



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

June 2009 Intention:

For the new priests and
for all priests to attain sacerdotal holiness

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 new priests and
for all priests to attain sacerdotal holiness**

*Send back you treasure!
18 less than in December!*



FEBRUARY 2009 RESULTS

The Intention was for the sick

Treasure Sheets	Offerings	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
			Sac.	Spirit.					
20	479	152	146	341	647	2750	71	84	188

Remember that all the good works and prayers from your treasure sheets are given each month to Bishop Fellay and His Excellency offers them at his Mass on the first Saturday of every month.

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Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

LOVE AND GENEROSITY



Dear Crusaders and Friends,

Both the intention of our morning offering for the month and the fact that this month is dedicated to the Sacred Heart inspire me to choose these topics, LOVE and GENEROSITY, which are related, and closely connected, in a Christian heart.

« What greater love is there, than to lay down one's life for one's friends? »

We tend to be selfish, and often, we are ready to love, but only if we can get something in return. What a terrible attitude towards love! LOVE is pure, selfless, patient, and produces many virtues in the human heart, one of those virtues being GENEROSITY.

Priests and religious devote their lives to God and the salvation of souls. Their mission is inspired by love and generosity. They give their time, energy and talents with GENEROSITY in order to do the work of God, that is, to spread the LOVE of God in the world.

As children and young people, you must also practice LOVE and GENEROSITY in your daily life. There are many occasions when you can show love to your neighbour. And Love has to be manifested in actions; that is when generosity comes in. You must learn to forget yourselves in order to help others who are in need. You have to realise how even a small act of charity can bring much happiness to someone who is feeling abandoned for one reason or another. Generosity will make you heroes for

those that you help, and your only motive for helping them is the love of God that is burning in your heart.

What is more, the Sacred Heart of Jesus in burning for us, and yet we are so insensitive and selfish. Now is the time to come close to Jesus, to put our heads on His Heart like St John at the last Supper, and listen to what He says to us. Every day, He puts in our hearts good desires to do our duty and to practice Christian virtues. Unfortunately, our weakness and our sins keep us from paying attention to these good inspirations, and we are content to live an apparently comfortable life in mediocrity, doing the minimum.

This is the trap of the Devil, and it is easy to fall into it. Beware of the spirit of the world! That is why we need to keep up with our most important duty, that of prayer. This month, pray for the priests, the newly-ordained ones, and those who are celebrating many years of priesthood, 25 years for Fr Anglés, 30 for Fr Babinet, 14 for Fr Loschi, 17 for Fr Nichols, and 10 for your servant. May God reward their love and generosity during all those years. On your side, make an effort with your spiritual life, and note the prayers and sacrifices you are making on your treasure sheet, and SEND them back. Some of you must have quite a collection at home, unless you use them for lighting the fire...

Talking about the spirit of the world, it is a constant temptation for all of us, to be surrounded by people who follow fashions, worldly entertainment, technology. It is not easy to grow up in our world. We see everyone around us, seemingly enjoying the modern way of life. It seems so natural, but IT IS NOT. Our Lord gives us the grace to be faithful to Him and to resist the worldly spirit. The Saints are those who renounced following the ways of the world, shining with your virtues, and glorifying your Father in Heaven? I do hope that practicing **GENEROSITY** will help you understand that it requires sacrifice, selflessness and charity. Look at the generosity of your parents. They give everything they have for your education, spiritual, moral, physical. Be grateful for that. Look at the generosity of your priests. They spend hours on the road to go and say Holy Mass in our churches and chapels. They spend hours in the confessional, forgiving sins. They spend hours in prayers every day, especially at the altar, offering the Holy Sacrifice for your intentions and those of the Church.

Be yourselves **GENEROUS** in return. Love to give, love to help, and forget you own wishes to attend to those of your family and neighbours.

And God will give you back a thousandfold and eternal life!

With my best wishes and blessings, in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Father Paul Biérier +

BAPTISM OF CLOVIS.

