

## THE BABY IN THE FOREST

### *Little Talks to Little People*

A long time ago on a cold winter night, a holy monk was walking through the forest. While he was walking he was thinking about the love of the good God, Who sent us His Son Jesus to redeem the world.

Suddenly he heard a child crying. He turned and listened. Then as he walked he saw a dear little baby lying in the snow. It was a little baby boy, and he was crying and shivering in the cold.

Truly it was enough to break anybody's heart to look upon such a thing. Who had left the baby all alone in the forest? Who had not even put extra blankets around the baby so that he could keep warm?

Then the monk spoke to the little baby: ***“My child, how is it that you are left all alone here in the cold? And why are you crying?”***

Suddenly the baby spoke: ***“How can I help crying when I see myself forgotten by everyone. Nobody receives me or has pity on me.”*** Then the baby disappeared.

**This baby was indeed the Baby Jesus.** He had appeared to the monk to make him understand that men, instead of loving the Baby Jesus who came from Heaven to save them, gave Him no room in their hearts.

Do you make room in your heart for Jesus? Do you make sure that you try very hard not to commit any wilful venial sins and that you don't commit any mortal sins?

There are so few people that take the extra time to speak with Jesus and to keep a special place in their hearts for Him. There are so few people that keep Jesus company for fifteen minutes after they receive Communion. There are so few people that take fifteen minutes to prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. There are so few people who make a special visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during the week.

But, you might say, ***“I don't have time to take fifteen minutes to prepare for Holy Communion. I don't have time to pray that long after I receive Holy Communion.”*** **Yes you do, if only you tried!**

Think like this. **I do have time.** God will help me to make some time to pray. Jesus is God. God created me. Without God I am nothing! Who am I that I should give God so little time? How can all my toys and things in this world be more important than God?



## New Year's Day Issue



## THE GUARDIAN OF CRUSADERS

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# Some Gifts for the Child Jesus!

Dear Crusaders,

A few days ago, we celebrated the beautiful feast of Christmas. Our hearts were filled with great joy and happiness as we gazed at the Child Jesus in the Nativity scene. Because He is so good to those who love Him with their whole hearts, the Child Jesus is very generous with us. That is why after Christmas He has given us many gifts, like a full series of beautiful feast days, to keep up with the wonderful mystery of His coming.

In that regard, on Epiphany, the Three Kings will come to pay Him a worthy visit. As you know, they will bring some very valuable gifts: gold, incense and myrrh.

I hope that the Three Kings will not be the only ones to pay a visit to Jesus and to offer Him nice gifts. The Crusaders should do the same though they will not have to worry about finding a store to purchase gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Your communions will be the golden gift you will offer to Jesus, your prayers will be your incense, and your sacrifices will be the myrrh you will offer to Jesus.

The Three Kings had only one occasion to visit Jesus, and bring gifts to Him, but you can come every day to pay a visit to Jesus. Don't forget to stock up with your gold, incense and myrrh!

Happy New Year!

Father Dominique Boulet

\* On December 4<sup>th</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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Eight years later, the community moved to Tai Yuan Foo. When Sr. Assunta's body was dug up so that it could be taken too, it was incorrupt. It remained in the cemetery chapel for a month without being affected.

In 1913 Pope St. Pius X said: *“When I hear of the extraordinary, I am the most doubtful man in the world. But when I hear of sanctity expressed in the simple practise of virtue, as in the case of Sr. Assunta, I believe in that. The way to sanctity is not difficult—it is a thorny road, but easy. The cause of Sr. Assunta should be introduced without delay.”*

Blessed Assunta pray for us.  
*The End*



the missions in a foreign country. And now, because she had been so faithful in doing God's will, God had done a special favour for her.

It was hard for Sr. Assunta to leave Florence because she loved all the nuns from the convent. Her traveling companion noticed that she was crying, after she had said her goodbyes, but she still kept smiling. The tears did not last long and Assunta was calm the rest of the trip to China.

Before they set sail for China, the sisters made a stop in Rome to see Pope Pius X. They were to leave for China from Naples on the Feast of St. Joseph, and they offered that day for the Pope because his name was Joseph.

When the sisters arrived in China they went to an orphanage where Sr. Assunta became a treasure to all. She studied Chinese, cooked, nursed, and helped the children.

The winter months were quite cold and one of the children became very sick with typhus. Before long a number of the children were sick and many of the sisters got sick as well. Sr. Assunta did all she could to nurse the sick and then she too became ill. Although her case of typhus was milder Sr. Assunta knew that she was going to die soon. She received the Last

Sacraments and prayed. She asked the other sisters pardon her for all the faults and bad examples she had committed.

Sr. Assunta's health improved a little but then she took a turn for the worst. Her fever rose and delirium set in. She begged for Holy Communion but she could not receive it because she could no longer swallow. The sisters, the priest, and some Chinese girls gathered around her bed on April 7<sup>th</sup> to say the prayers for the dying. Suddenly the room was filled with the perfume of violets and incense. Then Sr. Assunta passed quietly away. She had died in the odour of sanctity. The perfume lasted for three more days and stopped suddenly on the day of her burial.



