

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CRUSADE?

In times gone by, those who left for the Holy Land to free the tomb of Our Lord promised to obey their chief, even if it cost them their lives. What did they receive in exchange? The grace to go straight to paradise if they were killed during the fight. What is more beautiful than that? He who wants to officially enter into the Eucharistic Crusade also makes promises. He starts off as a Page. If he is generous, after awhile he is accepted as a Crusader. It is as a Crusader that he will pray, go to Communion, and make sacrifices so as to be a true apostle...until he is found worthy to be admitted as a Knight.

Here are the promises:

FIRST DEGREE: The **Page** promises:

- *To make the offering of himself, as well as his morning offering every day.
- *To say his evening prayers and fill in his Treasure Chart every evening.

SECOND DEGREE: the **Crusader** promises (on top of the promises of the Page)

- *To say every day at least two decades of the Rosary.
- *To receive Holy Communion every Sunday (if possible).
- *To make at least one sacrifice every day.
- *To fight against his dominant fault.
- *To go to Confession at least once a month.

THIRD DEGREE: the **Knight** promises (on top of the promises of the Crusader)

- *To say his Rosary every day.
- *To make a spiritual Communion every day or to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament if possible.
- *To do fifteen minutes of meditation every day.
- *To go to Confession every two weeks.

These promises are serious and that is why one must prepare oneself carefully, by asking the advice of a good priest. (The promises do not oblige under pain of sin). The enrolment is done during a special ceremony during which the future member replies to certain questions asked by the priest. He then promises to remain faithful to his promises and then he receives the badge of the Crusade which he will wear visibly and with a certain legitimate pride. Every enrolled Crusader automatically receives the monthly bulletin of the Crusade, "*The Guardian of Crusaders*".



Eucharistic Crusade boys' camp in BC



THE GUARDIAN OF CRUSADERS
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Looking forward to vacations

Dear Crusaders,

Let us consider how people are looking upon summer vacations.

For school-age children, vacation is the time to put into practice something they have been dreaming about for a good part of the year: to be able to spend the whole day having fun and playing games without the burden of doing school work!

Parents have a much different view on vacation: what are we going to do to keep our children out of mischief for two months?

Teachers are also looking forward to vacation time. For them, it is the reward for their hard work. But also, they worry about the children: when school resumes at the end of the summer, what will be left of the knowledge and of the good habits that we tried so hard to give to these children while they were at school?

Besides all these people, who else is worrying about your vacations? It is your Guardian angel. He knows quite well that, during summer vacations, so many children are falling into the traps of the devil.

So, let me give the word to your Guardian angel: "When you go on vacation, always remember that you have to serve God and to save your soul. Thus, I will tell you what you should avoid and what you should do.

Avoid idleness, which is the mother of all vices. Get up at a regular time, and spend lots of time to breathe the fresh air. Keep up with your duties towards God: your daily prayers, with the treasure sheet of the Eucharistic Crusade. Keep up with your duties towards your neighbour: charity, kindness, respect and obedience to your parents. Keep up with your duties towards yourselves: keep modesty. In any case, you should never get discouraged even if you have fallen into sin, but quickly go to make a good confession."

While on vacation, listen to your guardian angel!

Fr. Dominique Boulet

* The front cover photo is from the 2004 boys' camp at Cathedral Park, BC, courtesy of Dominic Linder

* On June 4th, I said Mass for the intentions of the Eucharistic Crusade

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WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

Little Talks to Little People

As we go through life there will be times when we will be faced with one problem or another. But we must expect this in life because we have to work to get to Heaven. Sometimes there seems to be a great problem in our way. We look at the situation and we think, "**How am I ever going to get over this problem.**"

That is when we should remember the words of Jesus at the time when he fed 4000 men plus women and children. With all these mouths to feed, things seemed pretty grim. Jesus asked his disciples: "**How many loaves have you?**" The disciples didn't see how they were going to feed the great multitude. They were faced with a crisis.



