

## Courts of the Infant King

One of our IHM prayer customs, at the Christmas Season, is to choose a role in the Court of the Infant King. This is customarily done on Christmas Eve. This prayer custom has its roots in the spirituality of St. Alphonsus Liguori.



In the middle ages, in the days of castles and monarchs, a royal court would be filled with people of different roles to serve the king or queen. At the birth of Jesus, our Infant King, he was surrounded with his own “court” ...Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the Wise Men, the animals, the star, etc. Each year, we choose a card that has one of the roles at the Court of the Infant King, and we try to live out that role all through the coming year. We have included with this issue a set of cards adapted for children. There is also another set of cards on our IHM website ([ihmimmaculata.org/pray-with-us/spiritual-resources](http://ihmimmaculata.org/pray-with-us/spiritual-resources)).

Each child may choose a card randomly, or choose for themselves what role they wish. Perhaps they may like to make their own cards and write a simple prayer for each. There are many variations that can be applied to this devotion. We invite you to share with all IHMs in this prayer devotion as we honor the birth of our Infant King.





May I like the  
**Angels**

Sing God's praises and  
bring the good news to  
others.



May I like the  
**Crib**

Offer my heart as a place  
for Jesus to live.



May I like the  
**Wise Men**

Give the gift of myself to  
others.



May I like  
**Mary**

See Jesus in the heart of all  
those I meet.



May I like the  
**Stable**

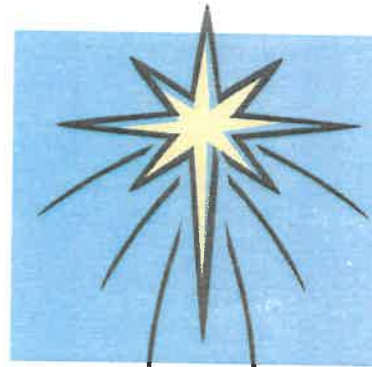
Be a shelter for those who  
need help.



May I like

**St. Joseph**

Trust in God and care for  
others.



May I like the

**Star**

Be the Light of Christ  
always leading others to  
Jesus.



May I like the

**Shepherds**

Listen to Jesus speaking to  
my mind and heart.