

## DECEMBER 2006 RESULTS

The Intention was for the Heads of States

Treasure Sheets	Offerings	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
			Sac.	Spirit.					
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Remember that all the good works and prayers from your treasure sheets are given each month to Bishop Fellay and they are put on the altar where His Excellency celebrates Holy Mass on the first Saturday of every month.

Make an effort in Lent to fill in your treasure sheet and to send it back!

### March 2007 Intention:

The Crusader prays, receives Communion and makes sacrifices each month for the intention that is given him by Bishop Bernard Fellay, successor of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre at the head of the Society of Saint Pius X

### For the relief of the sufferings of children

#### Daily offering

*To be recited every morning when you wake up*

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, and in reparation for my sins. I offer them particularly **for the relief of the sufferings of children.**

#### A Children's Hospital



*Eucharistic Crusade, 12 Tivoli Terrace South, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin*



# The Irish Crusader

*Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Children in Ireland*

## Children and Lent

March 2007  
Month of Saint Joseph

Dear Crusaders,

**J**esus loves all the children of the world. Yet there are many children who suffer from terrible things, such as sickness, poverty, ill-treatment, neglect and religious ignorance. In this time of Lent, pray for all those children who do not have the chance that you have, to be Catholic and to have been born in good families.



*Let the Little Children come to Me!*

If you cannot help other children directly by almsgiving or charitable works, you can, and indeed you must, pray for them. Learn not to be capricious and fussy, because you have the choice between orange juice and apple juice and many children don't even have drinking water! Accept difficulties and contradictions with a smile. Do your work at home and at school with generosity. If much has been given to you, especially the gift of Faith, you will have to render account for much to Our Lord at your judgement. Those who have already suffered in their life and offered their sufferings with those of Jesus, will be greatly rewarded in the next life. Pray that all the children who suffer in the world can at least hear of the Catholic Faith, be baptized and given the opportunity to go to Heaven.

God cannot resist the prayers of children and pure souls. Your sacrifices and prayers of this Lent, with the help of St Patrick, whose feast is on March 17<sup>th</sup>, may save one or more children's souls.

What a great mission the Church is giving you!

Father Paul Biérer +

## The Treasure

### HOW TO FILL IN YOUR TREASURE SHEET?

The Treasure Sheet has to be filled in every day in order that you do not forget the good works you have done and keep track of how you fulfill your spiritual duties. After the end of the month, it must be sent to the Chaplain of the Eucharistic Crusade.

### Spiritual communion

**W**hen you cannot receive Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament by Communion for whatever reason, for example if you have not made your first Holy Communion and are preparing for it, or if you are not fasting for at least one hour, or if you are conscious of a grave sin, or even if you cannot go to daily Communion, then you must acquire the good habit of making a Spiritual Communion.

A Communion in spirit means that Jesus is not present with His Body and Blood as He is in the consecrated Host, but He will come and communicate to us His divine life. Communion is to be united with, and in the case of Holy Communion, to be united with Jesus.

Now, we know that we must receive Our Lord often in order to be strong in our duties, to become holier at His contact with our soul. So it would really be careless not to take the opportunity to have these moments of great union with Our Lord, wherever we are, and whenever we want.

Spiritual communions can be made at any time during the day. Starting the day with a spiritual communion will put us on the right path for the rest of the day. In temptations and hardships, getting close to Jesus will help us in the most difficult situations.

So write on your treasure sheet how many times in the day you have asked Jesus to come into your heart to share with you His infinite goodness and to make you holier and purer. Remember it can be done many times a day!

#### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**M**y Jesus, I believe Thou art really present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love Thee above everything else, and I long to receive Thee into my soul. I cannot now receive Thee in Holy Communion, but I beg Thee to come to me at least spiritually. I embrace Thee as already there, and unite myself entirely to Thee. Grant that I may never be separated from Thee! I adore Thee every moment!

### How to make a good Lent!

Prayers to Say	Things to Give Up	Good Deeds to Do
Rosary	Television	Make your bed
Short Prayers	Candy	Do the dishes
Extra Masses	Soft drinks	Set the table
Stations of the Cross	Dessert	Fold the wash
Novenas	Gum	Clean your room
Litanies	Radio	Help Dad with his work
Spiritual Commu- nions	Cookies	Help a neighbour
Prayer before a Crucifix	Movies	Study harder
Spiritual reading	Snacks between meals	Be kind to brothers & sisters

Certain remarks which William had made to those who ate with him at supper that evening, together with the way he had died, clearly showed that God had punished him for his evil deed.

