



Kateri at the Manger

Kateri prays at the Manger.

She sees the persons, that is to say,
our Lady and St. Joseph and the maidservant,
and the Infant Jesus after He is born.

She behaves herself as a poor and unworthy
little servant,
looking at them, contemplating them,
and ministering to them in their needs,
with all possible respect and reverence;
and then reflects on herself in order to
derive some profit.

She beholds,
observes
and contemplates
what they are saying;
and reflects on herself
to gather some profit.

She beholds and considers
what they are doing;
as for example, the journey
and the toils they undergo
in order that our Lord may be born
in extreme poverty,
and after so many labors,
after hunger and thirst,
heat and cold,
insults and injuries,
may die at last on the Cross,
and this for her (and us all).
Then she reflects to gather
some spiritual fruit.