Kay and I were driving to Savannah recently and stopped to have lunch at a little restaurant in Homerville, Georgia. When we were going back to our car we noted what looked like a dog lying on its side in a field about 50 yards in front of our car. Upon investigating I found a mother dog, possibly a pointer, lying on her side, breathing but obviously ill. Beside her was a puppy 3 or 4 months old, shaggy and brown in color obviously taking care of his mother and standing guard over her. He acted as if he wanted me to please do something for her. Under the circumstances all we could do was to ask our precious Lord to take care of these His little creatures.

What struck me was the loyalty and the love demonstrated toward his parent that this puppy illustrated so poignantly. It was obvious that he was actually snuggled up next to her keeping her warm and safe. It is true that animals do have that sense of love and loyalty toward one another in their families.

We human beings also have that wondrous sense within us. In the commandments children are instructed to honor their "fathers and mothers that their days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you." (Ex:20:12) It does seem in this modern day in which we live that the honoring of parents is not as evident as it was when God was allowed to control the lives of families. In pioneer days children worked along with their parents throughout their lifetimes. My mother and my wife's mother worked in the fields of their parents Michigan farms because there were no sons. Working, loving, caring, worshipping together was characteristic. As children began leaving home to attend school and as farms were abandoned in favor of city life, family relationships began to change.

Christmas is a time of bringing families together, a time of singing, of laughter and of pleasing God. It is a time of thanksgiving and remembering. Christmas trees, decorations, carols, presents, and happiness, food in abundance, and reverence for the Holy Family and the Baby Jesus - it is an unusual time always. For those who are separated, serving in the armed forces, far away at college, or for those who are divorced, it can also be a time of great grief and even anguish. I can remember times of loneliness and heartache at Christmas, especially during college days with family in Florida and I in Michigan. As a result, Christmastide and Jesus are very, very precious to me and to my entire family. Our CMF family is also a tremendous blessing to all of us here in Tampa. The network of Christian doctors, nurses, and friends across the world, united in Christ's love, is marvelous and the cause of great joy. Thanks be to God for our American and Canadian CMF families, for our friends in Britain, Scotland, Holland, Poland, Guatemala, the Bahamas, Trinidad, Brazil, South Africa, and Egypt. May Jesus touch and heal each one of this great family as well as all His children everywhere. May we be as loyal to one another and to Christ as that little puppy was to his injured mother. Jesus, give us your Agape love for one another in abundance this Christmas and Advent.

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