Towards the end of the sixth century the whole of Gaul, or modern France, fell under the power of the Franks, who gave their name to the country. At that time they were under the command of King Clovis, who was yet a pagan, though he had married a virtuous Christian Princess named S. Clotildis. The latter labored earnestly and prayed continually for the conversion of her husband, who, though fierce and hasty like the race to which he belonged, was possessed of a noble disposition and generous heart. All her efforts, however, appeared unavailing. It happened at length that Clovis was on the point of marching forth to a decisive engagement with a neighboring nation, which had been for some time threatening his kingdom. Clotildis on this occasion renewed her entreaties, and exhorted her husband, if hard pressed by his enemies, to call on the God of the Christians, and promise to renounce the abominations of idolatry. He did so and was victorious, upon which he at once placed himself, along with his principal nobles, under the instructions of S. Remigius, the Archbishop of Rheims, to be prepared for the Sacrament of Baptism. The solemn festival of Christmas was chosen for the celebration of the sacred rite, and the King, laying aside his crown and royal robes, and covering himself with ashes, spent the intervening time in fervent prayer and works of penance. Meanwhile the neighboring Bishops assembled to assist at the sacred ceremony, and the cathedral was adorned for the occasion by the piety and liberality of S. Clotildis. The day having at length arrived, Clovis and his attendant nobles were Baptized with the greatest solemnity in presence of a countless multitude. On arriving at the sacred font, the holy Bishop, turning to the King, thus addressed him: "Bow down thy head with meekness, great Sicambrian Prince. Henceforth **adore what thou burned, and burn what thou hast hitherto adored.**" He then conferred upon him the Sacrament of Baptism, which the King received with the deepest sentiments of humility and contrition.



The Holy Name of Jesus

A long time ago there lived a lady named Agnes, who was a very good Catholic and who had a very great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She took great pleasure in saying, *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us*, for at least 200 times every day. She also taught her children to love and say this prayer as well.

Everyday, Agnes would tell her children to have a very great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and that they would always get many blessings throughout their lives if they would continue this simple devotion.

The years passed by and one day, Agnes became very sick. Her husband had died of cancer a few years before, and now she herself had cancer! When the children found out, they begged Jesus, *"Please cure our good mother! Remember how much she loves Your Sacred Heart and how she taught us to love Your Sacred Heart?"* The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was on June 14th that year and there was only one week left before the great feast.

The children decided to do something special in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They all went to empty their piggy banks, to see how much money they had. John, the oldest had \$8.00, Martha had \$6.00, Susan had \$4.00, Mark had \$3.00 and Marie had \$2.00. It all amounted to \$23.00.

Now in those days, \$23.00 was a lot of money. They thought it over and decided to get a cement statue of the Sacred Heart. They would make a little shrine outside in their back yard and plant little flowers in front of the statue as well. John called up the hardware store, and asked Mr. Jones if he still had some statues of the Sacred Heart for sale. *"I most certainly do John,"* Mr. Jones answered, *"In fact; they are on sale for \$20.00!"* John thanked Mr. Jones, grabbed his wagon and was at the store in ten minutes. He picked up the statue and some violets, and off he ran, back home again. All the children were excited! Such clapping and shouting went on. And mother could not hear the noise, as she was gone to see the doctor.

The children quickly set to work, and in about two hours they had a beautiful shrine. The little violets in front of the statue, made it look even more attractive. When the children were done, they all knelt down to pray before their new shrine. They begged Jesus to cure their poor, sick mother.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus looked down from Heaven and smiled at the good children. Just then, their mother arrived and looked through the kitchen window. She saw her dear children praying before the new shrine. She ran outside, *"My children, I am cured! I no longer have cancer!"* The children hugged and kissed their mother and then they all knelt down to thank Jesus for the cure. Jesus rewarded the children for their simple faith and good works. They knew that God is powerful and would answer their prayers.

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Call on Jesus often during this month, and remember to thank Him for the many graces He has given you in the past. Jesus is ready to help you and He loves to hear your prayers. He loves to see you have devotion to His most Sacred Heart. Jesus asked us to have this devotion when He appeared to St. Margaret Mary. Let us love the Sacred Heart of Jesus and make our Nine First Fridays until our death! *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on Us!*

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. It will show you whether you improve or not, where are your weak points, and when you send it back, it is put together with all the treasures of children around the world as a massive treasure, which the Church uses for the **conversion of sinners**.

Every night mark down what you have done this day. Row 1 the first day of the month. Mark each box with a number if you have done something, otherwise leave the box empty.

For the Daily Offering, mark 1 when you say the morning offering.

In the column for Masses, mark the number of masses you attended with fervour and devotion that day. Put nothing if you have not attended Holy Mass that day.

In the column for Communions with the (+) symbol, put a 1 if you have received Holy Communion and nothing if you haven't.

Where it is marked Spiritual, mark how many spiritual communions you have made that day, or nothing if you haven't.

Mark Sacrifices how many good works you did, or what you gave up, your school work, or home work, or house work, any thing you could offer to Jesus. There can be many each day. Remember to count them.

Put the number of Decades of the Rosary you have said.

In the Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, mark how many times you visited Jesus in a good Catholic Church.

For 15 minutes, we pray and meditate, quietly. We can use holy and spiritual books during that time.

In the last column, mark the number of times you have shown the good example to those around you.

After the end of the month total up, add up each of the columns at the bottom, and send back to the chaplain in Dun Laoghaire.

June 20th, 2009

Eucharistic Crusade Outing

Ogulla Holy Well

Holy Mass in Athlone : 11 am

Departure : 12 noon

Lunch and visit of Holy Well

and Old Tulsk Abbey

Return home after visit.