Sometimes we see that we have a problem that we don't know how we will ever get straightened out. Let's just say, a boy named Bob got a flat tire on his bicycle as he was bringing the groceries home from the store. Now is the time for Bob to remember the words of Jesus, "**How many loaves have you?**"

Have you nothing at all that you can use to help fix up the problem before you think that all is lost? Instead of looking at the dark side of things, examine your own selves and the things you have and see if there isn't

something that you can use to help yourself.

Everyone of you has a little courage, a little faith, and a little hope. And surely you have a little charity, a little goodness that you can use.

Then you have to count up all those nice things that God has given you—all those loaves that God has given you and say to Jesus: "**Dear Jesus I haven't much to offer you, even as the disciples had no more to offer you than a few loaves and fishes on the day you asked them that question. By your divine power you can multiply these things of mine that they may prove sufficient in this situation.**"

Bob thought for a moment. He prayed to Jesus and Mary to help him. Then he remembered that Mr. Jones had a bicycle and Mr. Jones lived only about thirty feet away. He knocked at the door; "**Mr. Jones, my bicycle has a flat tire. Can I borrow your bicycle so that I can get these groceries home to my mother?**"

Mr. Jones was only too glad to help, and in fact when Bob came back to pick up his bicycle, Mr. Jones had already repaired it, and at no cost, and gave Bob his bike. Bob was thrilled. He thanked Mr. Jones and said a special prayer for him.

So next time you have a problem: STOP! THINK! PRAY!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

“I have a mule,” the Jew said, ***“and I will lock him up and not feed him for three days. Then I will bring him to the largest public square in the city and before all the people I will offer him some oats. Then you come carrying the Host, which you believe to be Jesus Christ. If the mule refuses to eat the oats and kneels before the Host, I will become a Catholic and I will no longer question the truths of the Catholic Church.”***

Anthony accepted the offer and for three days he fasted and prayed. On the third day Guillard brought his mule and the oats and Anthony brought the Blessed Sacrament. Anthony turned toward the mule and said: ***“In the name of God I command you brute beast to come instantly and kneel before thy God so that by this sign unbelievers may know that all creation is subject to Jesus who is sacrificed daily on our altars.”***

At the same time Guillard and his friends gave the oats to the hungry mule. Without taking the slightest notice the mule turned away from the oats and knelt for a time before the Blessed Sacrament, which St. Anthony was holding. Immediately Guillard and his household asked to become Catholics and many of the people came back to the Catholic Church. And Guillard built the Church of St. Peter on the spot where the miracle had taken place.

Anthony founded the monastery of Arcella Vecchia about a mile from Padua. He loved to dwell in the monastery but often his duties called him into the city where he had to preach and hear confessions until evening when the city gates closed. On one occasion Anthony stayed with the Lord of Chateaufort who dearly loved him and the Franciscans. Anthony had retired for the night and after some time his host noticed a bright light pouring out from under the door in Anthony's room. He heard voices in the room and knew that something miraculous was happening because of the bright light and the voices. The Lord of Chateaufort peeked through a crack in the door and noticed that the Child Jesus was kissing and hugging St. Anthony and talking to him. And angels were fluttering about at the same time. This is one of the best loved miracles of St. Anthony that is why there are millions of pictures and statues of him with the Infant Jesus.

Anthony was always a peacemaker—he preached peace and he restored it. His constant cry was ***“No more war; no more hatred and bloodshed, but peace! God wills it!”*** and there was peace.

After preaching many sermons in the spring of 1231, St. Anthony's strength gave out and he retired with two friars to a woodland retreat in Camposanpiero. He realized that he would die soon and asked to be taken back to Padua. He only reached the outskirts of the city. On June 13th, in the chaplain's apartment of the Poor Clares of Arcella he received the Last Rites and died at the age of thirty-six. Within a year of his death, Anthony was canonized a saint. In 1946, Pope Pius XII declared St. Anthony a Doctor of the Church.

St. Anthony—Pray for Us

The End



St. Anthony is one of the most popular saints in the world and his statue is in thousands of churches around the world. He is the patron saint of lost things and you can ask him to find something for you if you have lost it.

Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal on August 15, 1195. His father's name was Fernando de Bouillon and his mother's name was Teresa Tavera. Anthony's parents were of nobility and lived in a palace near the cathedral. The boy was baptized with the name of Fernando and after being baptized, his mother consecrated him to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The first name that Fernando learned to say was the name of Mary. As a child when he cried, he needed only to be brought before a statue or picture of Mary and he would begin to smile. At the age of ten he was a handsome child with a face somewhat like an angel. He had a sweet and joyful nature, was intelligent, and had a lively imagination.

As a child Fernando attended the cathedral school in Lisbon. He continued to grow in virtue and blossomed like a flower. One day when he was fifteen, as he was praying in the cathedral before the tabernacle, at the shrine of Our Lady, the devil appeared to him. Although he was startled he traced a cross in the marble step with his finger—the marble had become soft as butter. As soon as the devil saw the cross he disappeared. Even to this day the cross remains in the step.

After this Fernando decided to become a religious. He went to the Abbey of St. Vincent, an Augustinian Order, and there he entered. In time he was clothed in the Augustinian habit and he was happy. But his friends who missed him came to see him. For two years these friends came and constantly begged him to leave the monastery and return to the world. Fernando became very distracted by these visits and begged his Superior to let him go to another monastery far away from his friends.

In time the Superior let Fernando go to Coimbra and there he studied the Sacred Scriptures, theology, the Church Fathers, history and religious controversy. In fact he memorized the Bible completely. Fernando learned without any effort and what he learned he could use at any time, even though he had learned it many years before.

Fernando passed eight years in Coimbra and grew in virtue and obedience. There he nursed one of the brothers who was obsessed by the devil. One day this brother had become uncontrollable so Fernando placed his mantle over the poor man and completely cured him.

Not far from the Augustinian Monastery was a Franciscan Abbey. These monks often used to come and beg Fernando for food at his monastery. One day he met five Franciscans who were on their way to Morocco to preach to the Moslems there. Fernando was slowly beginning to like the Franciscan Order. In 1220, news arrived that these five Franciscans had been martyred in Morocco. This inflamed Fernando with an even greater desire to join the Franciscans. It was with some difficulty that Fernando obtained permission to leave the Augustinians. They knew that he was a holy and gifted brother.

When Fernando applied at the Franciscan Abbey to become a brother there, he told them, ***“With all my soul do I desire to take the holy habit of your Order. And I am ready to do so under one condition—that after clothing me in your habit you send me to the Moslems so that I may deserve to take part in the crown of your holy martyrs.”*** Then he put on the Franciscan habit and changed his name to Anthony.

Anthony was allowed to go to Morocco to preach to the Moslems in order to convert them to the Catholic Faith. But Morocco was too hot for poor Anthony and he was stricken with a fever. After being nursed there for four months, Anthony was recalled to Portugal. He and another monk set sail for Portugal but a fierce wind blew their ship to the coast of Sicily. There they stayed at a Franciscan monastery for two months and while he was there he planted a lemon tree that still produces lemons to this very day!

After Easter, in 1221, Anthony went on to Assisi where they were holding a general chapter of the Franciscan Order. More than 2000 friars from every part of Europe were gathered together there. But even though friars were being assigned to different posts, Anthony was totally ignored—he was unknown and sickly looking. Finally he was assigned to Romagna, Italy, a remote place in the mountains, to say Mass for some brothers.

Anthony found a little grotto near the monastery and there he stayed for almost a year. He slept on straw, his pillow was a stone and his food and drink was a little bread and water. He fasted and scourged himself and gladly accepted any other pains and sufferings from God.

One day on the occasion of an ordination, many visiting Dominican Friars were present but none were ready to preach. Suddenly Fr. Gratian, the Superior asked Anthony to preach. Anthony pleaded that he was inexperienced and unfit to preach. But the Superior asked him to preach out of obedience. Anthony thrilled and amazed all the religious and from that time on he was known as Anthony the preacher.

