



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

September 2007 Intention: For the Elderly

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 elderly**.



MAY 2007 RESULTS

The Intention was in reparation for the outrages against Our Lady

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.

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The Irish Crusader

Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Children in Ireland

September 2007 Month of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

Dear Crusaders and Friends,

We can only thank God for the wonderful time we spent at the camps this summer. Close to 30 at the girls' camp and over 30 at the boys camp, that's counting the children, helpers, cooks and chaplain! The camps were also quite international with participants from France, England, Germany, Belgium, United States of America and of course the great majority from Ireland.

The intention this month is for the elderly. You have in your families grandparents or aged relatives. It is your duty to look after and help them according to your possibilities. What you can always do is pray for them. This month offer your prayers and good works for their spiritual well-being. Often we don't realize how much old people feel lonely. When I visit homes and nursing homes, so many times people tells me that nobody comes to see them. Some will get a visit once a month or only a few times a year from their own children and grand-children!

When one comes close to the end of life, one has a certain apprehension of death and the particular judgement. That is why older people need to feel surrounded by the affection and prayers of relatives and friends. Be generous in this regard.

Let the new members of the Eucharistic Crusade be faithful to their promise and let all return their treasure sheets.

May God bless you and your families,

Father Paul Biéer +



Altar at the Summer Camp

Enrollments during the Summer Camps

We were very happy to enroll during the Summer Camps 14 girls and 11 boys into the Eucharistic Crusade.

For the girls,

- 8 Pages,
- 3 Crusaders
- 3 Handmaids

For the boys,

- 7 Pages
- 4 Crusaders

Thank God for these generous souls!



Newly-enrolled Crusaders at the girls Camp

Below are the promises that they made. If anyone wants to make their promises or be enrolled in a higher degree after a reasonable time in the degree they are in, let him or her contact the chaplain Father Biéer who will arrange a ceremony.

FIRST DEGREE: The Page promises:

- To make the morning offering everyday
- To say his evening prayers and fill in his Treasure Sheet every evening

SECOND DEGREE: the Crusader promises as well:

- To say every day at least two decades of the Rosary.
- To receive Holy Communion every Sunday (if possible).
- To make at least one sacrifice every day.
- To fight against his dominant fault.
- To go to Confession at least once a month

THIRD DEGREE: the Knight promises also:

- To do fifteen minutes of meditation every day.
- To go to Confession every two weeks.
- To say the Rosary every day
- To make a spiritual Communion every day or to make a visit to the

Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

By St. Bridget

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, who didst endure a martyrdom of love and grief, beholding the sufferings and sorrows of Jesus! Thou didst co-operate in the benefit of my redemption by thy innumerable afflictions and by offering to the Eternal Father His only-begotten Son as a holocaust and victim of propitiation for my sins. I thank thee for the unspeakable love which led thee to deprive thyself of the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus, true God and true Man, to save me, a sinner. Oh! make use of the unfailing intercession of thy sorrows with the Father and the Son. that I may steadfastly amend my life and never again crucify my loving Redeemer by new sins; arid that, persevering till death in His grace, I may obtain eternal life through the merits of His Cross and Passion. Amen.

Mother of love, of sorrow, and of mercy, pray for us.

or being kind to your younger brothers and sisters for the whole day. This will help the Virgin Mary to be happy, not sad.

You might say, "**Oh no, that is too hard to do. I could never do these kinds of things, all day long.**" But do you think you could try? I bet you could. With Jesus and Mary's help you will be able to do well. Then you will be able to make Jesus and Mary happy. Then they will not look sad, like they do, on the statue of the Pieta.

And offer you efforts and prayers for the intentions of the Crusade and for priests.

HOLY MASS



The Sanctus

MICHELANGELO'S PIETA

The famous Italian artist, Michelangelo Buonarroti, carved one of the most beautiful statues in the world. He carved this statue in 1499, for a chapel in St. Peter's Vatican in Rome. But before carving this statue, Michelangelo searched and searched for the perfect piece of white marble. He wanted to use a huge piece of white marble that did not have any flaws in it or black veins running through it.



In time, he found the perfect piece of marble and soon started carving his masterpiece. The end result was magnificent! Some time after Michelangelo was finished carving this statue, he went at night and carved a ribbon with his name on it, across the breast of the Virgin Mary. He did not want somebody else to claim his work!

Our Lady has a calm and peaceful expression of sadness on her face. Not the lip, but her hand, shows the sadness of Mary's soul. Jesus is resting in her lap and His face has a youthful beauty and a gentle sorrow on it.



Camp fire on the last night

When you look at the statue, what does the Virgin Mary seem to be thinking, as she gazes upon her poor, dead Jesus? She had never done anything to hurt her God and her Son. Is she praying for us? Is Mary wondering how man can be so cruel to sin and offend her Son?

