



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 as General Superior of the Society of Saint Pius X

May 2008 Intention:

For the triumph of our heavenly Mother

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 triumph of our heavenly Mother



FEBRUARY 2008 RESULTS

The Intention was for the return of the true spirit of sacrifice

Treasure Sheets	Offerings	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
			Sac.	Spirit.					
28	795	155	143	633	1495	3698	78	108	732

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.

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



The Irish Crusader

Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Children in Ireland

May 2008
Month of Our Lady

Dear Crusaders and Friends,



Look at your Rosary beads, that you use every day. They may be plastic, wood or marble beads. You might hold them with devotion, or handle them during prayers with little respect, even though they have been blessed by a priest. And yet, what do they represent? Each bead leads you through a prayer that Our Lord Himself or one of His Angels has taught us: one directed to God, the Our Father, and the other to His most Holy Mother, the Hail Mary.

What power then have you not in your hands, praying the Rosary! Our Lady asked the 3 children of Fatima to pray the Rosary every day. She asked that also of all the children of the world. God loves your prayers and He needs them. That is why you are part of the Crusade. We live in a time of battle and the Devil is trying to make people loose the Faith. This is the age of Our Lady. Only the devotion to Her Immaculate Heart will save our modern world. It is in your hands, dear Crusaders. The Rosary is the sword that will conquer once and for all the evil that is being spread in the world. Pray and make many communions and sacrifices for this intention, the triumph of our heavenly Mother.

May Jesus and Mary bless you and your family abundantly,
Father Paul Biérer +

My Rosary is a silver chain
that binds my soul to God.
My Rosary is a mystic wine
that grows in Heaven's sod.
The Aves from a rose bouquet
of white and red and gold
that strew along Our Lady's way
as each blest bead is told.
The mysteries are lessons learned
of life's true gain and loss,
and always at the Chaplet's end,
I find and kiss the Cross.

Our Lady Of Walcourt



Many years ago, in Belgium, a terrible warrior called Arbeus was terrorizing merchants and travellers in the Heure Valley. St. Maternus was an Apostle of the area, met with Arbeus and instructed him in the Catholic Faith, and converted him.

St. Maternus then chose a place for a chapel and put the Heure Valley under the protection of the Mother of God. He carved a statue of the Virgin Mary out of wood and then placed it in the chapel. The statue of Our Lady is in a sitting position and the Child Jesus is resting His head against her bosom. Our Lady looks somewhat serious and thoughtful. Because St. Maternus died in the year 347, Walcourt can be looked upon as one of the oldest shrines of Our Lady in the world.

Many years later, around the year 992, some wicked pirates burned the chapel of Our Lady of Walcourt, but God saved the statue of Our Lady—it did not burn! During that same year, Seigneur Wilderic began the rebuilding of another chapel. Many years later, in 1026, Bishop Reginald of Liege consecrated the finished chapel, and Our Lady's Shrine became a popular place of pilgrimage. People would travel from different areas to pray at the famous shrine of Our Lady of Walcourt.

One day, during the 1200's, some wicked person purposely set fire to the chapel of Our Lady of Walcourt. But during the fire, the townspeople saw the holy image of Our Lady of Walcourt rise up from the middle of the flames. Lifted by an angel, or the power of God, the statue of Our Lady was carried to a nearby place called Jardinet, where it was set on the branch of a tree! The people tried to take the statue of Our Lady out of the tree, but they were not able to. God was making the statue stay in the tree for a reason.

One day Count de Rochefort, the Seigneur of Walcourt, rode out to the tree on his horse. But the horse suddenly stepped backwards because the statue of Our Lady of Walcourt was surrounded by a great number of angels! Three times the Count tried to go towards the tree, but he was unable to. For some reason, God would not allow him to go near the tree!

Suddenly the Count got an idea; he got off his horse and knelt at the base of the tree. He then made a vow to God, promising to build a monastery in that valley and to build a new chapel for

the statue of Our Lady of Walcourt. Then a miracle happened. To the amazement of all the people, they saw the holy statue of Our Lady of Walcourt leave the tree and come down into the arms of Count de Rochefort! The Count then hurried back to Walcourt with the miraculous statue of Our Lady. The good Count kept his vow and built the monastery, and Cistercian Monks came and lived there. And the Count also built a beautiful chapel for the statue of Our Lady of Walcourt.

The chapel that was built by Count de Rochefort has had a number of fires in the past. In 1477, some enemies set fire to the chapel, but the statue and many articles were saved.

Summer Camps

For Girls July 11-20
For Boys July 20-26
In Co. Cavan
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In 1615, a fire in the village burned about 200 houses. The chapel's bell tower crashed to the ground and the fire did much damage to the church. During Napoleon's War, some soldiers used the chapel as their barracks and damaged many of the statues. During this time the villagers hid a bell which the enemies wanted to use for making bullets and cannonballs. Because of this the soldiers set fire to the chapel, but the fire was put out before it did much damage to the building.

In 1914, during World War II, some German soldiers purposely set fire to the chapel, saying that the French used the tower as a lookout, to spy on them. As about 1000 soldiers watched the flames burning the chapel, a courageous priest pushed his way past the soldiers and ran into the chapel. Rushing up to the high altar he grabbed the statue of Our Lady; saving it from destruction!

Because of the many miracles worked by Our Lady of Walcourt, in 1663, the Bishop of Namur started a Confraternity in honour of Our Lady. And in 1875, Pope Pius IX ordered a papal coronation of Our Lady of Walcourt—a golden crown with jewels, was placed on the head of the miraculous statue of Our Lady.

The people of Walcourt do something special every year in memory of the miracle of the statue of Our Lady of Walcourt's escape from the fire, and its being carried to a tree in Jardinet. On Trinity Sunday, the villagers wear costumes of the period of the 13th century. They attend Mass and have a procession on the six mile route taken by the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Walcourt, to and from Jardinet. Along the way are fifteen chapels, and as the people arrive at each chapel they stop to say some prayers and sing some songs. Gradually the group approaches a certain tree, and a villager; representing Count de Rochefort, goes up to the tree. After saying a prayer, another statue of Our Lady of Walcourt; already hanging in the tree, is placed in the man's arms. Then the villagers tear the tree apart, taking pieces of wood as mementos of the past miracle.

The End

May 31
Eucharistic Crusade Outing

Visit from Athlone
to Clonmacnoise
on the Viking ship

Holy Mass : 11 am
Departure : 12 noon
Lunch and visit
Back to Athlone at 5 pm

HOLY MASS



The Last Gospel