

MARCH 2007 RESULTS

The Intention was for the relief of the sufferings of children

Treasure Sheets	Offerings	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
			Sac.	Spirit.					
32	929	246	215	850	1614	4611	51	46	990

Very good results this month although I had a few treasure sheets from previous months that came late.

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.

June 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 vocations

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 vocations**.



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



The Irish Crusader

Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Children in Ireland

Vocation

June 2007

Month of the Sacred Heart

Dear Crusaders,

From the time of the Apostles till now, there has always been priests and religious who devoted themselves to the service of Our Lord. It is thanks to thousands of priests and bishops that we still have our greatest treasure, the Blessed Sacrament, in our churches. During the centuries, God has called many young boys and girls to give their lives to Him. Many have answered "yes" to their vocation and have gone to seminaries, monasteries or convents; but many have been deaf to God's call, especially in our own days when the number of priests and religious brothers and sisters has dropped dramatically.

We are very happy to see a former Crusader become a priest as Rev. David Sherry will be ordained on June 29th in Ecône. He will come and visit us during the camp. Also this month, a former Handmaid is taking the habit in a convent near Rome. Let us be thankful to God for these blessings.

God is calling some of you to His service. Maybe you know, maybe you don't know yet. But make sure you are willing to listen. There is nothing better on this earth than to serve God within the Church or a religious Order. Of course, priests come from good families. So we need good husbands and wives to make good families. But how could there be good families without priests? Each vocation is a miracle.

Please note the **Eucharistic Crusade Meeting** in Athlone on Saturday, June 16th. Come for the spiritual benefits of Holy Mass and Benediction. There will also be a talk, some games and a walk.

Make sure you send back as soon as possible the forms for the **summer camp**. All children and teenagers are welcome.

Let us all strive to please in all things the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Father Paul Biérier +

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.

Visit to the Blessed Sacrament

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, we honour Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament in the most solemn manner.

Every time we come into the church, if we can see the red light burning, it means that Jesus is in the tabernacle. We should genuflect and adore Our Lord with the greatest respect. Then we go into the pew and kneel, staying there in silence for a few moments. There are many prayers one can say when visiting the Blessed Sacrament, or one can remain silent; but whatever we do, it should always come from the heart and be an expression of our love. It is in fact like a conversation we have with Jesus. We thank Him for the many graces received, ask for special intentions, or just remain there with our best Friend. Our hearts and minds are filled with peace when we are in the church, because Our Lord is there.

A visit to the Blessed Sacrament is very simple. Whether you are fortunate enough to be able to come to the church every day, or whether you live far from the church and only come on Sunday, every time you come to church, always make a visit to Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Then write on your treasure sheet the number of times you have visited Our Lord and spent a few moments with Him in the church. If the Crusade asks this from you, it is because it is good for your soul and being close to Our Lord in the church will make you closer to Him spiritually and thus holier.

Acts of Adoration

O Jesus, great God, present on the Altar, I bow down before Thee.

I adore Thee.

Jesus, accept my adoration and make it pleasing to Thee.

Jesus, I believe that Thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I believe it with all my heart and soul, because Thou, O my God, didst say so.

Jesus, I adore Thee above all things. May all Thou hast created give Thee thanks and praise and adore Thee forever. Amen.

“To you it was granted, by God’s command, to conserve the life of the Prophet Jonah, and then after three days, to throw him back, safe and sound, on dry land. It was you that gave the tribute-coin to Our Lord Jesus Christ when, because of his poverty, he had not wherewith to pay it. Finally, by a singular mystery, you served as nourishment of the eternal King Jesus Christ, before and after His Resurrection.

“Because of all these things, you are bound to glorify and bless the Lord who has given you blessings, so many and so much greater than the other creatures.”

Hearing these words and teachings of St. Anthony, the fish opened their mouths and bowed their heads, and with these and other signs of reverence they glorified God as much as was in their power. Then, St. Anthony, seeing the great reverence of the fish towards God their Creator, rejoiced greatly in spirit, and said in loud voice:

“Blessed be the eternal God, for the fishes of the sea glorify Him more than the men without faith, and the animals without reason listen to His word with greater attention than the sinful heretics.”

