

When I administer Holy Communion, I ask the Mother of GOD and St. Joseph to accompany me to the Communion rail. They stand by my side and give you the CHRIST Child into your heart. – Prepare for Him a living cradle so that He may feel good in it. At this moment you are allowed to talk with Him as with a child, however simple your words may be.

Many complain: „GOD does not talk to me!“ – Well, perhaps because you do not talk to Him or because you are not able to listen to Him. – I have only one wish today: Receive the CHRIST Child with a heart that gives Him warmth, on behalf of all those who do not or no longer know that the Host is the CHRIST Child! Those who are unable to, who cannot find any emotion of the heart, should not force any emotions, but simply have the wish to give the SAVIOUR all the warmth of their hearts.

Most of you have gone to Confession, and those who did not have the opportunity to do so, have the advantage of going to the Communion rail with a contrite heart when they hear the words: „Behold the CHRIST Child who is now going to look for an inn!“

So let us proceed to this birth of JESUS in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Share in this hour of Bethlehem!

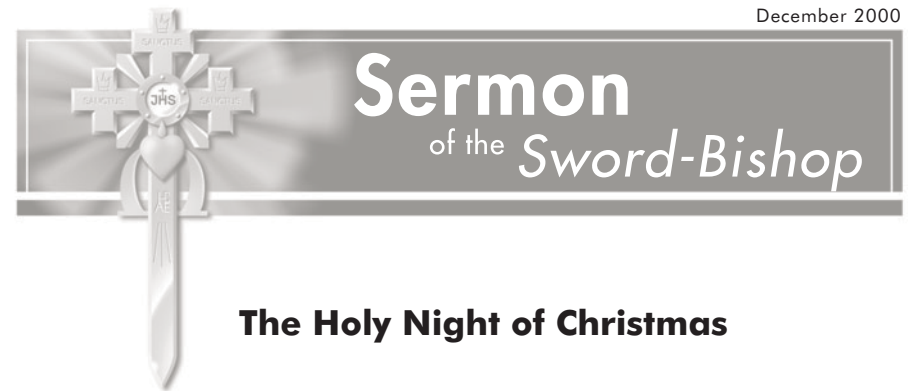
Excerpts of the sermons of the Sword-Bishop



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In this Holy Night of Christmas, which is always a special time of grace, may the CHRIST Child have mercy on your requests.

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## The Holy Night of Christmas

I would much rather let this great event sink in in silence than preach about it. There has indeed already been a lot of preaching about it. It is painful that mankind continually needs to be helped to appreciate this event. But even the SAVIOUR said to the Apostles: „I will not tire of repeating this to you again and again.“

Seasons like Christmas are to me more sorrow than joy. As Instrument of GOD I could continuously weep over the Church, over all mankind. Who will really stand up for CHRIST today?

### The SAVIOUR Looking for an Inn

Many people think of Christmas in terms of beautiful feelings, pleasant surprises, and joyful gifts. When I was still a child, it often grieved me that I did not live 2000 years ago at the time of CHRIST owing a hotel in Bethlehem in order to give shelter to the Holy Family. And today? Today I suffer even much more, because the SAVIOUR is again looking for an inn with the difference that at that time He was safe and secure inside the most wonderful creature He ever created, in Mary. And He was protected and looked after by His supremely beloved nursing and foster Father Joseph. He had at least this love in those days.

But now He is deprived of the love of Mary and Joseph and only has the Priest, who in search of an inn accompanies Him to the communion-rail where people draw near to offer themselves as an inn. – I do not only think of this chapel here, but of all the churches in which the Host is changed into the CHRIST Child. My dearly beloved, how many Priests are still looking responsibly with the CHRIST Child for an inn? How many Priests are concerned that the SAVIOUR may find a beautiful, joyful lodging place when administering the Communion?

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How much do breeders see to it that their animals are given a good home, inspecting it down to the last detail. But what about the Priests who pass on the CHRIST Child in Holy Communion? If I think, for example, about these great events at papal visits when Holy Communion is administered to thousands without any supervision. If someone hands over the SAVIOUR in such a way, it is really worse than what the SS did in the past. Because it is not a human being, but the Infant JESUS who is mercilessly delivered to the people! – How many hearts are gas chambers for the CHRIST Child! – However, LORD, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.

