

O B E D I E N C E

Natum videte Regem Angelorum is the frequent song of the Church and of the faithful during the Christmas season. One aspect of Natum videte will be the subject of the next meditation. Natum videte means that He who has been from eternity appear to men as of time; that He for whom there are no limits appears ^{cl} enclosed in the womb of a Virgin Mother and comes out to the light of the word, in utter subjection to the vicissitudes of life. Natum Videte, behold as child on earth Him before whom the Angels bow in perpetual adoration; Natum videte Regem Angelorum. For me Christ is born and begins the mighty achievement of the redemption of mankind, in ^{fi} compliance with the wishes of His Father Almighty. Incarnation is the turning point in the world's history, an accomplishment which extends to all time and to every clime, which links earth and heaven, time with eternity. The redemption of the world, the ~~gaining~~ of mankind for God, the uplift of the human race, the coronation of the soul as the masterwork of God's Creation is the result of the obedience of Christ, who became obedient, in order to repair the injury done His Father, by the desobedience of the first man.

One of the blessings God has bestowed upon us is that we are bound by vow, to practice that same virtue of obedience, of which Christ was the model from the very beginning to the last moment of his early life. We have taken already and are now preparing to renew our allegiance to a Society, whose members are required to excel in obedience, with preference to any other virtue. This renovation is an appropriate occasion to insist again and again on the necessity of keep always an ^{un}sullied, and embellished with its original beauty that obedience, which our Holy Father