

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

## April 2008 Intention:

In reparation for the outrages committed against Jesus in the Holy Eucharist

### 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 **in reparation for the outrages committed against Jesus in the Holy Eucharist**



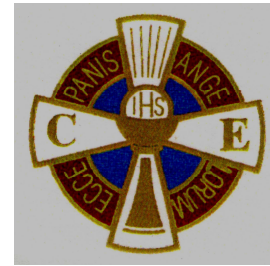
## JANUARY 2008 RESULTS

The Intention was for Christian governments

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.

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

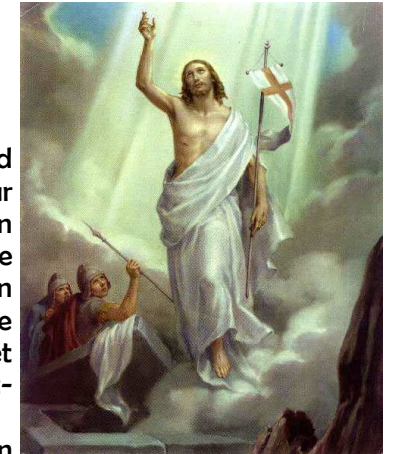


# The Irish Crusader

*Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Children in Ireland*

April 2008  
Month of the Resurrection

**Haec Dies quam fecit Dominus,  
exultemus and laetemur in ea!**  
*This is the day which the Lord has made,  
let us rejoice and be happy in it!*



Dear Crusaders and Friends,

**T**he day of the Resurrection is indeed the day of the Lord. On that day, Our Lord Jesus has conquered death, sin and the devil, and has opened for us the gates of Heaven. On that day, He has given to all those who will believe in His name the possibility of becoming children of God. So let us rejoice on the day of Easter, for our salvation has finally come.

Jesus promised us that He will stay on earth until the end of the world. He does this in the Holy Eucharist. We can find Our Lord in every church in the world, where the true Sacrifice of the Mass is offered. The Holy Eucharist is the greatest proof of God's love for men. And yet, as so many people did not recognize Our Lord as the Son of God and crucified Him on Good Friday, as many people now crucify Our Lord again by the sacrileges they commit, the lack of respect they have for the Blessed Sacrament, taking Communion in the hands or lay people distributing Communion in the modern churches.

My dear children, the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest treasure we have, it is the food of our soul. It reminds us of the Passion of Jesus, gives us not only Grace, but the Source of Grace, GOD, and is an assurance for us that we will have one day eternal life in Heaven if we receive Our Lord worthily. So let us increase our devotion towards the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion in May or in June.

May Jesus and Mary protect you and your family,

Father Paul Biérer +

## HOW TO BEHAVE IN A CHURCH

Things to remember when visiting God's house:

- \* The Church is a sacred place. Always show respect for God and the church.
- \* Always genuflect to the Tabernacle. Jesus is present.
- \* Do not talk in the church, especially during Holy Mass or any ceremony.
- \* Do not bring games or toys to the church.
- \* Try to go to the restroom before Church. If you must go, leave by the back door and be as quiet and quick as possible.
- \* Do not stand on the seats or put your feet on the pew in front of you.
- \* Take your bulletin and other papers with you when you leave..
- \* Always walk in the Church, do not run.
- \* Do not eat food or candy, chew gum or take anything to drink into the church.
- \* Take good care of church property and buildings.
- \* Be kind to other people.
- \* Be a good listener, especially to sermons.
- \* Follow the prayers in your missal or prayer-book.

## Questions for an Apostle

VIII. *Who gave the Catholic Church authority to teach?*

Jesus Christ, when He told His Apostles: "Go ... and teach all nations." He promised that His Church (and the Pope who is the Head) should not teach false doctrine.

IX. *But there have been several Bad Popes!*

So much the worse for them! Their judgment will be a severe one. But a sinful man can yet teach correct doctrine. Christ did not promise that each member of His Church, pope or peasant, duke or dustman, etc., should lead lives free from sins.

X. *Is not one religion as good as another?*

Our Lord founded one Church only to last for all time, He said: "Upon this rock I will build My Church and the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." He also said, "I shall be with you all days, etc." This Church or Religion founded by Our Lord is the Catholic Church. It is ridiculous to say that a religion founded by man is as good as one founded by God. You might as well say that a half-crown made by a coiner is as good as one issued by the Mint.

The Catholic Church is Our Lord's own Church or religion. Most of the non-Catholic religions were founded by persons such as King Henry, Queen Elizabeth, Martin Luther, John Knox, Calvin, etc.

David ran to the king and told him what he had seen and heard.

