

Educating the Youth to Live the Mass

Experts from the Manual of the

Eucharistic Crusade of the Apostleship of Prayer

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AGE GROUPS.

I. First Age-group, which includes children from about six to eight years, must be considered as the *preparatory part of the Crusade*. It is good for these children to have their own name, e. g. "Aspirants" or some other name which is suitable and appealing. Before admission into this group the children should undergo a short time of probation, the purpose of which is to have them learn something about the Crusade. Admission should be accompanied by some small ceremony, e.g. the bestowing of a small medal or something like that. However the ceremony should be easily distinguishable from the ceremony of admission into the second Age-group, so that it will be clear that these children are only "Aspirants."

Presupposing the ordinary religious instruction given at school, *in this first Age-group two things must be achieved*: the children must learn to say and live the Morning Offering, and to go to Holy Communion frequently.

Concerning the Morning Offering, they must learn especially to do everything out of love for Jesus. To live the Morning Offering it also helps very much to give them a simple kind of examination of conscience (which is often called a "Day for Jesus" or something similar in which they mark with a sign whether this or that was done for Jesus. As they grow up this can be changed into a real examination of conscience. In education, the Morning Offering itself must be used as a very strong motive for good behavior. Thus the children must become accustomed to be good out of love for Our Lord.

As regards frequent Communion, two things should be stressed, namely that the children make their First Communion as soon as possible and that they go to Communion frequently.

The monthly intentions can present a strong motive for frequent Communion. From time to time also it will be useful to propose Communion on certain days for a special intention, e.g. for children who are suffering persecution on account of their Faith, etc. If every week, one or two such intentions are given, frequent Communion will increase.

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O Lord, Grant us Priests!

Dear Crusaders,

By the end of the month of June, some young men will be ordained priests: on June 19 at the seminary of Winona, in the USA; then on June 29, at the seminary of Écône, in Switzerland. Let me entrust the future priests to your prayers. But, what matter the most, will be that they become holy priests that will take really good care of your souls.

In the past, many good priests have been taking care of souls here in Canada. One of them was Bishop Vital Grandin, the first bishop of St. Albert. When he was a young man, Vital heard stories of missionaries in China. Right away, his dream was to become a missionary in that country, to join his friend Theophane Venard, the future martyr of Tonkin. Because Vital had a hard time to learn Chinese, he had to give up the idea to go to China. Then, he was advised to join the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, who were looking for missionaries for Canada. That is how Divine Providence sent Vital Grandin to Canada. For almost 50 years, Fr. Grandin (then Bishop Grandin) was a great apostle of the prairies. Thank to him, thousands of Indians were converted to the true faith. Because of his great zeal to preach the Catholic faith, he was claimed to be "well worth ten missionaries". It was also said of him: "It is amazing how he just had to show up in one place, and everybody loved him."

More than ever, we need priests like Bishop Grandin. Let us pray the good Lord to send us many good and holy priests like him!

Father Dominique Boulet

NEWS FROM THE EUCHARISTIC CRUSADE ACCROSS CANADA

Please send me the reports from the Eucharistic Crusade chapters across Canada, and I will publish them in the upcoming issues.

*** On May 31st, I will Mass for the intentions of the Eucharistic Crusade in Canada.**

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THE POWER OF JESUS

Little Talks to Little People

Many years ago, a young Frenchman (let's call him Pierre), joined the army and was just about to leave for the African war. But before leaving home his loving mother gave him a medal of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and made him promise to wear it always on his chest. Pierre was faithful to his word and never took off his medal of the Sacred Heart.

Pierre was chosen by the commander-in-chief, as being one of the bravest of all the soldiers. This is why he was chosen. The troops had to enter a long, deep, narrow valley and suffered greatly from the enemies who were firing their guns at them. The general ordered the soldiers to charge and Pierre led the way as they rushed on the enemy. Pierre's friends were almost all killed, and he himself was hit several times. But the bullet that struck him in the chest, and would have caused his death, was flattened against the medal of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and he escaped unharmed.

Pierre was most grateful for the miraculous protection that Jesus had given him and he told everyone he could, about the power of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He also had this story of his protection printed up, so that other people could see the power of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

After the war, Pierre could often be seen kneeling before the altar with his good mother and receiving Holy Communion. Then Pierre would thank God for saving him from certain death during the war in Africa. And he would thank Jesus for bringing him safely back home.

