

**April 6<sup>th</sup>:** On the evening of this day Bernadette went back to the grotto of Massabielle. During her ecstasy, a large candle she was holding, slipped partly through her hand. The flame was licking her fingers but it did not burn her fingers! God had worked another miracle.

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## ARE YOU READY FOR HEAVEN? *Little Talks to Little People*

You all hope that one day you will be in Heaven. But are you ready to go there yet? Are you doing all that you can to get there?

When you take a trip you make sure that everything is ready before you go. Let's say this winter you are going with your mother to visit your Grandma and Grandpa in Churchill, Manitoba where the big, white polar bears are.

First you call your grandparents to let them know when you are coming. Then your parents buy you a ticket for the airplane. You get out your nice clothes and you and your mother pack them in your suitcase for your trip. You mark on your calendar the day and time you are leaving. You make sure you have your toothbrush, comb, and brush packed. Your Daddy helps you polish your nice shoes.

But what do you mark on your calendar to make sure that you bring? —Your Hat? Your coat? Your socks? Your scarf...? No! These are all important things, and you probably won't forget them—at least your mother will remember to pack them. You mark on your calendar to bring your **Eucharistic Crusade Chart** so that you can mark down all the spiritual things that you do on your trip. Now *that* is something very important to remember because the Devil doesn't take holidays and he will tempt you even when you go on a holiday!

God gives some people a long time to get ready for Heaven and He gives some people a short time to get ready for Heaven. Every day that you live on this earth you must spend getting ready for Heaven.

This is what you have to do. You must say your morning and evening Prayers, say your daily Rosary, make little Sacrifices, go to Mass, go to Confession, and receive Holy Communion often. You must do your best not to commit any Mortal or Venial Sins, keep the Ten Commandments, always speak the truth, obey your parents, and be kind to your brothers and sisters, and your friends. By doing all these things you will get your soul ready for Heaven.

You don't know just when God will want you to take your trip to Heaven. Wouldn't it be terrible if you weren't ready for Heaven when God calls you? So get ready for your trip to Heaven—every day. **GET READY FOR HEAVEN RIGHT NOW**, because God will come like a thief in the night when you least expect Him. May God bless you, and may Mary and Joseph guide you to Heaven.



## THE GUARDIAN OF CRUSADERS

Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Canada

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# Your Morning offering

Dear Crusaders,

When a baby is born, what is the first thing he will have to do? He will cry loud because he has to breathe to show that he is alive. As for us, we will need to keep breathing throughout our lives. When we stop breathing, this will be the sign that we have died, and that our soul left our body.

As breathing is essential to keep the body alive, it is also for the soul. But the breathing of the soul is not done in the same way as the one of the body, though it has the same importance to keep the soul alive.

Prayer is the instrument that helps keep the soul alive. But how can we keep praying all the time, to keep our souls alive? The Eucharistic Crusade has the answer: if you want to keep praying all the time, to keep your soul alive, you should keep saying your Morning Offering. It takes only a couple of minutes when you first get up in the morning. But if you do well your Morning Offering, your whole day will be completely changed: it will be changed into a long prayer that started when you got up, and that will end only when you are getting to bed. The Morning Offering will help you to keep your soul breathing during the day. As you remember the Morning Offering done early in the morning, you will keep thinking of God and his infinite goodness towards you. Also, you will be stronger to fight against sin, because you will stay in the company of Jesus during the whole day.

Sometimes, we have the impression that God is far away and that He doesn't care about us. That is why we need something to keep in touch with Him. This is like sending a letter to your parents if they are far away from you. The letter will be your Morning Offering, and the address on the envelope will be "to Jesus, in Paradise". Jesus is very pleased when He receives these kinds of letters from His children. You can be sure that He will answer your letter, giving you all the graces that will keep your soul breathing, alive unto God.

Father Dominique Boulet

\* **On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, I said Mass for the intentions of the Eucharistic Crusade in Canada**

\* **Please remember to return the registration form by February 6 if you wish to remain on our mailing list for the year 2011**

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**March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Thousands of people had come again to the grotto. After speaking with the Lady, Bernadette had another message to tell Fr. Peyramale. She told him, "**The Lady told me that she wants people to come to the grotto in procession.**"

**"Well what is the Lady's name?"** questioned the priest.

When Bernadette said she did not know, and that the Lady did not wish to give her name, Fr. Peyramale shouted at Bernadette and repeatedly called her a liar. When Bernadette left, she realized that she had forgotten to tell the pastor something. Later she went back with a friend to see Fr. Peyramale. She said. "**The Lady has again asked for a chapel.**"

To this the pastor replied, "**When we know the Lady's name, we will build her a chapel—a very big chapel!**"

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Bernadette and her mother went in the early morning to the grotto but the Lady did not appear to the girl. Bernadette was in tears. Later that morning Bernadette went back to the grotto with her cousin, and as she was saying her Rosary the Lady appeared to her.

