

Educating the Youth to Live the Mass

Experts from the Manual of the

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GROUP FOR THE VERY YOUNG

The *Norms* allow the institution of a Group for children under six years of age. The need of spiritual care for these children is felt not only by the Crusade, but generally by those who have charge of the pastoral care of children. This urgent need is especially apparent in regions where ignorance of religion is very great and the influence of atheistic materialism has invaded the family.

To set up this group — which however can be called a group of the Crusade only in a very wide sense — it is necessary first of all to find someone, a nun or a woman teacher, who is fitted to carry out the religious training of these little ones.

The purpose of this group is to give to children the timely religious education which is neglected at home. Therefore they should be told about God Our Creator, Our heavenly Father, Who loves us and wants us one day to come to Him in heaven. They should be told also about Christ Our Lord Whom He sent to earth to lead us to the Father in heaven, because men were evil and could no longer get to heaven by themselves. The chief thing however is that children know and love God.

The instruction must be given in the simplest way, by stories, conversations, games — anything that will help the children to learn to love God. As much as possible the mothers should be invited to these instructions. For in them they can learn how to talk about religious matters to their children and how to give the first religious training. The mothers often learn more by this attendance at Crusade instructions than by instructions directly aimed at them for they generally prefer to be present at the instructions of their children than to be talked to themselves.

Since this group is not part of the Crusade proper but rather a preparation for the first Age-group, there should be no special reception nor should the little ones be considered Crusaders.



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The Lamb of God

THE SOLDIERS *Little Talks to Little People*

Dear Crusaders,

As usual, the season of Advent will cover most of the month of December. We will have only four weeks to get ready for Christmas. Too bad! When they are thinking about Christmas, many people don't pay much attention to the time of Advent.

As the time of Advent is short, you need someone to help you to find out the right path that will lead you to the crib at Bethlehem. This is St. John the Baptist, the one that was helping the good people to get ready for the coming of Jesus.

St. John the Baptist knew well how to talk to men. People were so amazed at hearing the sermons of St. John the Baptist, that they thought he was the Messiah. But St. John knew that he was only a man sent by God to get things ready for the coming of Jesus the Messiah.

That is why; he was telling his people: "hurry up, go to Jesus, for He is the true Lamb of God: He is the only one who can forgive sins." "Don't think that I am the Messiah, for I am only like a voice crying out in the desert."

May all Crusaders put into practice the advice given by St. John to his people: to make straight the ways of the Lord, and to serve God more faithfully. You will do so by making a good confession. Then, when Christmas comes, you will be able to make of your hearts a little crib where the Infant Jesus will be able to lay down.

Also, you may have heard from your parents that our good Bishop Fellay, the superior general of the Society of St. Pius X, asked us to say 12 million Rosaries for the Consecration of Russia. That's a lot, but the Rosaries that you now say for the Eucharistic Crusade will also serve for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Be generous, because it is a great intention!

Father Dominique Boulet

*** On November 15th, I say Mass for the intentions of the Eucharistic Crusade in Canada.**

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Long ago there was a Roman General known as Pompey. When he arrived before a certain city with his army the gates were closed. So he asked the guards of the city if he and his soldiers could enter but they were refused. Pompey then asked the guards if the people would receive some sick and wounded soldiers into their homes until the soldiers had regained their strength. Both the guards and the people saw no harm in this so they took in ten sick soldiers.

In time, when the soldiers were better, they took their guns and killed the guards at the city gates. Then they opened the gates to their army. In a short time Pompey and his army took over the city and the people were sorry that they had ever taken in the wounded soldiers.

Now there is a lesson to learn from this story. The devil works in exactly the same way! When he cannot take control of your soul at his first attack, he likes it if you allow some little temptations to enter your soul. Maybe you might allow yourself to be lazy about doing your homework, even though your parents have told you to study hard. Maybe you don't say your prayers very well. Maybe you don't go to bed or to sleep as soon as you are told. This is where you let the devil enter in.

At first you might think it's nothing serious. But the years go by and maybe one night you miss saying your prayers because you are too lazy to do so. Another time you don't do your homework because you don't feel like doing it. Or another time you stay up and read a book instead of going to sleep. Then if you don't try to correct your mistakes, little by little you become worse and worse.

