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We would all be helped if we would simply accept the INVITATION of the Holy Family to come and spend a week with Them in Their Home. We should give serious consideration to a possible visit with Jesus and Mary and Joseph – and in Their Home! Before visiting, however, we should determine the time frame of the manifestation of the Invitation which the Holy Family extends to us. We do not know why God chose the 42nd year of the reign of Octavian Augustus to bring forth the Miracle of the Incarnation. God could just as well have chosen the 8th year of the presidency of the present ruler in our own land and country. In either point of time or in either circumstance, the Holy Family would be found to be just as holy and remain the unquestionable model for all men to follow. And in either case we would find the Holy Family living a life fully holy, fully beautiful, fully inconspicuous and fully in keeping with God's way to live whether it be the life as lived in the 42nd year of the reign of Octavian Augustus or the life as lived in the 8th year of the presidency of the present ruler of our land. In either point of time, we can be sure it would be the very life as intended by God – and a life that would be fully capable of producing Saints. Our answer rests entirely with the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and on the way we react to what we find in that ever Blessed Home.

Should we decide to call upon The Holy Family, yet continue to have certain hesitations about going, or perhaps, do not know where They live, let us consult a good and pious priest – one whose genuine holiness of life accurately demonstrates TRUE AND REAL CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE (not those ones who need to make use of the stage props of exaggerated renditions of Gregorian Chant or stagecrafted ceremonial or designer vestments used in bad taste, or big names – all of which awe the people, but none of which gives a speck of lasting support to good people in need of spiritual encouragement). The truly holy priest will know where The Holy Family lives. And because of the holiness of his life he will know the holy life conditions lived by that Family. Such a priest will have no need to be "DRESSED IN BORROWED ROBES"! Owing to the holiness of his