Isn't Visiting The Crib Just for Youngsters?

Reply. The angels, shepherds and the Three Kings did not think so. But, you say, "They saw the Christ Child in the flesh. The crib is all imitation. All the eye sees now is a flesh-colored doll."

That's true. But it took more than the human eye to see everything at the stable in Bethlehem. The eyes of the shepherds and Magi saw the flesh and movements of what looked like only another baby. What told them that there was never a Babe like this one? What convinced them that this was the Messiah, their Saviour and Lord? Their Faith.

You must take your Faith to the crib and see beyond the plaster statues. You must go back in spirit to the first Christmas itself, and then pray at the crib as if you were actually present with the shepherds who came to the Divine Babe on the day of His Birth.

We are not over a thousand years too late for the first Christmas. Then, in the stable, Our Blessed Saviour saw the visit you would make to the crib in 1946. He considered you kneeling with the shepherds. What you would have said to Him then say every time you visit the crib in your home church.

The shepherds and Magi received special light, graces and favors in return for their adoration, and expressions of faith and love. The Infant Saviour has the same blessings for you. Go up to the crib after your Christmas Mass. Go up often after Christmas to the cribs in the churches you visit.

After all, the cribs are for youngsters, for "unless you become like little children, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandmother of Bill Fulton (Al); Frank Malone, uncle of Bob Leander (Dil); (ill) sister of Gene Freienstein (Ly); father of Richard and Robert Waldron (Dil); mother of Bill Fulton (Dil). Three Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.

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