He said that he would fight the giant. The king said, "No one will fight Goliath. You are just a boy. You haven't a chance against the giant."

"When I was tending my sheep", ' David said, "the lions would come. God would protect me from them. He will protect me from this giant, too."

The king finally agreed to let David fight Goliath.

David left to meet Goliath.

On his way, he stopped to pick up some stones for his sling. Goliath was still standing in the middle of the field. He was dressed in his finest armor and ready for battle.

David was dressed in his simple clothes.

Goliath was ready to fight David.

David took out a stone and placed it in the sling.

He spun the sling round and round.

With all his might, he sent the stone sailing.

The stone hit Goliath. The giant came crashing to the ground.

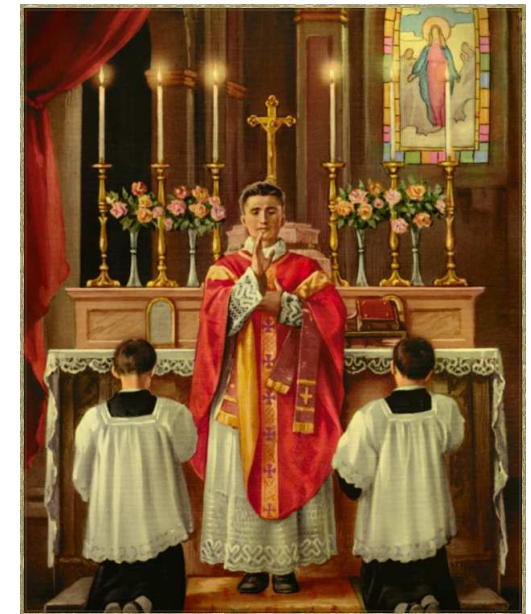
David knew that God had helped him.

He thanked God.

You too, always trust in the Grace of God.



## HOLY MASS



The Blessing



## David and Goliath

David was a boy.  
He lived in Bethlehem.  
He was the youngest and the smallest of eight brothers.  
David would tend his fathers sheep.  
He would soothe them by making beautiful music on his lyre.

All the people of Bethlehem loved to hear him play.  
One day a man came to David.

He said, " King Saul sent me. He is very sad and asks if you will play your sweet music for him."  
"Of course, I will come", replied David.

David left that same day and rode a donkey to the king's house.

He played and sang his songs for the king.

Soon, King Saul was happy again and asked David to remain with him and cheer him with his wonderful music.  
David agreed and stayed with the king for many months.  
Soon King Saul got word that an army was marching toward Israel.

He had to leave and lead his soldiers in battle.

He sent David home.

One day, David went to find his brothers.

When he got there, he saw two armies standing across a field from each other.

In the middle of the field some men were talking to a huge man.

He was the biggest man David had ever seen.

He was a giant.

The giant roared, "Send out your best warrior and I, Goliath, will defeat him!"

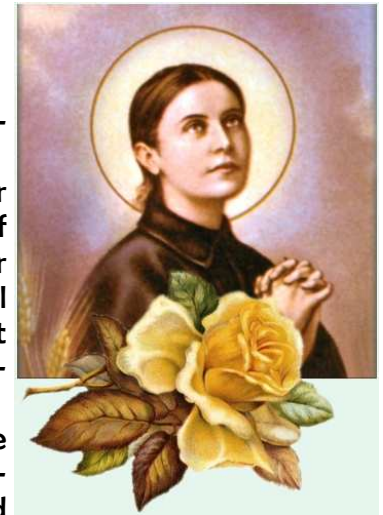


## Angels and Saints

**S**t. Gemma Galgani has her feast-day on April 16th.

Almost in our own day this dear girl Saint also had the privilege of frequent and intimate converse with her Angel Guardian. Sometimes the Angel and Gemma entered into a holy contest as to which of them could say more lovingly the Name of Jesus.

Her interviews with the dear Angel were of a simple and familiar nature. She chatted with him, gazed on his face, asked him many questions, to which he replied with ineffable love and affection.



### Prayer for Obtaining Graces

*Composed by St. Gemma Galgani*

Behold me at Thy Sacred Feet,  
dear Jesus,

to acknowledge my gratitude  
for the many favors shown me.

As often as I have invoked Thee,  
Thou hast always granted my prayer:  
as often as I have had recourse to Thee,  
Thou hast consoled me.

How can I express my gratitude,  
dear Jesus? I thank Thee. But I wish  
another grace: O my God, if it please  
Thee, grant me . . . *(say the grace you want to receive)*

If Thou were not Omnipotent  
I would not make this request.