Maybe one day, some of you boy's will become soldiers. Then I hope you will remember this story and be brave soldiers, trusting in the protection of Jesus and Mary and wearing your Sacred Heart medal and your Brown Scapular.

of the Assumption, the wise priest gave Mariana permission to make her First Holy Communion.

Never was there such a happy little girl as she was when the morning of the Feast of the Assumption came around. In reward for all her desires Our Lord filled her heart to overflowing with His love and grace. Mariana used to say afterwards that no matter how long she lived she would never forget the happiness of her First Communion day.

Until she was fifteen, Mariana always went to Holy Communion three times a week, which was very often for a little girl in those days. All during those years she never forgot how she had once grieved her dear Jesus by her vanity, and soon after her fifteenth birthday was past she gave herself to Our Lord by becoming a nun. Perhaps it was in memory of her First Communion day that she took the name of Sister Mary of the Angels.

Now some of you who read this story might think, ***“Well I would do better too, if I saw Jesus and Mary.”*** But remember when Mariana was sick she saw Jesus and Mary but afterwards became vain and angry! So seeing Jesus and Mary isn’t necessarily going to make you a better person.

What will make you a better person? Receiving Holy Communion will, but only if you accept and use the graces that Jesus and Mary give you when you receive Holy Communion. And remember, you must make an effort to become better. You must try each day to become a little more like Jesus and Mary. There will be some days when you might not make much progress, but Jesus and Mary will allow this to help you learn to depend on them, and not on yourself.

If you are too young to receive Holy Communion, then you can at least make a Spiritual Communion and this will give you many great graces. In fact, you can make a Spiritual Communion many times a day. Remember that St. John Vianney, better known as the Curé of Ars, said: ***“A Spiritual Communion acts on the soul as blowing does on a cinder-covered fire which was about to go out. Whenever you feel your love of God growing cold, quickly make a Spiritual Communion.”*** This means that when you make a Spiritual Communion, Jesus gives you special grace; He perks up your soul and gives you strength to resist temptation and grace to do good.

And St. Joseph Cafasso said, ***“Our Lord desires so greatly to come to us, that waiting from one day to another, seems long to Him!”***

If you commit a sin by getting angry, or disobeying your mother or father, or whatever; as soon as you realize your fault, tell Jesus that you are sorry and make a Spiritual Communion, and you will see that Jesus will give you more strength to overcome your faults and failings.

Tell Jesus and Mary often during the day, that you love them. They will be very happy to hear you tell them this and they will give you more graces to avoid sin and graces to go to Heaven

The End

SAINTS FOR CHILDREN

Mariana and Jesus

Many years ago, in Italy, there lived a girl called Mariana. Her mother was a rich Countess, the cousin of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, so Mariana was related to a saint. Counting both brothers and sisters the family was eleven in all. They lived in a beautiful house and had many servants to wait upon them. Only one of Mariana’s sisters was married, all the rest were nuns. The Countess was very good and holy and taught all the children herself.

Mariana learned her prayers and catechism as soon as she could talk. Often her mother would take her to church and tell her, ***“Do you see that little tabernacle on the altar? That is where Jesus lives day and night. The priest gives a little white Host to each person that comes to kneel at the Communion rail during Mass.”***

And she would show Mariana the red lamp saying, ***“See that pretty red lamp, which is always burning near the altar. That lets whoever comes into the church, know that Jesus is present in the tabernacle.”*** These and many other things the good mother would tell her little daughter.

It made Mariana very happy to know that she could always find Our Lord in church. And that He came into the hearts of those who received Him in Holy Communion.

Although Mariana was only four years old she longed to receive Our Lord into her heart, and she loved kneeling before the tabernacle while she talked to Jesus. At home she was never so happy as when talking about her dear Jesus, or picking flowers for her little altars.

Sometimes Mariana’s nurse told her about the sufferings of Our Lord in His Sacred Passion, and of how the saints used to fast and do difficult penances in order to be more like Him. Mariana talked all this over with one of her brothers, and they made up their minds to leave home, and go and live alone like the saints, spending their time in prayer and penance. So, like another St. Teresa of Avila and her brother, they packed some food in a basket and went to bed, meaning to start very early the next morning before anyone was up. But alas, their plans failed! The next morning the servants found the basket, while Mariana and her little brother was still fast asleep!

