

**Lee:** By devotion to the Incarnation, St. Alphonsus wanted us to see a God who shared human life not as an observer but as a participant.

Alphonsus used to place a statue of the Infant Jesus at the head of the dining table, and his community would place food there to be given to the poor.

**All:** May our devotion to Jesus make us more sensitive to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

**Lee:** Alphonsus wrote a lullaby that Mary would have sung to the child Jesus.

**All:** May our devotion to Jesus enable us to calm the fears of the little and the weak and give them rest.

**Lee:** As a Bishop, Alphonsus opened a day-care center in his house for the children of peasant women who would come to town on market day.

**All:** May our devotion to Jesus empower us to make our world a more just and welcoming place for the needs of women and children.

**Lee:** In his carol “Tu scendi” Alphonsus teaches us to look for God not in the starry perfection of the heavens but in our own world.

**All:** May our devotion to Jesus give us eyes to see the presence of God shining in and through the ordinary circumstances of human life.

**Lee:** In his meditations on the Incarnation Alphonsus discovered and proclaimed a God who knew human need, poverty, powerlessness.

**All:** May our devotion to Jesus teach us to discover God in our experiences of need and loss of control.