O Jesus, have mercy on me.  
May Thy holy will be done in all things.

He took messages from her to Our Lord, to the Blessed Virgin and the Saints and brought her back their answers.

Moreover, this glorious Angel took the tenderest care of his protegee. He taught her to pray and meditate, especially on the Passion and sufferings of Our Lord. He gave her admirable counsels and lovingly reproved her when she committed any little faults. Under his guidance, Gemma speedily reached a high degree of perfection.

## A STORY OF CHILDREN

### Reggie

A few years ago in a large convent school you might have seen a happy band of children getting ready for their First Holy Communion. Such little mites they looked, nine boys and seven girls, the youngest only six, the eldest eight years old. Though they were so young they were very much in earnest, all trying to fill their hearts with beautiful flowers for Little Baby Jesus. Day after day they would come running in to tell Sister of some fresh flower just added to the rest. It would be: "Sister, I gave a penny to a poor boy coming to school!" Or: "Sister, I turned the rope three times instead of jumping." Or a fidgety little mite would say: "Sister, I never looked round once the whole lesson." and so on, each wanting Sister to know how much he or she was trying.

The First Communion Day was to be on the 25th of March, the beautiful Feast of the Annunciation. Now all preparations were made. Each little soul had been washed in the Precious Blood of Our Dear Lord in Confession the day before, and the great morning of the 25th had come. Such a beautiful spring morning it was. One by one the children arrived, the little girls in their white dresses with their snowy veils and wreaths of roses on their heads, and the little boys in nice suits. As they came in, each sat quietly in a little chair in class, until all were ready. One little lad, in changing his shoes, had soiled his fingers and asked if he might go and wash them. "I couldn't go to Holy Communion with dirty fingers, could I, Sister?" he said as he went. Alas! how little Sister or he thought what that little act would cost him.

As he was washing his fingers he spied a little cup just beside the basin. Without a thought he filled it to the brim and took a long refreshing drink, then, running quickly back to the others he sat down contentedly in his chair. Two minutes later there was a knock at the door. Sister was wanted. One of the servants was there; she came to say she thought-----she wasn't sure, but she thought she had caught sight of one of the little gentlemen taking a drink of water. Sister's heart sank within her. Could it be true? Returning to the children she said quietly, "Did any little boy forget and take a drink of water?"

Poor little Reggie! In an instant it flashed into his mind what he had done. With the remembrance came the temptation not to tell, but it was only for a moment No, he would be brave. White as his little suit, and trembling from head to foot, he looked up at the Sister. " Oh; Sister, I did-----I never thought Oh, Sister, what can I do?"

Tenderly drawing the child to her side Sister tried to comfort him, telling

him that he need only wait till tomorrow. But the poor little fellow seemed quite stunned, unable to realize what it all meant. Then they went up to chapel in procession. Reggie knelt beside Sister. What were his thoughts as he knelt there in that beautiful chapel, watching the priest and listening to the sweet singing? Presently the bell rang for the Elevation. Then the children made aloud their short "Acts before Holy Communion." The longed-for moment had at last arrived. Slowly and reverently the little ones went up to the altar rails-----all but Reggie. Only then did the truth really dawn upon him-----Baby Jesus could not come into his heart. All would receive Him, only he would be left out. Poor little Reggie, he burst into passionate sobs, startling all in the chapel. He was obliged to be taken out that the others might not be disturbed.

All that day he joined with the others in their games and amusements. Such a sad little face he had among the others whose hearts were overflowing with peace and happiness.

But the next morning very early, when all his little companions of the day before were still in bed, Reggie's father and mother brought him once more to the convent. No music and singing to be heard today. All the music was in Reggie's heart as at last Baby Jesus entered it for the first time. How much he had to tell Him-----all about the long weeks of preparation and then about the bitter disappointment of the day before. But how happy he was now, and how quickly the moments flew. "I had to finish talking to Jesus all the way out of chapel!" he said. But I don't think he or his little companions could ever forget that they must be "fasting from midnight."

*NOTE FROM FATHER: The Traditional fast used to be from midnight until recently, when it was brought to 3 hours, and in the last few years to just 1 hour before communion.*

*Remember from this little story how important it is for all of us to fast in respect for the Holy Eucharist. You may eat or drink until 1 hour before Communion, but it is better to keep the 3 hour fast. Those who are sick or have to travel a long way may also follow the 1 hour fast. Also water does not break the fast any more, as it did in the time of little Reggie. Offer the fast as well, in reparation for the outrages committed against the Holy Eucharist, for people in the modern churches taking Communion in the hands and many other sacrileges.*