**March 4<sup>th</sup>:** About 20,000 people were present at the grotto on this day. The Lady appeared again while Bernadette said her Rosary—but the Lady did not give her name.

Bernadette continued her schooling and led a normal life. During this time many people went to the grotto and took the miraculous water home.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>:** On this day Bernadette felt drawn to Massabielle. When she got there she twice asked the Lady what her name was but the Lady only bowed and smiled. The girl asked again and the Lady lowered her arms to her sides as on the "**Miraculous Medal**". She then joined her hands again and brought them close to her breast saying, "**I am the Immaculate Conception.**" The Lady was simply saying—("**I am pure and I had no stain of original sin on my soul when I was born.**") It was indeed Our Lady!

After the apparition Bernadette told Fr. Peyramale the Lady's name. But he still doubted that Our Lady had appeared to Bernadette. Just in case the devil was playing tricks, first he would speak to the Bishop of Tarbes.

Bernadette was made to suffer even more. A Lourdes official asked three doctors to come to Lourdes to see Bernadette. They went to the school to question and examine poor Bernadette. And they wrote down wrongly some of the things she told them about the visions and her actions at Massabielle.

home. Later that day when some people returned to the grotto, they discovered that the miraculous spring had become much bigger and a few people took some water home.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>:** Bernadette had to pass through a very large crowd before she could reach the grotto. She knelt down and prayed her Rosary for a long time, but the Lady did not appear. Bernadette cried all the way home.

**February 27<sup>th</sup>:** Bernadette reached the grotto, knelt down and went into ecstasy. After a while she got up and then knelt and kissed the ground many times while moving closer to the grotto. She did this because the Lady had told her, ***“Go and kiss the ground as a penance for sinners.”*** The Lady also told Bernadette, ***“Go and tell the priests to have a chapel built here.”***

Bernadette told the message to her confessor, Fr. Pomain. He sent her to the pastor—Fr. Peyramale and Bernadette told him, ***“Father, the Lady of the grotto has ordered me to tell the priests that she wishes to have a chapel built at Massabielle.”*** The priest then asked Bernadette some questions about the Lady and concluded that the girl was crazy, and a little joker! Suddenly he changed his tune and encouraged her: ***“Find out first who the Lady is. And if she thinks she has any right to a chapel, ask her to prove it by making the rose bush at the grotto bloom immediately.”***

**February 28<sup>th</sup>:** About 2000 people had gathered at the grotto. The whole area was muddy—it had rained the night before. At the grotto Bernadette went into ecstasy and said a few decades of the Rosary. She then moved forward on her knees about thirty feet, kissed the ground and then returned to her place. She did this two more times because the Lady had told her to do this penitential exercise—and at the same time her clothes did not get dirty!

**March 1<sup>st</sup>:** Both Mr. and Mme. Soubirous went with Bernadette to the grotto. A priest from another parish also went to Massabielle and watched Bernadette in ecstasy at the grotto. Of the holy girl he said, ***“Her beautiful smile could not be described. It is impossible to imagine anything so pure, so sweet and so loving as this dear child.”***



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Our Lady appeared in Lourdes, France to Bernadette Soubirous, in February 1858. Lourdes became and still is the most famous place of pilgrimage to Mary, the Mother of God, in the world.



Mr. and Mme. Soubirous were very poor people. Mr. Soubirous had been a grain miller for many years but he had lost his mill through poor management. He and his wife now did odd jobs to keep their family together, but the going was tough. There were four children to feed in the family: Bernadette—fourteen, Toinette—

eleven, Jean-Marie—six, and Justin—three.

The children and parents lived together in a one-room place, which used to be the town prison. It was called the ***“dungeon”***. It was damp and smelly and there was a manure pile and a stable yard just outside the place. Poor Bernadette had asthma and the smell of the yard only made her health worse. What she needed was a warm place with fresh air, but such was not to be.

On February 11, 1858, Bernadette went with Toinette and a friend Jeanne to gather wood along the Gave River. At a place called Massabielle, Toinette and Jeanne waded across the river to fetch firewood on the other side. Bernadette hesitated at first because of the ice-cold water.

