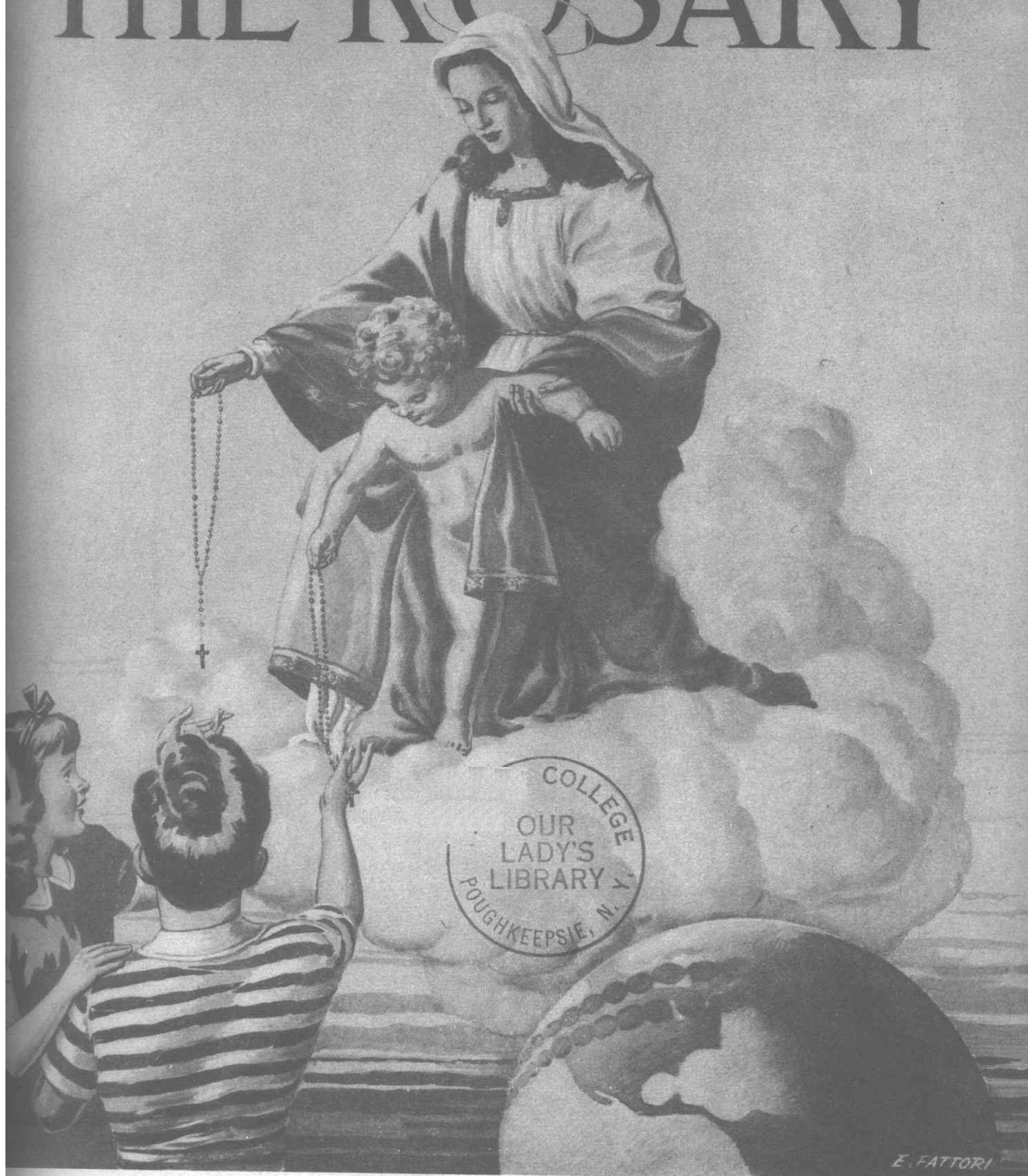


THE ROSARY



COLOR BOOK

DRAWINGS BY ETTORE FATTORI

The Joyful Mysteries

from *The Rosary Color Book*

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This little book contains beautiful pictures of the Fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary for you to color. They were drawn by Mr. Ettore Fattori, a well known Canadian artist. This book will also help you to learn how to say the Rosary in a way that will be pleasing to our Blessed Mother.

