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*The Boy who Offered Bread to an Image of the Christ Child*

Wondrous, merciful and beautiful are the miracles of Holy Mary, who guides us night and day and gives us peace.

On this I will tell you a wondrous and strange miracle which that Virgin mother of God performed in Flanders, for a lady who once went to her church -- she whom we hope will be on our side and let us see her face in Heaven, where God has given pleasure and laughter to those who please him.

That lady brought with her a child, her son, who she had pledged to the Virgin when he was a baby, asking her to protect him from ill and misfortune and to make him always speak aright and know virtue. As I heard, the child was eating his bread as he ran around and he stopped in front

of the Christ child in the statue there. And the boy said "Would you like some food?" And the image of the wise Virgin said to her son, "Tell him at once that he needs not be afraid, but will dine with you where he can always sing and be happy, and where he will be safe from the accursed Devil who scripture shows to be evil."

When she had said this, the image of Christ replied to the boy, "Tomorrow you will sup with me in Heaven, and once you have seen me you will be with me for ever, where you can hear how all the saints sing, and evil and lamentation are no more." And so it came to pass, and the lad passed away and at once was with God.