We are all weak. We all need to keep trying. Jesus and Mary like to see you correct your mistakes and try to do better each day. So even when you are young you should sit down sometimes and think about the things you do wrong. And you should think: ***"I want to correct these small sins because they offend Jesus and Mary. And if I correct these small sins now, it will be much easier for me to be good when I am older."***

Remember, the devil has known many people, for thousands of years. And he knows what kind of traps to set for each person in order to win them over to his side. So be careful and watch and pray because you never know when the devil is going to set a trap for you!

she loves us all. She appears in order to strengthen us and encourage us. And sometimes she appears to warn us to lead good lives, and not to sin.

Now, there is a special reason why the church of St. Mary Major was first built. During the night of August 4, 358, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in a dream to Pope Liberius. At the same time she appeared to a Roman noble named Giovanni. To both of these men she asked that a church be built in her honour. Mary told them that a miraculous snowfall would come down and outline the place where the church was supposed to be built.

The next day, during a heat wave, (when it is normally impossible to snow and when every snowflake would melt), God made snow fall and outline the place for a church to be built! See the power of the good God! He can do anything He wants! After seeing this sign from God, Pope Liberius asked Giovanni (the man mentioned above) to build a beautiful church on the spot in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. And now we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Snows on August 5th, all because of this miracle. Today a much larger and more beautiful church known as St. Mary Major stands on this spot.

There are two more special things about the church of St. Mary Major. In this church there is a huge crystal reliquary with a golden statue of the Infant Jesus on top. Inside of this reliquary are the pieces of wood from the manger that Mary laid the Infant Jesus in, when she gave birth to the Baby Jesus, in the stable of Bethlehem.



Another special item is a painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary believed to have been painted in the 5th century. The name of this picture of Mary is "***The Salvation of the Roman People***". For many hundreds of years the Roman people have come before this picture of Mary to pray when there was a disease, which made many people sick, or when there was a war, or when there was some kind of persecution.

Maybe one day you will be able to travel to Rome to see this beautiful church and to see the reliquary of the manger and the holy picture of Mary.

The End

Mary and her Special Church



First I am going to tell you a story about the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary after Jesus had gone to Heaven. As you know, when Jesus was hanging on the cross He asked St. John to take care His mother. Forty days after Jesus went up to Heaven, Mary and the apostles went to the upper room to pray. At the same time the apostles were afraid because Jerusalem was filled with people who hated Jesus. They were afraid that they too would be killed.

Mary comforted the apostles and told them to pray that God would send the Holy Ghost to make them strong and teach them what to do. Mary already had the Holy Ghost living in her soul since the time the Angel Gabriel had come to visit her. After praying for nine days there was a mighty wind. The Holy Ghost came and suddenly there was a bright flame of fire resting on the head of Mary and each apostle. The fire did not burn them and it went into their souls.

The apostles were now brave; they did not fear being killed. St. Peter stepped outside and saw that the streets were full of people. They had come to see where the wind had gone. Peter started preaching about Jesus, and God worked a great miracle. Peter spoke in his own language but thousands of people heard his words in their own language. They asked to be baptized that very day, so the apostles were kept very busy.

Not all the people in Jerusalem wanted to become Christians. The apostles went their separate ways throughout the world to preach about the life of Jesus and to tell the people how to be good. St. John and Mary stayed in Jerusalem and later moved to Ephesus. St. James the Greater went to Spain, Thomas and Bartholomew went to India, some apostles went to Greece, and Rome, and some to other countries.

Different people have written about Mary telling us what she was like. Mary was always gracious, kind and very lady-like in all her actions. She spoke very little and only when it was necessary. She listened to

others and helped them as much as she could. She was gentle, humble, polite, friendly and very easy to talk to.

Mary's eyes were bright, but had become dim from much weeping. Her hands were very delicate. One could see by looking upon the Blessed Virgin Mary that she had suffered very much. For remember that she had been through much suffering when she saw her Son Jesus scourged, carrying the cross and finally nailed to the cross.