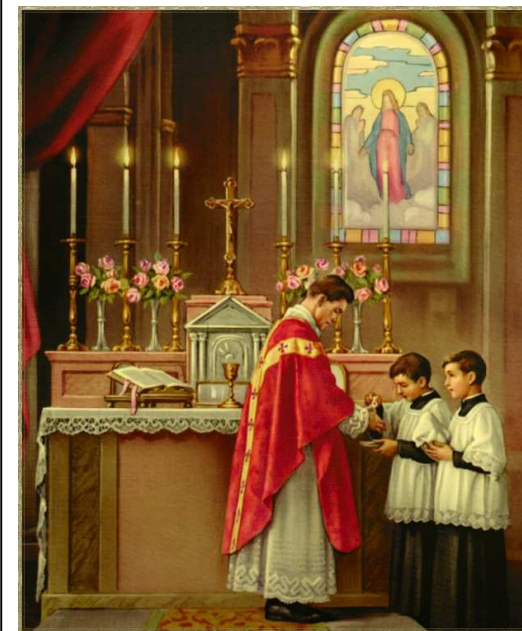
As St. Anthony continued to preach, the multitude of fish increased, and not one left the place it occupied.

The news of this miracle spread and the people of the city made haste to go and see it, including those hardened heretics we have spoken of above. The latter, seeing so marvelous and manifest a miracle, were touched in their hearts, and looked for St. Anthony to hear his words.

Then St. Anthony began to expound to them the Catholic Faith. So nobly did he preach that all those heretics were converted and returned to the true Catholic Faith. The faithful, also, were greatly comforted and strengthened in their faith.

After this, St. Anthony dismissed the fish with a blessing, and they all departed, giving marvelous signs of joy as they went. The people also, filled with joy, returned to the city. Then St. Anthony remained some days in Rimini, preaching and doing great spiritual good in the souls of his hearers.

HOLY MASS



The Lavabo

The Medieval Fish

A Miracle wrought by the ministry of the great St Anthony, Feastday: June 13th

Christ was willing to give proof of the great sanctity of His most faithful servant St. Anthony, as well as to show how men ought to listen devoutly to his preaching by means of irrational animals. On one occasion, amongst others, he made use of fish to reprove the folly of faithless heretics, even as we read in the Old Testament that in ancient times he reproved the ignorance of Balaam by the mouth of an ass.

St. Anthony was once in Rimini [Italy] where there were a great number of heretics. Wishing to lead them to the light of the veritable Faith and the way of truth, he preached to them for several days and reasoned with them on the Catholic Faith and Holy Scriptures. They not only resisted his words, but became more hardened of heart and obstinate, refusing to listen to him any longer.



Seeing this, St. Anthony, by divine inspiration, went down to the shore where the river runs into the sea. From the bank between the river and the sea, he started to preach to the fish in the name of God, and said:

"Listen to the word of God, O ye fishes of the sea and of the river, seeing that the faithless heretics refuse to do so."

No sooner had he spoken these words than suddenly so great a multitude of fish, both great and small, approached the bank on which he stood, that never before had so many been seen either in that sea or that river. All kept their heads out of the water and attentively gazed at the face of St. Anthony. All were arranged in perfect order and most peacefully, the smaller ones in front near the bank, after them came those a little bigger, and last of all, where the water was deeper, the largest.

When they had placed themselves in this order, St. Anthony began to preach to them most solemnly, saying:

"My brother fishes, you are greatly obliged, as much as in your power, to return thanks to your Creator Who has given you so noble an element for your dwelling; for you have at your choice both sweet water and salt water. He gave you many places of refuge from the storms; He gave you yet more the pure and transparent water and the food for you to live. When God, your bountiful and kind Creator, made you, He gave you as a command to increase and multiply, and He gave you His blessing. In the universal Deluge, all the other creatures perished, and you alone were preserved from all harm. He gave you fins to enable you to go where you will.

A Martyr of the Eucharist

St Tarcisus, Patron Saint of Altar-Boys

Tarcisus was a twelve-year-old acolyte during one of the fierce Roman persecutions of the third century, probably during that of Valerian. Each day, from a secret meeting place in the catacombs where Christians gathered for Mass, a deacon would be sent to the prisons to carry the Eucharist to those Christians condemned to die. At one point, there was no deacon to send and so St. Tarcisus, an acolyte, was sent carrying the "Holy Mysteries" to those in prison.