SAINTS FOR CHILDREN

Tony Martinez of Spain (1920-1929)

Part 2



Another time he got into a quarrel with a boy on the street. Tony picked up a stone to throw at the other boy in order to defend himself, but just then the maid came and took Tony home. He told the maid, *"If I catch that boy tomorrow morning I'll smash his head, that's what I'll do!"* But after some time he became calm and told his mother, *"You know it's hard for me not to be angry at that fellow. But this would offend Jesus, so I will forgive the scamp and in that way I will make Jesus happy!"* Tony struggled for a few days to overcome his anger but in the end he became a good friend with the boy who quarrelled with him.

One day Tony told his mother, *"I don't like it at all that I am so wilful and not meek and humble like Jesus." Then his mother told him to say this prayer every day, "Jesus meek and humble of heart make my heart like unto Thine!"* Tony said this prayer after every Holy Communion and he also asked Jesus to take away his envy. Some time later he told his mother, *"Mamma, I no longer get angry, or envious, or want to take revenge! Now I am simply asking Jesus to make me holy!"*

Tony had a very weak stomach. His throat was also sore and caused him pain. He wanted sweets and candies but he got very thin when he ate such things. The doctor said that he should not eat any sweets and that he should drink a lot of milk, and eat things made from milk. Tony did not like these foods but he made a sacrifice saying, *"Because it is a hard thing for me to do, I will do it for little Jesus."* And Tony had to make another sacrifice too; when others were eating sweet fruits at the meal, he could only watch then and did not ask for any.

Often Tony received some money for a present. At first he used to save it in his little bank, and then he started giving pennies to the poor. One time he told his mother, *"I have less money in my bank because I gave so much to the poor!"* But his mother replied, *"Don't worry about that Tony. The money you give to the poor, you give to God!"* And from then on Tony gave even more of his money to the poor people that he would see on the street.

Tony loved and respected priests. He even wanted to become a priest so that he could hold Jesus in his hands and so that he could tell children many things about Jesus and preach to the grown-up people. He would often explain to other children, the Catechism lessons he had learned because they did not know their Catechism well. And he would often go up to older people and tell them to correct their bad ways or at least to become good practising Catholics.

The boy continued trying to become holy. He tried to avoid every sin, even the smallest! And he was always very kind and good to everybody. One time when he was not yet five years old, Tony noticed a lady in church who could only with

difficulty, walk back to her seat after receiving Holy Communion. At once he went up to her, took her by the hand and tried to support her. In return for this kind deed, the lady told Tony that she would pray for him. To which the boy replied, *"Then pray to Jesus that He may never let me commit a mortal sin!"*

It seems that Tony knew somehow, that he was going to die young. His mother was worried about this and wanted to have Tony take care of her when she was old. But he told her, *"Oh, Mamma, do not give way to useless worry. God will give you still more children!"*

On February 3, 1929, Tony's last illness began; he had a high fever and a very sore throat and during the night he had painful choking spells. On February 21st, two days before he died, he asked his mother to buy him a picture of the Holy Family because he said he wanted to have Jesus, Mary and Joseph with him. The picture was given to him and he prayed to the Holy Family for help during his last temptations.

When he felt that death was near, he told his mother, *"Mamma, do not cry when I die, because I am going to Heaven! What I have to suffer now is my Purgatory!"*

When Tony tried to eat, he could swallow almost nothing, and when with great pain he was able to take a little nourishment, he would vomit it up again. Tony's Confessor, Fr. Janez, told the boy to offer up all his pains for the Holy Father, as a present for the Golden Jubilee of his priesthood.

A few days later, Tony said, *"Mamma, I send the Holy Father many sufferings. You do not know at all how much I am giving him!"* Then Tony made his last will and testament. He took the \$7.00 out of his little bank and he asked that the money be given to Fr. Janez, for decorating the church.

On February 22nd, Tony's condition became so much worse that it was decided to give him the Last Sacraments. So Fr. Janez came to see him during the night and he came again at 4:30, the following morning. At that time Tony received his last Holy Communion and after a few moments he said in a calm and cheerful whisper, *"I am dying! I am dying!"* He said a loving goodbye to his father, mother, and grandmother, and shortly afterwards he breathed forth his innocent soul. It was on Saturday, February 23, 1929.

The first thing that Tony sent down from Heaven to his dear parents and grandmother, was a very deep peace of heart and a holy joy of the fact that their little boy was with God in Heaven. And later on through his help from Heaven, Tony obtained from God many graces for his parents and other people.

Pray that you may also be good like little Tony and that you may never commit a mortal sin, even if it means you must die, in order to do so!

Summer Camps

2009

For Girls July 10-19

For Boys July 19-25

In Co. Cavan

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