Each picture shows a prominent event in Our Lord's life. On the page opposite the picture is a short explanation which explains this event, tells what it means to you, and suggests how you should imitate this part of Christ's life.

The Rosary is a form of prayer arranged for us, so to speak, by the Blessed Mother to remind us of the important events in Christ's life from before His birth until after His death. It helps us to think about the joys, sufferings, and glory of Our Lord. The Rosary is a prayer very dear to the heart of our Blessed Mother, and we should all say it very often.

There are fifteen mysteries or important events of Our Lord's life commemorated in the Rosary. And they fall into three groups – Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious – each group containing five mysteries.

Today, most rosaries are made for the recitation of five mysteries. The Rosary has been said if all five groups of ten small beads called decades have been recited. An *Our Father* is said on each large bead, a *Hail Mary* on each small bead, and a *Gloria* on the space between the decades.

There is also a little pendant with a crucifix and a few extra beads attached to each Rosary. Usually we say the *Apostles' Creed* on the crucifix, the *Our Father* on the large bead and three *Hail Marys* on the three small ones. Then on the final large one we say the *Our Father* at the beginning of the first mystery. The saying of the *Creed* means that we believe the mysteries of the Rosary are true. The three *Hail Marys* are said to ask the gifts of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

While you are saying the ten *Hail Marys* with an *Our Father* and *Gloria* for each mystery of the Rosary, you should think about the different events in Our Lord's life in such a way that they pass like a series of pictures before your mind. This is the proper way to say the Rosary.

While you are telling the Blessed Mother how much you love Her by saying the *Hail Mary* over and over, she is showing you pictures of her dear Son and all the wonderful things He did for each of us. Think of the Rosary in this way and you will soon come to love it!

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FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE ANNUNCIATION

God chose Mary to be the Mother of His Son because her soul was so pure and spotless.

The angel Gabriel was sent to her, and he said: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women. Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God."

Then he gave her his message and Mary, knowing it was God's will, said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word."

Mary was perfect in obedience. We must ask her to help us obey God always and in all things.