When Mariana was eight years old she became very sick, so sick that the doctors thought that she would die. A holy priest told the Countess to pray very fervently to Mary Immaculate that Mariana might get better. Mariana also prayed that she would get well. Then one day Mariana looked up and saw the Blessed Virgin Mary asking Jesus to cure her. It did not seem at first as if Jesus was going to grant His Mother this favour, but Mary went on asking and at last Our Lord said, ***“Yes”***, and Mariana suddenly felt quite well. She was cured!

You would think that after this great favour that Mariana would have tried more than ever to be good, but soon after her cure, instead of trying to please Jesus and Mary, she began to spend time looking at herself in the mirror, curling her hair and thinking how pretty she looked. She even became jealous and angry if her dresses were not as costly as those of her friends. She did not do any big sins, but she did not love Jesus as she had done before. This grieved Jesus very much, for He never stopped loving Mariana. At last He did something to remind the thoughtless little girl of His love.

One day as she was sitting in front of her mirror, Mariana was thinking what a beautiful face she had, when suddenly, instead of her own face, she saw the face of Our Lord in the mirror. His Sacred Head was crowned with thorns, and drops of His Precious Blood were trickling down His cheeks. When Mariana saw this she began to cry, for she knew that her vanity had helped to make Jesus suffer and cause Him to look so sad. There and then she made up her mind that she would never be vain or angry again. She told Our Lord how sorry she was for causing Him pain, and promised to spend more time with Him again.



Arthur R. Peppit

Mariana kept her promise. Once more she found delight in kneeling before Jesus in the tabernacle, once more she longed to receive Him into her heart in Holy Communion. But she was only eight years old, and in those days it was not the custom to let such little children make their First Holy Communion. Whenever she went to confession Mariana would ask the priest to let her receive her Dear Jesus, but each time he said, *“Not yet.”*

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At last one day on August 5th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Snow, Mariana felt a great desire to go to St. Roch’s Church. Her mother gave her permission, and the little girl set off with one of her brothers. When they arrived at the church, numbers of people were already going up to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. Mariana knelt down near one of the confessionals, and as she watched the people coming back to their places with Jesus in their hearts, she began to cry because she could not receive Jesus too. The priest who was hearing confessions noticed this, and called Mariana, asking her to tell him what troubled her. In a voice choked with sobs the little girl told him that it was because she was not yet allowed to make her First Holy Communion, although she wished so much to receive Our Lord.

“But why not, my little friend?” asked the priest.

“It must be because I am so vain and wicked,” answered Mariana between her sobs.

When he heard this, the kind priest told her to come to confession to him every week, and that he would see if she were really trying to be good and to prepare her soul for receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. He also told her to beg Our Lord to come into her heart, especially when she saw others going to receive Him. Jesus would come into her heart spiritually, he explained to her, if she really wished to receive Him.

Mariana did just as the priest had told her to do, and after each Spiritual Communion, Jesus filled her heart more and more with His divine love, so that the child often remained long hours in prayer, talking to her Beloved Jesus. By August 15th, the Feast of Our Lady



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HOLY COMMUNION
SACRED HEART
SACRED HEAD
TABERNACLE
TEMPTATION
COUNTESS
MARIANA
MOTHER
SOLDIER
DRESSES

MIRROR
THORNS
HEAVEN
BULLET
VANITY
PIERRE
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MARY
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INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF June 2009



Newly ordained priests from Écône, Switzerland

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 newly ordained priests and for the other priests.**

March 2009 Treasure Sheets										
	Daily Off.	Mass	Sacr. Com.	Spir. Com.	Sacrif.	Dec. Ros.	Visit Bl. Sacr.	15 Min. Sil.	Good Example	Quantity
QC	124	116	120	170	930	763	120	156	759	4
ON	1489	516	441	1096	3560	7997	519	438	2303	47
MB	245	43	30	160	954	945	24	51	143	10
SK	217	30	28	198	1097	1027	33	109	1371	7
BC	263	62	36	38	38	297	47	22	79	9
Total	2338	767	655	1662	6579	11029	743	776	4655	77

TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 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: EucharisticCrusade@sspx.ca

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