One of the things that Mary disliked most was when people were truly wicked. Mary hated sin, but she loved the sinner and prayed that all people would be good so that they could go to Heaven. Perhaps Mary suffered when she saw other people sin; for she knew that sin offended her Son Jesus, even when He was in Heaven.

One day Jesus sent an angel to tell Mary that she would soon die and go to Heaven. Mary had never sinned and she was always prepared to meet her Son, Jesus, in Heaven. When the day came for Mary to die, her heart was filled with very great joy. She told her friends and relatives and prepared herself for the great day. Soon after she took to her bed in her house.

Mary asked St. John and the others who helped, to give her two dresses to two widows who had helped her most during her life. Hearing Our Lady talk about her end on this earth caused her friends and relatives to shed many tears. Finally Jesus came down from Heaven with a great number of holy angels to receive Mary's humble soul.

All the apostles of Jesus were there except St. Thomas, who was sometimes late. At last Mary laid back on her bed, joining her hands in a pious manner. Indeed it looked more like Mary was sleeping and that she had not died. But she wanted to follow in the same steps as Jesus and chose to die as her Son had done.

The apostles carried Mary's body to the tomb and they gently placed it in the stone tomb, weeping as they did. They were losing their mother, the mother who guided and counselled them. And they were losing the mother who loved them all dearly as if they were her very own children.

Three days later when Thomas came to see the other apostles, he asked if he could see the tomb where Mary was buried. When the apostles rolled away the stone, they saw that Mary's grave was empty. The angels had carried her, body and soul to Heaven. And in the place where her body had been, beautiful lilies were growing. They were tall and white and filled the air with their lovely perfume. They had grown there because Mary's body had touched the earth.

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When Mary was in Heaven, Jesus took His mother to her throne. Mary's throne was right beside that of her Son, Jesus. We can imagine that Mary's throne was all shiny gold and that it was studded with huge pearls, diamonds and sapphires or maybe some other precious stones that we don't have on this earth.

Then Mary was crowned with a beautiful crown. The diamonds in the crown sparkled with a bright light. This crown would never become old looking—it would always remain beautiful. Then all the angels and saints danced for joy singing "Hail Mary—

Queen of Heaven and Earth!" Everybody was happy that Mary—the Mother of God was now in Heaven.

Mary looked down to earth from Heaven and saw the apostles doing their best to preach the words of Jesus. She saw them and others building beautiful churches and praying in them. She saw people who were in trouble that needed help. Mary saw people who were dying and needed help to die in God's favour so that they could go to Heaven. And Mary saw lots of little children that needed help to grow up, to learn about God and to become saints.

Everything was so different because now Mary could see everybody at once. And she could see who needed help first, who needed help second and who need help third etc. And Mary could see who was humble and who was proud, who was trying to live a good life and who was living a bad life. And how Mary prayed for all these people. She begged God day after day to hear the prayers of certain people first, because they were humble, to help people die a good death and to help those living a good life and those living in sin.

Mary never forgets her children on earth. Sometimes God asks Mary to appear on earth for a certain reason. The very first time that Mary appeared to somebody on earth was when she was living. She appeared to St. James the Greater when he was in Compostella, Spain.

Mary has continued to appear to people throughout the world, since her first appearance in Spain. She appears because she is our mother and

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INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF December 2009

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After a retreat in British Columbia

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 **that many people will benefit from the retreats.**

BETHLEHEM
RELIQUARY
GRACIOUS
SUFFERED
APOSTLES
SOLDIERS
WEEPING
HEAVEN
POMPEY

ST PETER
MANGER
CHURCH
HUMBLE
THRONE
ST JOHN
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ANGEL
LILIES

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MARY
TOMB
JESUS
LAZY
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September 2009 Treasure Sheets										
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TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2009

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Note about sending your total to the Secretariat:

Vancouver, BC: give it to Mrs. Leung

Wilmot, ON: give it to Fr. Peter Scott

Welwyn, SK: give it to Mrs. Mailloux

Winnipeg, MB: give it to Fr. Gerard Rusak

Other locations: Preferably, e-mail the total: EucharisticCrusadeCDN@gmail.com

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