## BLESSED ASSUNTA

Blessed Assunta Pallotta was like St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in her spirituality. She did ordinary things in an extraordinary manner. Assunta asked God: ***“For the grace to make known to the world, purity of intention—which consists in doing everything for the love of God, even the most ordinary actions”.*** And later, with her spiritual director's permission, Sr. Assunta made a vow to do everything for the love of God.

Assunta was born in Force, Italy on August 20, 1878. Her father and mother were very poor because her father was often out of work and was not able to provide for his family. Assunta had three younger brothers and a younger sister. Being the oldest child in the family, Assunta had to work hard to help her mother and father make ends meet.

When she was eight years old, Assunta went to school to learn to read and write. At the age of eleven, Assunta's father left home for a while to seek better work. Assunta left school to help her mother raise the younger children, keep house, and work; carrying water and cement to brick masons. This was extremely hard work for a little girl, but Assunta did not complain. Later she did sewing for a tailor and although this work was easier, the hours were very long.

Assunta did much penance when she was growing up. She often ate only polenta (thick cornmeal porridge), with a little salt. She put metal, wood and brick objects in her bed, because Jesus had suffered so much. Assunta also wore a hairshirt with nails fastened to it. She did these severe penances only with her confessor's permission.

One day Assunta, her friend Mary, and her mother went to a carnival dance. Assunta went home before the dancing was over. They next day Assunta told Mary, ***“At the dance a man told me that I was beautiful and he wanted to hug me. This caused me much unhappiness. I cannot save my soul unless I become a religious!”***



Assunta became a religious in her late teens. She became a postulant at the motherhouse in Rome. There she worked in the kitchen. She was always most humble and she followed the rules of the order exactly. On October 9, 1898, she was dressed as a bride and became a novice in the order. A Franciscan Missionary of Mary must: 1) Offer herself as a victim of God for the Church and for the salvation of souls. 2) Tend to perfection by keeping the rules of the order faithfully. 3) Strive to imitate Mary.

Sr. Assunta was sent to Grottaferrata to make her novitiate. There she took care of the animals and harvested the olives. She worked like a slave and often carried huge bundles of hay for the animals. She was always cheerful and smiling as she worked. She loved the solitude of the countryside, for the peace and quiet helped her to think about God throughout the day.

One day, Mother Mary of the Passion, the foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, came to visit them. When she spoke to Sr. Assunta, she told her that the Marches, (Assunta's home area) was the land of saints. Then she added, ***"You must become a saint too."*** Assunta took these words as an official order from Mother Mary of the Passion. She would now try even harder to become a saint.



In 1900, Mother Mary of the Passion wrote to tell the novices about the martyrdom of the seven Franciscan Sisters of Mary in Shan Si, China. These seven sisters were the first martyrs of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary.

Just before the two years of Sr. Assunta's novitiate were complete, she became sick. She

became so sick that it was thought she might have to leave the convent. At this point Assunta prayed: ***"Dear God please make me die here rather than make me leave the convent."*** Others prayed too, and in December 1900, she was able to make her profession.

Sr. Assunta continued to live in the presence of God. She would often say: ***"All for Jesus," "For the love of God,"*** and other such prayers. If Assunta remembered that she had offended the good God, she would think about the mercy He had in dying on the cross for us, and she would quickly regain her peace of soul.

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Because she was united with God she often thought of helping others. Assunta helped a sister who had wounded her finger, she carried in stacks of wood to help the cook who had much cooking to do, and she would finish work that needed to be done, during her recreation time.

Assunta went to Florence in 1902. For a while she had the duty of guarding the Blessed Sacrament by having her cot placed in front of the sacristy door at night. She had a good laugh at herself about this, because one night Mother Superior and another sister carried the cot with her on it to another room, because a priest was coming to say an early morning Mass. Later she told Mother Superior: ***"Please put someone else at my post because thieves could carry off the entire chapel, and I would sleep on. They could carry off my bed with me in it and I would not know it."***

Sr. Assunta made her final vows in 1904. During the ceremony on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, she was given a crown of thorns with the words: ***"Receive this crown that thou mayest be worthy to participate in Christ's Passion on earth and His glory in Heaven."*** And just before Holy Communion, Sr. Assunta and the other sisters exclaimed: ***"I offer myself as a victim for the Church and for souls, and dedicate myself to the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the work of the Missions."***

Soon after she was told that she would be going to the missions in China—the same province where seven Franciscan Sisters of Mary had been martyred. Assunta was overjoyed at having been given this new post. She had always wanted to go to one of



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## INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF January 2011



St. Peter's basilica in Rome

### 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 our discussions with Rome, that they may bear fruit for the whole Church.**

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TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2011

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Note about sending your total to the Secretariat:

**Vancouver, BC:** give it to Mrs. Leung

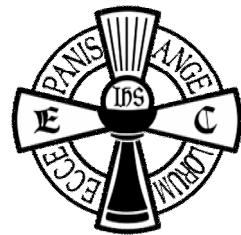
**Wilmot, ON:** give it to Fr. Peter Scott

**Welwyn, SK:** give it to Mrs. Mailloux

**Winnipeg, MB:** give it to Fr. Gerard Rusak

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