Sometimes you might envy your friend who has nicer clothes than you do, or maybe you might envy your brother who has a nice toy airplane, or your sister who has a nicer doll than you do. If you start to think this way, you must remember that God is watching you and He knows what you are thinking.

And you must remember this, God has given you the things that you have and He has given your brother, your sister, or your friend, the things they have, so you must be happy about the way things are. And remember also, that if God wants you to have something better some day, He will do so. God's Holy Will is always best!

## HOLY MASS



The Gospel

## The Punishment

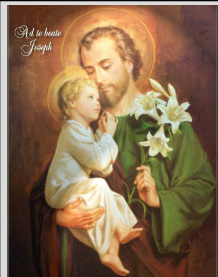
There is a famous church that was built in Tirol, Germany by John Lutz, who completed it in 1519. Among the men who were helping to build this church, was a man named William Grossmund.

John was one of the best builders around and people loved his work. William envied his master, John, because he was so good at building beautiful places, like churches and houses. And when other people would talk about how beautiful John Lutz's buildings were, this made poor William even more envious.

William would often make evil remarks about his master, to the other workers. And before long his envy turned into hatred and he made plans to kill his master.

One evening, William put his plan into effect. When the workers were finished their work he remained at the church. He climbed up to the highest point of the steeple-scaffolding and fixed one of the planks so that no one would notice that it was loose. William knew that his master was always the first one to climb up the scaffolding each morning. Now he was sure that when his master stepped on the loose plank, he would fall to the ground, and be killed instantly!

Having done his evil deed, William went to a tavern and ordered supper. But while he was eating his supper, he remembered that he had left some of his tools on the scaffold. On his way home he climbed the scaffolding again, in order to get his tools. But without thinking, he stepped on the loose plank, fell to the ground and died!



**HYMN**  
**TO ST. JOSEPH**  
Feastday March 19<sup>th</sup>

Dear Saint Joseph,  
Jesus called thee  
Father when on earth  
He dwelt;

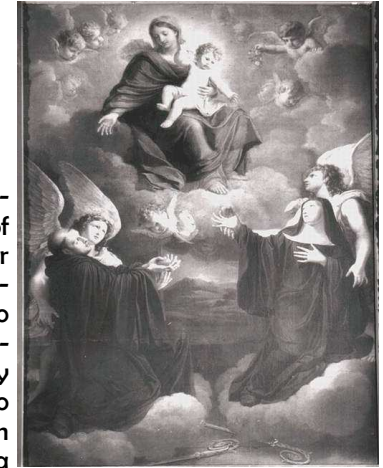
With His infant arms twined round thee  
Thou His loving kiss hast felt.

So, we too, would Father call thee  
Show us then a father's care,  
And beneath thy strong protection  
Keep us safe from sinful snare.

Think how once the God-child, Jesus,  
On thy tender bosom lay,  
And for His dear sake, Saint Joseph,  
Take us to thy heart today. Amen.

## SAINT BENEDICT

Father of Western Monasticism  
(480-543) Feastday: March 21<sup>st</sup>



Saint Benedict, blessed by grace as his prophetic name seemed to foretell, was born of a noble Italian family in Umbria, in the year 480. As a boy he showed great inclination for virtue, and maturity in his actions. He was sent to Rome at the age of seven, to be placed in the public schools. At the age of fourteen, alarmed by the licentiousness of the Roman youth, he fled to the desert mountains of Subiaco, forty miles from Rome, and was directed by the Holy Spirit into a deep, craggy, and almost inaccessible cave, since known as the Holy Grotto. He lived there for three years, unknown to anyone save a holy monk named Romanus, who clothed him with the monastic habit and brought him food.

He was eventually discovered, when, one Easter day, God advised a priest who lived about four miles from there, to take food to His servant, who was starving. The priest searched in the hills and finally found the solitary, and they took their meal together. Some shepherds also knew of his retreat, and soon the fame of this hermit's sanctity began to spread. The demon persecuted him, but to no avail; when a temptation of the flesh assailed him, he rolled in a clump of thorns and nettles, and came out of it covered with blood but sound in spirit.