Bernadette was sitting near a cave with a grotto. She started taking off her stockings and suddenly she heard the sound of a rushing wind. Then in the opening of the niche in the grotto, Bernadette saw a most beautiful Lady. She wore a white dress and a long white veil that reached almost to the bottom of her dress. There was a blue sash about her waist that hung past her knees. She had a beautiful white Rosary on her arm and yellow roses on her feet. While looking at the beautiful Lady, Bernadette felt inspired to kneel and say her Rosary. The Lady followed with her beads but she did not say the ***Our Father*** or the ***Hail Mary***—she said only the ***Glory Be***.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Bernadette again went to the grotto. When the Lady appeared the girl walked closer to the grotto and sprinkled the rock with holy water saying, ***“If you come from God, then stay.”*** Bernadette

knelt down and went into ecstasy—her face became pale and lighted up. Her friends became frantic as they tried to bring Bernadette back to her senses, but it was no use. Some neighbours—Antoine and his mother Mme. Nicolau were called—did all they could to make Bernadette walk to their mill. Bernadette remained in ecstasy all the while smiling, with her eyes looking up. When they reached the mill Bernadette came to her senses. Her worried mother soon came and took her home.

**February 18<sup>th</sup>:** After attending morning Mass, Bernadette went to the grotto with Mme. Millet and Mlle. Peyret. The girl placed a pen and paper near the grotto and asked the Lady to write down her name. The Lady began to laugh and said, ***“There is no need to write down what I have to say.”*** A short time later the Lady asked Bernadette, ***“Will you do me the favour of coming here for a fortnight?”*** (fourteen days) Bernadette agreed to come if her parents allowed. Then the Lady added, ***“I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the next.”*** Then the Lady disappeared.

**February 19<sup>th</sup>:** the Lady appeared to Bernadette for about half an hour.



**February 20<sup>th</sup>:** the Lady told Bernadette a secret prayer, which she was to pray every day for the rest of her life.

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:** the Lady told Bernadette, ***“Pray to God for sinners.”***

Later that Sunday, Bernadette was asked to present herself at the law court. Mr. Dutour, the

Public Prosecutor, was awaiting her there. Mr. Dutour asked Bernadette, ***“Do you plan to go to the grotto every morning?”***

***“Yes, Sir: I’ve promised to go there every day for a fortnight.”***

***“The Sisters told you to put it out of your mind.”***

***“I feel too much joy when I go to the grotto,”*** answered Bernadette.

The interview continued and when it was finished the Public Prosecutor wrote, ***“Having seen and heard Bernadette, I believe that she is sincere. It is all right for her to visit the grotto and to come and go as she pleases.”***

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Later that day Commissioner Jacomet took her to his place to question her. He wrote down the things that she told him and said, ***“I’m going to read to you what I have written to see if there are any mistakes.”*** For an hour and a half, he mixed up the truths which Bernadette had told him. He tried to confuse the poor girl, but courageous Bernadette never got confused. The Commissioner lost his temper. In the end Mr. Soubirous came to get Bernadette—and assured Jacomet that the girl would not go to the grotto.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** The next morning Bernadette went straight to school as her parents had told her. The students and Sisters made fun of her. Bernadette went home for lunch but on her way back to school, she could only get her legs to go to the grotto. She said her Rosary there but the Lady did not appear to her. Poor Bernadette was heartbroken. Later that day, her parents realized that because she was driven by interior grace to go to the grotto that they would let her go there every morning until the fortnight was over.



**February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Bernadette went into ecstasy and her eyes sparkled—she saw the lovely Lady again. She talked to the Lady from her heart and listened to the Lady. The Lady told Bernadette another secret that was for her alone.

**February 24<sup>th</sup>:** The beautiful Lady came again. After some time Bernadette grew sad and started to cry. Suddenly she stood up and shouted to the crowd—***“Penance... penance... penance!”*** Bernadette had delivered her first message and the crowd was deeply moved by these words.

**February 25<sup>th</sup>:** The beautiful Lady in the grotto told Bernadette, ***“Go and drink at the spring and wash yourself in it!”*** Bernadette went to drink at the Gave River but the Lady said, ***“No, it’s not there.”*** The Lady pointed to the place of the spring and Bernadette scratched a hole there. After the water came, the girl had to throw away the dirty water three times before she was able to drink some. The water had come by a miracle! When Bernadette washed herself in the dirty water the crowd said she was crazy. The Lady then asked Bernadette to, ***“Go and eat the weed which you will find there.”*** The girl picked a weed and ate some of the leaves, which tasted terrible. The crowd jeered at Bernadette as she hurried

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# INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF February 2011



Oblate sisters of the Society of St. Pius X

## 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 religious vocations.**

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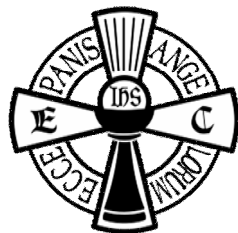
TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011

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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:**  
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