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Favorite Aspiration of St. Francis of Assisi

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DY DEAR CHILDREN:

I have prepared this little book for your special benefit. I hope it will help you to love and serve Jesus faithfully, so that you may be happy with Him both here and hereafter. You will find many short prayers in this book. They are called *ejaculations*. Make frequent use of them.

St. Philip Neri says:

"It is an old custom with the servants of God always to have some little prayers ready, and to be darting them up to heaven frequently during the day, lifting their minds to God from out of the filth of this world. He who adopts this

plan will get great fruit with little pains."

God keep you, my little friends. Let us pray for one another that we may "all meet merrily in heaven."

Devotedly yours,

F. X. LASANCE.

Feast of the Assumption, 1922

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How Can you Be Happy*

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GIVE YOUR YOUTH TO YOUR GOOD

OUR Divine Lord has an ardent and tender love for innocent children. He wishes to make them happy. For this end He came down from heaven and became a little child, and, having lived a life of labor and suffering here for thirty-three years, He died a most painful death on the cross. Cold and hard indeed would be the heart that would not love Him.

From eternity, dear children, He loved you. When He lay in the manger on the night of His birth,

^{*} Excerpts from Youth's Guide to Confession, Communion and a Happy Life, by a Missionary Priest.

when He rested in the arms of His blessed Mother, when He obeyed her in the cottage at Nazareth, and St. Joseph in the workshop—He loved you, and pointed out to you the way to be happy. By His example of obedience to His blessed Mother, and foster father, St. Joseph, He taught you to obey your parents and superiors. The history of His early life is given in a few words: "He was subject to them."

Even amidst the labors and fatigues of His public mission He showed His love for little children, when He said, "Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come to Me."

He called a little child and set him in the midst of His disciples, and pointed him out to them as a model of humility, simplicity, and innocence. He said, "Unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."