

## JANUARY 2007 RESULTS

The Intention was for the Eucharistic Crusade

Treasure Sheets	Offerings	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
			Sac.	Spirit.					
23	679	194	160	548	979	2913	54	67	751

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.

### April 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 Schools

#### 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 schools**.



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



# The Irish Crusader

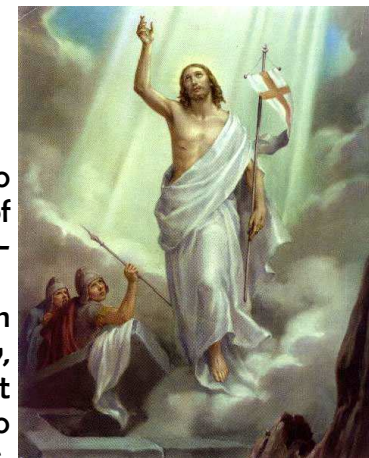
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The Eucharistic Crusade

April 2007

Month of the Resurrection of Our Lord

## The Eucharistic Crusade



Dear Crusaders,

**A**t the end of Lent, we come into Holy Week. The great week of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus-Christ. During the beautiful ceremonies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, we must follow Our Lord step by step in order to be aware of everything He did for us.

Read the texts in your missal or ask someone to read them to you. Pay particular attention to the account of the Passion of Jesus on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

On this Feast of Easter, I would like to encourage all who receive this bulletin to realise their attachment to the Crusade by making their engagement as Page, Crusader or Knight/Handmaid, if they want to. There will be in May a ceremony for all those who want to join the Eucharistic Crusade.

Also you will receive next month the application forms for the Summer Camps. A few boys and girls have already manifested their interest for the camp.

I wish you many graces for Holy Week and Easter!

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.

## Sacrifices

**A** Christian is a follower of Christ. During Lent we have intensified our sacrifices by giving up some things or accepting difficulties with generosity. This spirit of sacrifice must not stop. It is essential to the Christian life. Could we imagine Our Lord coming on earth without dying on the Cross? Then how could we have been saved?

To sacrifice is to make something sacred. Thus a simple action, offered for the love of God and united to the Sacrifice of Jesus, become sacred. The voluntary offering of a thing, difficult to do or to bear, for a higher purpose, that is the Love of God and forgiveness of sins, becomes a sacrifice.

Every sacrifice that we make takes its value from the Passion of Our Lord. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass represents the Passion and Death of Our Lord. So when we make a sacrifice, we become like Our Lord during His Passion. It was the most important moment of His life. Sacrifice is also a very important thing in our life. When we look at the lives of the saints. It is their spirit of sacrifice that edifies us.

Dear Crusaders, there are so many opportunities of sacrifice every day; to

obey without murmuring, to do one's duty promptly, to accept insults, to give up what one likes and choose what one does not like so much (in food or games), etc. Some find ways to remember how many sacrifices they have made during the day, for example by tying a knot to a piece of string they keep in their pocket or by making a special set of beads.

Write in the appropriate column the number of sacrifices you have counted.

### From Father's Mailbag

A mother of a family writes: "Thank you for the effort you put into the Eucharistic Crusade. The monthly leaflets are beautifully produced and most helpful for young people to help them focus on the things of God. Many thanks!"

Father answers: "Thank you for your encouragements and especially for the treasure sheet you sent back."

ning, and to help you have a happy attitude. We have heard their prayers and will help you."

Mary continued, "Connie, do you see the little Child Jesus in the manger?" The girl nodded. "He does not have any toys to play with, He is cold because He does not have too many blankets, but see, He is not crying, He is sleeping! And when He awakes, He likes to cuddle in my arms and His father's arms. Joseph and I, are also without the comforts of our home, and we did not complain when we had to go to Bethlehem, for the census that Caesar was taking. If you resign yourself to God's holy will and offer up your little sufferings to the Child Jesus, you will be most happy, and you will gain Heaven. You will try, won't you?"

Connie had tears in her eyes. She looked at Mary's lovely face and beautiful smile. "Yes, Mother Mary, I will try very hard not to complain and I will always ask you and Jesus and St. Joseph to help me."

Our Lady hugged Connie, and kissed her. When Connie woke up she begged Jesus and Mary to help her not to complain. You can also ask Jesus and Mary to help you not to complain, when you receive little crosses.

## HOLY MASS



The Credo

## *Connie the Complainer*

**C**onnie was always complaining. Nothing ever seemed to go well for her. She would grumble to herself or her friends, **"My dress is ugly, my Rosary is green instead of blue, my doll does not have blonde hair, my room is blue instead of pink, I always have too much homework, I never get enough time to play, my mother gives me spinach to eat, ...!"** Connie complained and complained and complained!!

Connie's father and mother worried about their little girl. They made many novenas to Jesus and Mary, to help their little girl have a happy attitude toward things, but Connie still did not change.