On the way, he was stopped by boys his own age who were not Christians but knew him as a playmate and lover of games. He was asked to join their games, but this time he refused and the crowd of boys noticed that he was carrying something. Somehow, he was also recognized as a Christian, and the small gang of boys, anxious to view the Christian "Mysteries," became a mob and turned upon Tarcisus with fury. He went down under the blows, and it is believed that a fellow Christian drove off the mob and rescued the young acolyte.

The mangled body of Tarcisus was carried back to the catacombs, but the boy died on the way from his injuries. He was buried in the cemetery of St. Callistus, and his relics are claimed by the church of San Silvestro in Capite.

In the fourth century, Pope St. Damasus wrote a poem about this "boy-martyr of the Eucharist" and says that, like another St. Stephen, he suffered a violent death at the hands of a mob rather than give up the Sacred Body to "raging dogs." His story became well known when Cardinal Wiseman made it a part of his novel *Fabiola*, in which the story of the young acolyte is dramatized and a very moving account given of his martyrdom and death.

Tarcisus, one of the patron saints of altar boys, has always been an example of youthful courage and devotion, and his story was one that was told again and again to urge others to a like heroism in suffering for their faith. In the *Pasion of Pope Stephen*, written in the sixth century, Tarcisus is said to be an acolyte of the pope himself and, if so, this explains the great veneration in which he was held and the reason why he was chosen for so difficult a mission.

Thought for the Day: Mere boys can become saints, and youth is no barrier to holiness. The call to holiness begins at baptism, and we do not have to wait for old age and gray hair to serve God. Youthful saints tell us something about sanctity, and their example is especially luminous as they dedicate their young lives to God.



Life of Anne de Guigné

Part 1, Family Life (3)

About a year and a half later, Jojo received his First Holy Communion. Many times before the happy day came, his sister would say to him, "Oh, my Jojo, you will be so happy when little Jesus comes into your heart. You cannot imagine how lovely it is!"

Nenette was happy to have Jojo go with her to the Communion rail. The day before, she would often remind him to get his heart ready and she would help him to say little prayers of love. One day when Jojo and his sister went to Mass alone, Nenette helped her little brother make his thanksgiving just as Mother did when she was there. She put her arms around him and slowly and softly whispered to him the sweet and simple prayers that she always said to Jesus. Jojo said each prayer after Nenette with his hands folded tight and his eyes closed. Don't you think the dear Lord must have been much pleased?

When her sisters made their First Holy Communion, Nenette also helped to prepare them. She made a pretty little booklet all by herself which she gave to Leleine. Here and there on the pages she drew tiny flowers. On the first page, she drew a chalice with a host and wrote below:

O JESUS OF MY FIRST COMMUNION, I LOVE YOU.

On the second page, she wrote:

O JESUS WHO HAS GIVEN ME MANY GRACES ON THIS BEAUTIFUL DAY, I LOVE YOU.

On the third page were three short but sweet prayers:

JESUS, I ADORE YOU. JESUS, I LOVE YOU.
JESUS, I THANK YOU.



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Then on the last page, she wrote her sister's name and the date.

Part 2, Loving the Good God

Little by little, Nenette became more like Jesus. It did not happen all at once; oh, no, she worked hard each day. She kept this thought in her mind, "Jesus must live and grow in me." To do things that were hard for her became her great joy. She called them her sacrifices. "We have many joys on this earth," she said, "but they do not last; the only joy that lasts is to have made a sacrifice." With each sacrifice she made an act of love, and, then, offered it to Jesus.

Mother Saint Raymond, who was one of the Sisters at school, read to the children the story of Nellie of Holy God, a pious little girl from Cork in Ireland, who died when she was four and a half years old. The children loved the story and some thought it was nice to die young because one would then surely go to Heaven.

"If you die right after Baptism," said one, "you will go straight to Heaven."

"But I should be afraid to die," said another.

"I would like to become a big lady and to have little children like my mamma, and to live a long time," said a third.

"Yes, but what if you commit sins? If you die now, your heart is pure and you will not have to go to Purgatory," added another.

Mother Saint Raymond looked at Nenette, who had said nothing. "And what do you think, Nenette?" she asked. All the children turned to Nenette, who answered sweetly, "A long life is a blessing because then we can suffer much for Jesus."

(Continues next month)