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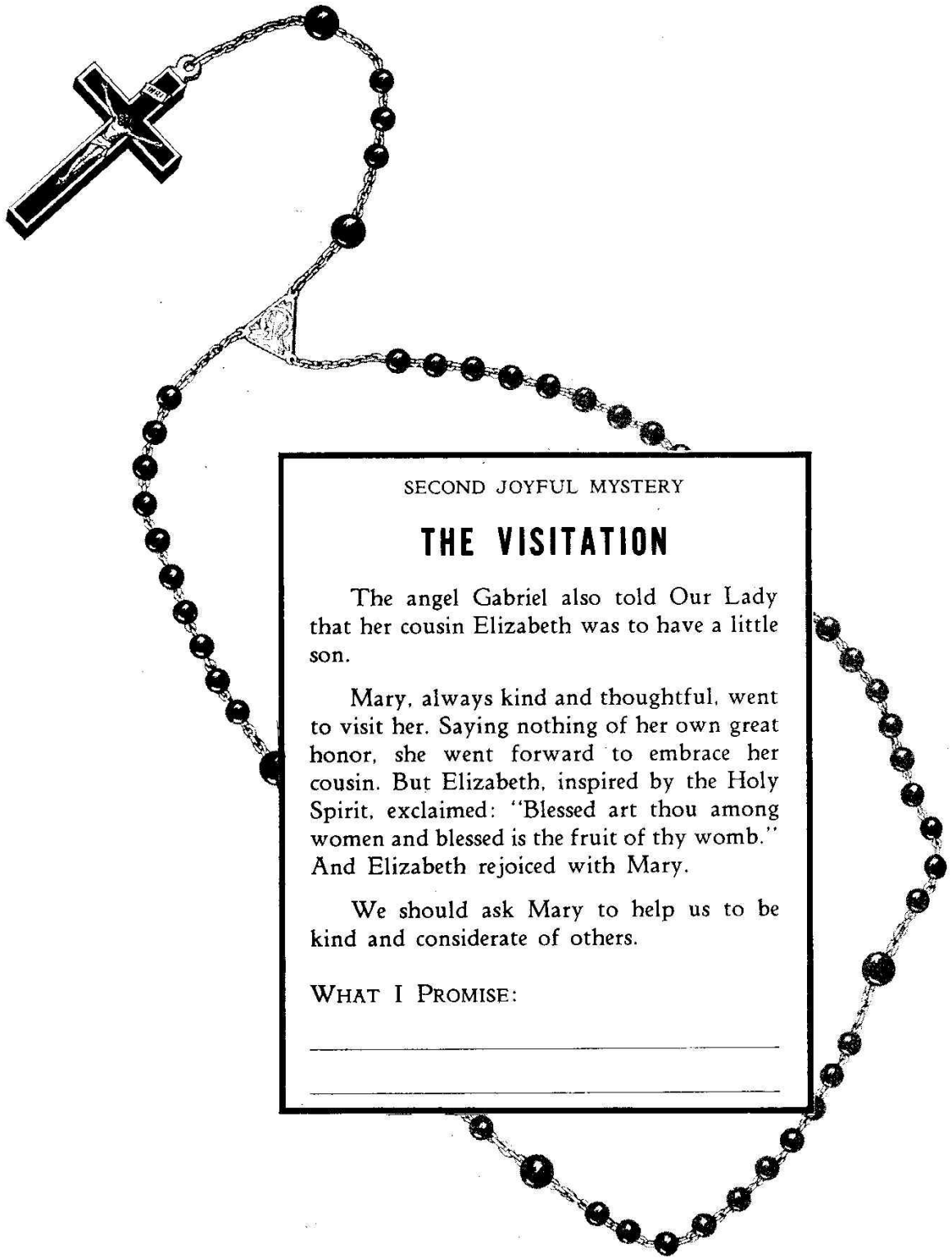
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SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE VISITATION