As the days went by, it was soon December, and mother was busy preparing cakes and cookies and special foods for the Christmas season. Connie helped her mother and she was a good little helper but she still complained about everything. Her father and mother continued to pray.

On Christmas Eve, Connie and her parents went to Midnight Mass. The choir sang like angels, and the church was decorated beautifully. The family returned home after Mass. They all had a little snack of Christmas cake, grapes and cheese, and a drink of eggnog.

Mary then went to bed, and that night she had a beautiful dream. She dreamed about Mary, Joseph, and the Child Jesus, in the cave at Bethlehem. Mary spoke, **"Connie, your father and mother have been begging my Son and I, to help you stop complai-**

## HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE?

In times gone by, those who left for the Holy Land to free the tomb of Our Lord promised to obey their chief, even if it cost them their lives. What did they receive in exchange? The grace to go straight to paradise if they were killed during the fight. What is more beautiful than that? He who wants to officially enter into the Eucharistic Crusade also makes promises. He starts off as a Page. If he is generous, after a while he is accepted as a Crusader. It is as a Crusader that he will pray, go to Communion, and make sacrifices so as to be a true apostle...until he is found worthy to be admitted as a Knight/Handmaid.

Here are the promises:

**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 and the Handmaid promise 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 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".

# Life of Anne de Guigné

## Part 1, Family Life

Little Anne and Jojo were followed by two sisters in three years, Madeleine and "Marinette" [Marie-Antoinette], the youngest of whom became the godchild of her oldest sister, Anne, which pleased her very much. Her happiness was short-lived for a few months later, this devout father died on the battlefield, but not before having gone to Confession the very day before. Captain de Guigné had previously written these words on a small card, knowing of the dangers of war.

"I bless Anne, Jacques, Madeleine and Marie-Antoinette." He had offered his life in service to country and for his children. His sacrifice was accepted by Heaven for Divine grace was to flower in his family, most especially in "Nenette". It was a sad day for the Guigné family when, on July 29th, 1915, the news was brought to them that they would see their dear father no more. When Nenette's mother told her what had happened, the little girl looked long at her with big, sorrowful eyes. All at once Nenette became a very serious little girl. She was only four years old. But she was the oldest in the family and now she must help to take care of mother, who would miss father very much. Her father must have prayed hard for his little girl, for Nenette made up her mind to be good from that day on. She knew that to be good meant to please her mother and that if she pleased her mother she would please God to Whom her father had gone.

All day long she tried to be thoughtful and to remember what she had been told to do. But most of all, she tried not to want her own way and not, to be selfish. She did her best to please Jojo and her sisters so that they, too, would be good. Jojo was too young to understand what had happened, so she would have to say to him over and over again, "Please, Jojo, let's be good. Mother is so sad."



Often in the middle of a game Nenette would run up to her mother, if she saw her look sad, and whisper in her ear, "Mother darling, don't cry, Daddy is in Heaven. He is so happy. He is happy forever. He will never be sad again." She would often lie awake at night waiting for mother's good-night kiss so that she could say a few words to make mother happy. "Mother dear," she would then say, "just think, Daddy can still see us, he loves us, and some day we will go to him. So don't be sad any more."

In many ways, Nenette tried hard to think of others. She never teased her brother and sisters any more, but did what they wanted. When she was playing games she would let them choose the game they wanted, or she would take the part no one else wanted.

The faith which makes it possible for us to accept suffering in view of our redemption, does not, all the same, do away with that suffering. Madame de Guigné did not weep as one who had no hope; but the painful loss after six years of a happy marriage left her in very deep sorrow which remained a long time.

"If you want to comfort me, you must be good," Mamma said with tear-filled eyes. Nenette understood that, although she was still so young, she could help to soften her dear Mamma's sorrow. In the depths of her soul, where the cross had just opened an abyss, she could hear another mysterious but very strong voice---that of the Holy Ghost. And the child answered "Yes" to His promptings. In her little heart, the Divine virtues infused by Baptism were awakened. Between God and this child's soul would soon exist a union of perfect love.

Two weeks after the death of Captain de Guigné, a solemn Mass was celebrated in the church of Annecy-le-Vieux. Anne attended it with her godmother, Aunt Jeanne. After Mass, her aunt continued her prayers for a while. A little later she said to her godchild, "Maybe this is a little long for you. Would you like my Rosary?" Anne replied very sincerely, "Oh no, Aunt Jeanne, I'm talking with little Jesus." And her aunt saw that she was gazing intently at the Tabernacle.

When she was only four, Nenette had already wished to receive Jesus. She had often spoken to her mother about her First Holy Communion and she had often asked her mother to tell her about the good Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. She understood well, young though she was, that bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at Holy Mass.

**Summer Camps**  
*For Girls July 16-22*  
*For Boys July 22-28*  
*In Co. Cavan*

*Contact Fr. Biérer*

*(Continues next month)*