Disciples came to him, and under his direction, numerous monasteries were founded. The rigor of the rule he drew up, however, brought upon him the hatred of some of the monks, and one of them mixed poison with the Abbot's drink. When the Saint made the sign of the cross on the poisoned bowl, it broke and fell in pieces to the ground.

Saint Benedict resurrected a boy whose father pleaded for that miracle, saying "Give me back my son!" He replied, "Such miracles are not for us to work, but for the blessed apostles! Why will you lay upon me a burden which my weakness cannot bear?" But finally, moved by compassion, he prostrated himself upon the body of the child, and prayed: "Behold not, O Lord, my sins, but the faith of this man, and restore the soul which Thou hast taken away!" And the child rose up, and walked to the waiting arms of his father. When a monk lost the iron head of his axe in a river, the Abbot told him to throw the handle in after it, and it rose from the river bed to resume its former place.

Six days before his death, Saint Benedict ordered his grave to be prepared, then fell ill of a fever. On the sixth day he asked to be carried to the chapel, and, having received the sacred Body and Blood of Christ, with hands uplifted and leaning on one of his disciples, he calmly expired in prayer, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 543.

# Life of Anne de Guigné



## INTRODUCTION

**A**nne de Guigné was born April 25, 1911 at Annecy-le-Vieux, Savoy, France, to a very happy family who named her Jeanne Marie Josephine Anne; she was Baptized the next day and came to be called Nenette. By the time she was old enough for school she had a very sweet disposition and had many friends, but this had not always been the case.

Even though Nenette had a generous heart, her mother was worried about her when she was very little, for she was often naughty and willful. One day when there was company, Mother told Nenette to pass around a box of chocolates. After the children had all had their share, Mother placed the box high above Nenette's reach and then went on visiting. But Nenette loved sweets and she wanted more candy. She quietly pulled her little table right below the chocolates and then just as quietly placed her little arm chair on the table. Without any noise she climbed up on the table and then on the chair. Just as she was reaching for the longed-for box, her chair scratched the table and all the grown-ups looked around. Mother made Nenette climb down quicker than she had climbed up, while she said to her, "Do you think little Jesus would have done that?"

On Christmas the family always went to Grandfather's house for the day. All the cousins came, too. Grandfather enjoyed giving each one of his grandchildren a beautiful gift. This year he had a pretty little arm chair for Nenette, a table for Renee, and many pretty toys for the others. When Nenette came into the room she saw the table at once. She did not care for the arm chair, but she wanted the

table. Each little one was happy to receive his gift and thanked Grandfather, all except Nenette. She did not even look at the arm chair Grandfather handed her, but grabbed the table and started to pull it away from Renee. She pulled and Renee pulled. Mother had to come and tell her little Nenette how ashamed she was of her. Of course, Nenette had to give in again, but she pouted all day. When her little brother Jojo [Jacques] was born Nenette was jealous but eventually became ashamed that she was; so that by the time her younger sisters were born she was happy to have younger siblings. Who was this contented French family?

Her father was Count Jacques de Guigné, a graduate of St. Cyr Military Academy and a second-lieutenant in the 13th Battalion of Alpine Chasseurs: family matters had caused him to leave the army, although he did return to his unit in 1914 at the beginning of the First World War. A devout Catholic with the zeal of an apostle, he studied Church history in view of his children's education, and legal matters to better serve the causes he loved, managing this without depriving his family of his affection. A learned man, he was a lecturer, and a journalist as well as a husband and father; he founded and directed a Catholic youth group in his parish.

His wife was a Catholic with a profound piety, animated by a total dedication to her children's formation. To her, in great part, is due the credit of having contributed by her loving care to the increase of Divine grace in the soul of Nenette. Madame was born Antoinette de Charette on September 19, 1886, the great-niece of Athanase de Charette, the well-known General who led the soldiers of France in the Battle of Patay beneath the banner of the Sacred Heart. Among her more removed ancestors, Anne could venerate and invoke Saint Louis, King of France: her maternal grandmother, Francoise Eulalie Marie Madeleine de Bourbon-Busset, was a direct descendant of the sixth son of Saint Louis, Count Robert of Clermont.

This was her heritage, but she was to be its treasure.

*(Continues next month)*

**Summer** For Girls  
July 16-22

**Camps** For Boys  
July 22-28

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