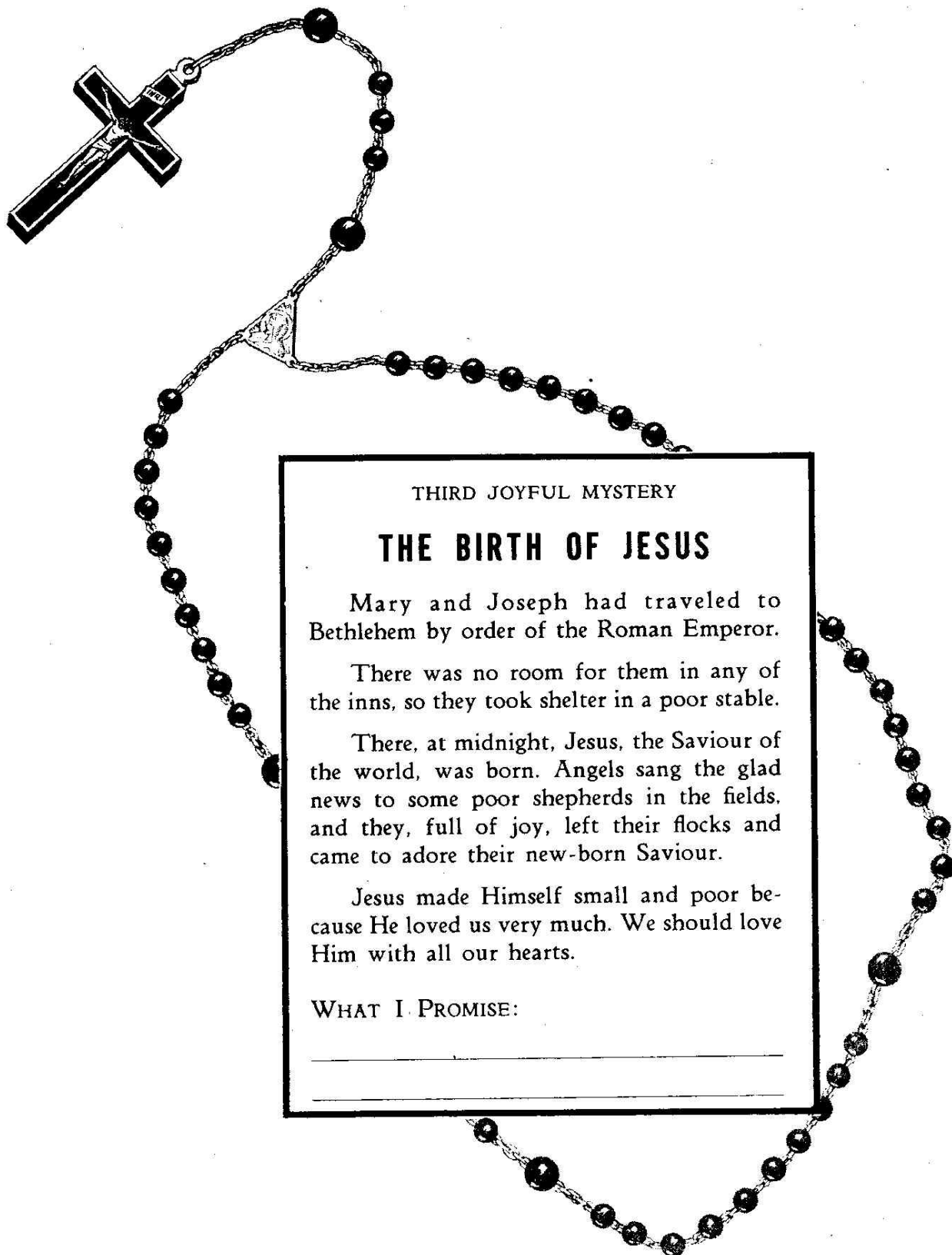
The angel Gabriel also told Our Lady that her cousin Elizabeth was to have a little son.

Mary, always kind and thoughtful, went to visit her. Saying nothing of her own great honor, she went forward to embrace her cousin. But Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, exclaimed: "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." And Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary.

We should ask Mary to help us to be kind and considerate of others.

WHAT I PROMISE:





THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

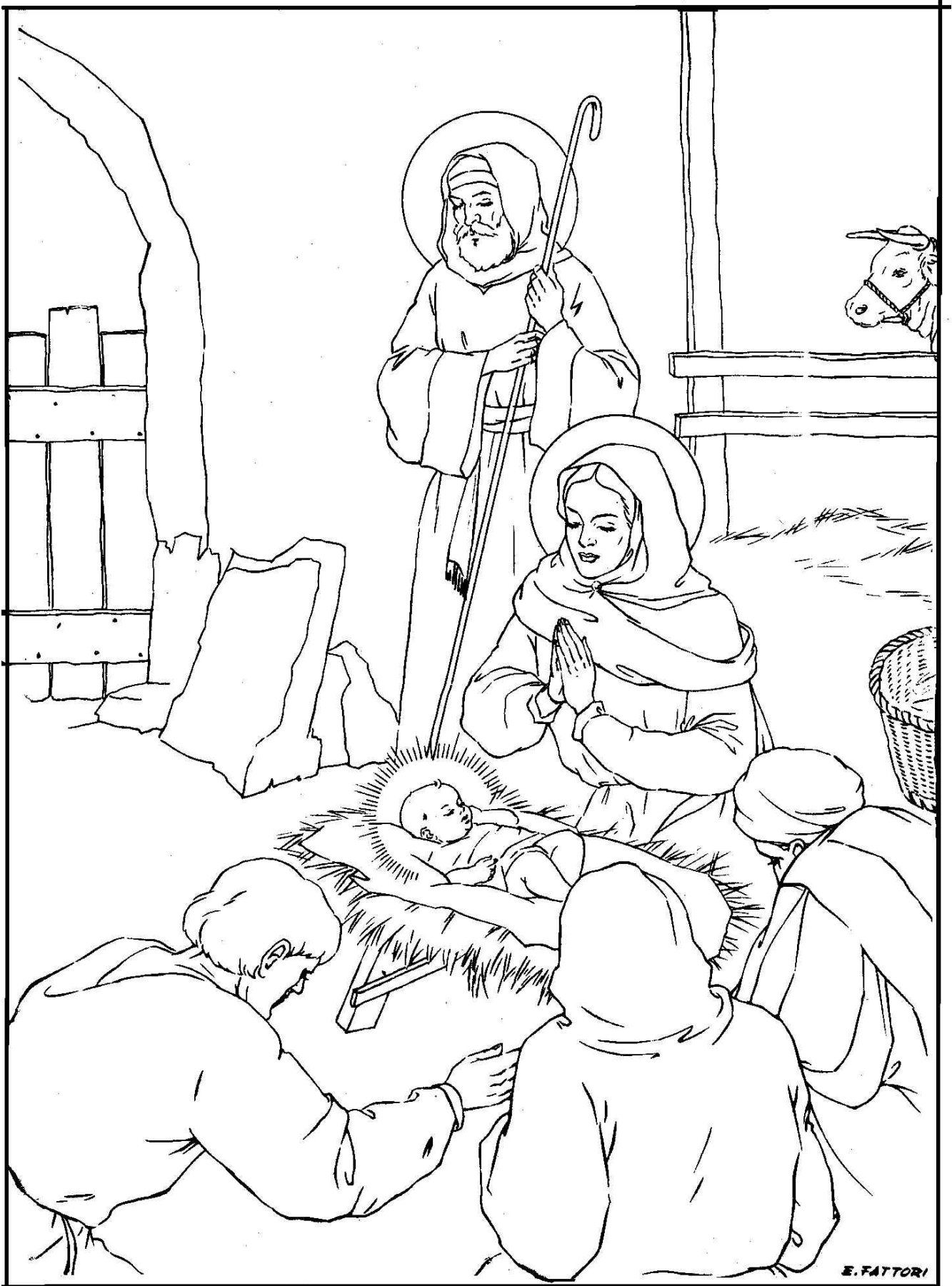
Mary and Joseph had traveled to Bethlehem by order of the Roman Emperor.