### **Do not Seek Sacrifices – Offer Your Readiness!**

Today GOD does not so much want to see human statutes fulfilled, but He is longing for love. He would not so much like to see this or that sacrifice, but loving hearts. Do not get me wrong. A loving heart does not have merely beautiful feelings. True love is usually very painful, especially in our days. These genuine feelings of love for the SAVIOUR are unselfish. Because I love Him, it hurts to see Him unloved.

Do not seek sacrifices – offer your readiness! The greater your readiness for Him is, the more He can and will give you. Look more at GOD, then you will be able to pass over the sacrifices coming your way. However, sometimes sacrifices serve to find GOD. If you have borne such a sacrifice, look at Him thankfully once again and it will achieve great things: you will become strong and deep.

At the manger of Bethlehem, too, you can call out: „LORD, Son of David, have mercy on me!“ And since the SAVIOUR is lying in the manger as a Child, He will grant you special mercy and will answer you: „Go, your faith has healed you.“ – Give Him love, give Him joy! Be ready, because only few people know what it means: to love GOD. It means among other things: to make Him happy, to please Him!

### **Your Heart, a Manger for the CHRIST Child**

GOD was made Man! – It is so incomprehensible that no one can understand it! I can tell you, this grieves me very much. I feel like someone standing far out there in the universe not knowing: „How do I tell the world? How do I tell the people?“ – Who on earth knows how lovely it is for GOD in Heaven, how much He is in glory there? And He comes down on this earth, where He is hardly welcomed by cheerful, loving hearts, but all too often by the cold hands of priests which are not warmed from the heart. He is freezing and freezing!

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Today your heart is the manger for the CHRIST Child. Do you offer Him more this time? Do you offer Him a warmer place this time? How warm is it in your heart for Him? – Well, you cannot measure this, because it is measured by GOD's standards, as He sees it. So, please do not look for any sentimental feeling, but struggle that you may have a warm heart for Him. Give Him your life, not just your feeling! Your GOD-pleasing life is the warmth which I desire for the SAVIOUR. See to it that the SAVIOUR is doing fine! In that case, I, too, might have a beautiful Christmas.

### **There Was No Room for Them in the Inn**

Tonight we intend to experience the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our hearts as during the Holy Night in Bethlehem. When, at the Holy Transubstantiation, through the consent of the Almighty FATHER, in the working of the HOLY SPIRIT, CHRIST enters the Sacred Host, then, for us, it is Christmas indeed: the birth of JESUS CHRIST.

Visualise: It would be 2000 years ago, you would have travelled to Bethlehem, and St. Joseph would lay the little Child in your arms .... But today you cannot only take the SAVIOUR in your arms, you can take Him in completely and because He is GOD, He will be absorbed in you. – But, please, not in a stable again! You can cleanse your heart, you can decorate it. You can incense the CHRIST Child with your heart, you can caress Him ... Give the SAVIOUR many sweet words from your heart. And see to it that it is not you who is happy, but He is. Show Him that it is Christmas and be unselfish! Remember that your stammering, your attempt to find sweet words means more to the CHRIST Child and gives proof of a greater love than if you were able to recite a beautiful litany or any other prayer in verse. You know what He was given in Bethlehem. See to it that you do better. See to it that you are a good inn keeper, and that you do not say: „Be off, you cannot pay anyway!“ Do not be just another cold manger in your heart, not another dirty barn. The shepherds gave all they could. But you can give more. – „There was no room for them in the inn,“ it says in the Gospel. How often, however, do people keep their doors shut? How often is someone knocking at their hearts and they say: „Not now! Come back on Sunday, perhaps there is room then.“

### **Prepare for Him a Living Cradle**

In just under an hour the SAVIOUR will be born again on the Altar, and I know what I am talking about. Particularly on today's feast day, He is the Child, the CHRIST Child in the Host, in a very special way – if only you could see it!

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