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Laudario di Cortina VO. ANGELUS
- Nativity

In these days just before Christmas, when shopping is hectic, traffic snarled up, parties and all the other paraphernalia of Christmas are being busily arranged, the prayer of the Church is also getting unusually excited, calling urgently for the coming of Christ to us in this annual celebration of His first coming, as a man born for us, at Bethlehem. The Angelus we say, in honour of His mother, recalling those first events of His life, takes on a special topicality at this time — perhaps, for ourselves, we could change the traditional words — make them: And the Word is made flesh, and dwells among us. For this is what we're going to celebrate these next few days, a mystery which is just as real today as it was then. Christmas, for Christians, isn't just a reminder, a remembrance of things past and forever done with. Christ is still our Emmanuel, God-with-us. Before our formal prayers today, let's listen to the prophet, Isaiah, whose message of the Redeemer to come is perhaps the most familiar to most of us: Is. 55⁶⁻¹¹ [Prayer for Young Men p23]

PRAYERS. (cfr. Pycr. p 228, 231)

A card now, from France, which has the simple joy and wonder at Christ's new birth for us — it's an invitation to come and worship Him at the Midnight Mass which celebrates the mystery of His coming to give us hope and life.

"Milk's sauce..."

(or come to the last part)

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