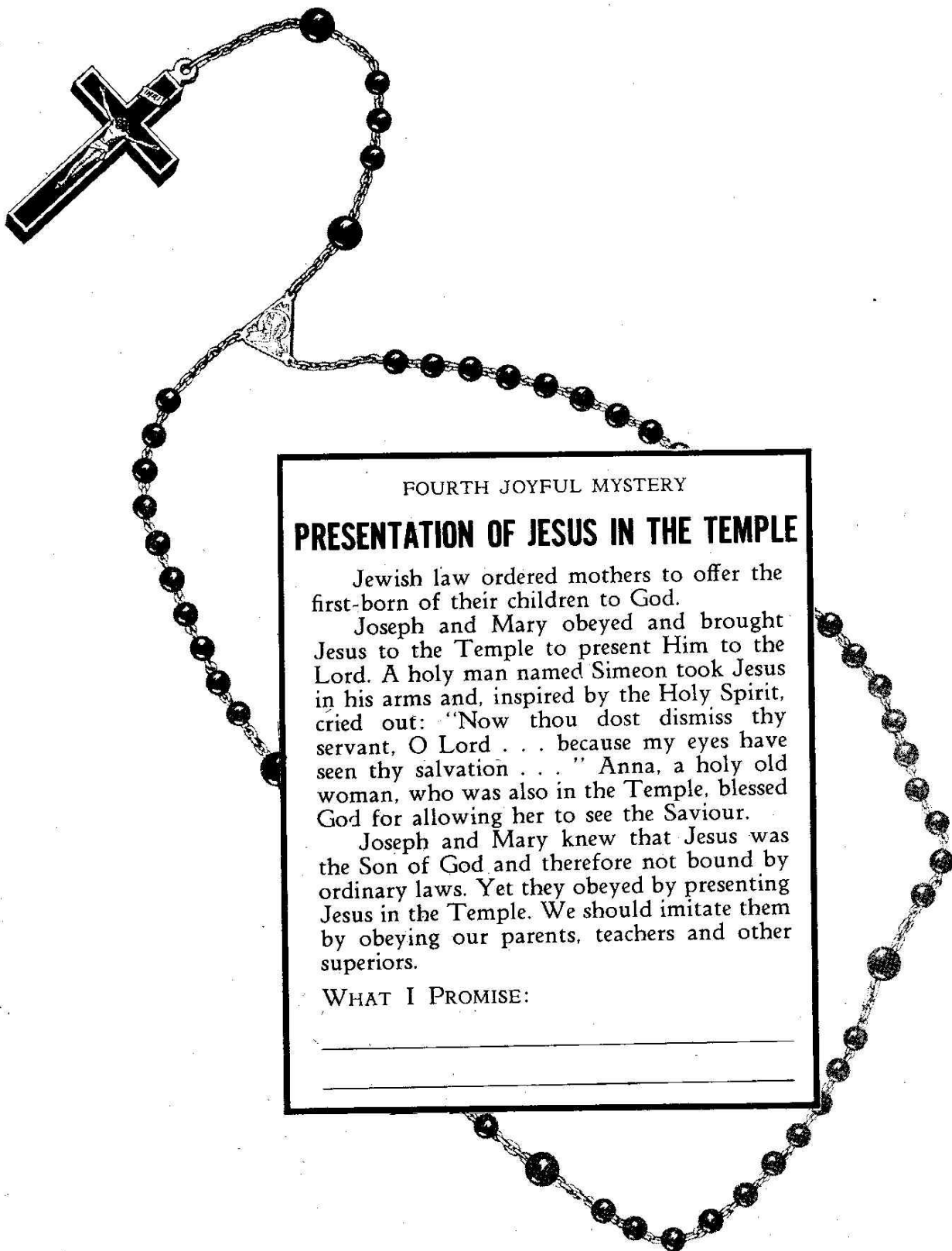
There was no room for them in any of the inns, so they took shelter in a poor stable.

There, at midnight, Jesus, the Saviour of the world, was born. Angels sang the glad news to some poor shepherds in the fields, and they, full of joy, left their flocks and came to adore their new-born Saviour.

Jesus made Himself small and poor because He loved us very much. We should love Him with all our hearts.

WHAT I PROMISE:





FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Jewish law ordered mothers to offer the first-born of their children to God.

Joseph and Mary obeyed and brought Jesus to the Temple to present Him to the Lord. A holy man named Simeon took Jesus in his arms and, inspired by the Holy Spirit, cried out: "Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord . . . because my eyes have seen thy salvation . . ." Anna, a holy old woman, who was also in the Temple, blessed God for allowing her to see the Saviour.

Joseph and Mary knew that Jesus was the Son of God and therefore not bound by ordinary laws. Yet they obeyed by presenting Jesus in the Temple. We should imitate them by obeying our parents, teachers and other superiors.

WHAT I PROMISE:





FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

FINDING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Jesus was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem when He was twelve years old because that was the Jewish custom. He stayed behind when Joseph and Mary started for home. When they could not find Him they spent three days looking for Him.

Finally, they found Him asking and answering questions in the Temple. And Mary said to Him, "Son, why hast thou done so to us?" Jesus answered, "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?"

Jesus went back home to Nazareth with Joseph and Mary, and obeyed them in every way.

Like Jesus we should be obedient and try to do God's will each day.

WHAT I PROMISE:

