepare yourself for the feast of Christmas with simplicity, confidence, cheerfulness and zeal. God, who becomes man to save us, that is the great subject of our meditations.

Talk to the pupils about the great blessing of Redemption. Talk to them of the love of God which reduces him to being a child in order to save us.

Teach them to always recite the Angelus with respect and devotion, so as to honor the incarnation of the Word in order to redeem man who was lost.

I will commend you, as well as your children to the Lord Jesus, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

All yours in Our Lord

C. G. Van Crombrugghe

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