Many of you may not know, but September 8th, is the day on which we celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a day when you can give the Virgin Mary a special present like, obeying your Mommy and Daddy all day long, or saying a few extra decades of the Rosary,

Blessed Sacrament if possible

These promises are serious and that is why one must prepare oneself carefully, by asking the advice of a priest. (The promises do not oblige under pain of sin). The enrolment is done during a special ceremony during which the future member replies to certain questions asked by the priest. He then promises to remain faithful to his promises and then he receives the badge of the Crusade which he will wear visibly and with a certain legitimate pride. Every enrolled Crusader automatically receives the monthly bulletin of the Crusade, "The Irish Crusader".

CARRY THE BADGE WITH PRIDE!



The badge of the Eucharistic Crusade, which may be worn only by those who have been duly admitted and remain faithful to their promise, is a Crusader's Cross with the emblem of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chalice and the Host, and the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas concerning the Blessed Eucharist: "*Ecce Panis Angelorum, Behold the Bread of Angels*". C and E stand for Crusade and Eucharist.

Prayer- It is the basic duty of all Christians and the Crusader says his prayers every day for the intentions of the Crusade and of the Church.

Communion- The Chalice with the Host reminds us of our resolve to receive the Blessed Eucharist at least weekly.

Penance- The Cross, which is the emblem of penance, reminds us of our resolve always to make acts of self-denial or sacrifices.

Apostolate- The carrying of the badge reminds us of the obligation of every Christian to be an apostle in this world bringing all others to the knowledge and love of Our Lord especially by good example.

Life of Anne de Guigné

Part 2, Loving the Good God (3)

Anne de Guigné fully understood that love does not exist unless there is a union between two wills, and that this union supposes many sacrifices. Two years later she would write, "A child who disobeys her parents and teachers, a child who is moody, jealous and lazy will serve God badly, will not do His Will. Obedience is the sanctity of children."

To help her in the formation of the children, Madame de Guigné turned to Mademoiselle Madeleine Basset, a young lady from a good family who was seeking a position. Her favorable influence soon reinforced their mother's. Mademoiselle Basset quickly became Nenette's confidante and friend. "Demoise" was the affectionate nickname that Nenette had for her tutor.

Mademoiselle Basset said: "On January 17, 1916, it was my joy---I should say my grace----to meet little Anne. She was then a little girl almost five years old, with brown eyes, a sweet, profound gaze, and ash blonde hair. A lovable little girl without any shyness, but not bold either. She already seemed to possess a wisdom beyond her age. She came to say good day to me in an unaffected and natural manner that I had never seen in a little child. I was struck by it. I was won over."

Anne's governess readily saw that the heart of her student was full of kindness without measure, much meekness and self-abnegation. At first she thought this child had been endowed with such a kind nature from birth; she received quite a surprise on learning through the confidences of Anne's mother that, quite the contrary, she had been turbulent, bad-tempered, impassioned, and jealous. Nenette's conversion did not exclude daily struggle, the beautiful combat of that of a child to master herself and please Jesus.

Demoise was to become the happy witness: Among the four children, little conflicts



would inevitably arise over a toy, a picture, a little nothing. Anne had not yet reached the point of altogether renouncing her legitimate claims. Even so, she ingeniously avoided arguments and disputes. Soon she would rise above this stage and attain total renouncement of whatever pleased her, in order to please others.

Part 3, Up to Heaven (1)

In the garden was a beautiful statue of Our Lady holding little Jesus. Nenette loved this statue and she named it Our Lady of Consolation. Whenever she found things hard, such as getting along with the other children and not quarreling, or suffering her terrible headaches quietly, she would run to the Blessed Mother to pray for help.

When Nenette was eight years old, she made up a little song to be used before Holy Communion.

O MARY, O MY GOOD MOTHER, GIVE ME YOUR SON!
FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE, PLACE HIM IN MY ARMS.
O MARY, PLEASE GIVE HIM TO ME. O MARY, I DESIRE YOUR SON.
GIVE HIM TO ME, GIVE HIM TO ME.

After Holy Communion she added these lines:

I AM HAPPY NOW, I HAVE HIM WITH ME.

When Jesus was in her heart, she did not forget His Mother, for she said, "When little Jesus comes into my heart, I always ask Mary to help me keep Him there."

The Angels were Nenette's friends. She made up songs which she sang to them. She often prayed to them when she was in need. When she saw that Jojo or her sisters were going to become impatient because their lesson was too hard or too long, she whispered to them, "Pray to your Guardian Angel; he will help you." Nenette's Guardian Angel was kept busy helping her and marking the many things she did in the Heavenly Book of Life.



Traditional Camp Photo

(Continues next month)