Because of his fine preaching, Anthony was ordered to preach the Gospel anywhere and everywhere, wherever an opportunity came up. St. Francis also desired that Anthony should study theology so that he could speak with more confidence and authority and also teach other Franciscans. In fact St. Francis wrote to Anthony saying: ***“It is my wish that you teach the brothers Sacred Theology; yet in such a manner that you still keep the spirit of prayer in yourself and others. And that you keep devotion as the rule says.”***

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Wherever Anthony preached he almost always worked miracles. Not knowing much of other languages he preached in Italian in Italy, in French in France, in Spanish in Spain, etc. One time he preached before the Pope and his Cardinals and in this group there were Greeks, Germans, French, Latinos, Slavs and English and men speaking other languages as well. God worked a miracle and by the power of the Holy Ghost, all understood St. Anthony.

When people knew that Anthony was coming to preach, business stopped in the city. Since the churches could not contain all the people, Anthony had to preach out in the open to them. The crowds of people often reached 30,000. After the sermon people would rush up to Anthony to kiss the hem of his habit or crucifix or cut pieces of cloth from his habit to keep as relics.

One time when Anthony was preaching in Vicelli, a family came bearing the body of one of their member. They cried out to him and he was moved to pity them. He extended his hand toward them saying: ***“In the name of Christ I say unto you, young man, arise!”*** Suddenly the youth rose from the dead and the family was filled with joy.

When a noble lady asked Anthony to pray for her he said: ***“Be of good heart and rejoice. The Lord will give you a son who as a Friar Minor and a martyr will be a glory to the Catholic Church.”*** This prophecy came true.

Now I am going to tell you about two of the most famous miracles that St. Anthony worked. He was at Rimini where there was a great multitude of heretics. But even after Anthony preached to the heretics for many days they still would not listen to him. So Anthony went to the banks of the river near the sea and called to the fishes: ***“Hear the word of God you fishes of the sea and of the stream, since heretics and infidels will not listen to it.”*** Suddenly a great number of fish of all types and sizes came to listen to St. Anthony. They all lined up—the bigger fishes at the back, the medium sized fish in the middle and the smaller fishes in the front. Anthony told the fishes: ***“You should be thankful to God for giving you fresh and salt water to live in. During the flood God did not destroy you but let you roam the great waters.”*** Then the fish began to open their mouths and to bow their heads in reverence and praise of God. When the people saw the great miracle, they fell at St. Anthony's feet to hear the word of God and all the heretics were converted to the Catholic Church.

When St. Anthony was at Bourges, France, there was a Jew by the name of Guillard who had often listened to St. Anthony preach but yet he was not convinced that the Catholic Church was the True Church founded by Jesus Christ. And worse still he was a leader who worked against the doctrines that St. Anthony taught.

One day Guillard said to Anthony: ***“Brother Anthony, if you can prove to me that Jesus is in the Blessed Sacrament then I will become a Catholic.”***

“I will prove it to you,” Anthony replied.

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St. Anthony preaching to the fishes

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GOD

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 the spirit of poverty may reign among all men.**

TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2011

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HOW TO USE YOUR TREASURE SHEET?

This is your treasure of the month. Every morning when you wake up, in morning prayer, ask God's blessing, and pray your daily offering for the intention of the month: you can mark it on the sheet. Every night when you pray your night prayers, fill in the treasure sheet, giving thanks to God for all the graces He gave you this day, and being sorry for not having used them all well.

HOW DO I FILL MY TREASURE SHEET?

Every night mark down what you have done this day. Row I the first day of the month. Mark each box with a number.

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

In the column for Masses, mark the number of masses you attended with fervour and devotion that day. Put zero if you could not attend Mass.

In the column for Communion with the (+) symbol, put a I if you have received Holy Communion and 0 if you haven't.

Where it is marked Spiritual, mark how many spiritual communions you have made that day.

In the Visit o 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. You can make a spiritual communion then too.

Mark Sacrifices how many good works you did, or what you gave up, your school work, or home work, or house work, anything you could offer to Jesus.

After the end of the month total up, add up each of the columns at the bottom, and send them to the Eucharistic Crusade Canadian Headquarters by mail, or e-mail EucharisticCrusadeCDN@gmail.com



INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2011



The mule kneels before the Blessed Sacrament held by S. Anthony

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 social reign of Christ, and especially for heads of state, that God may touch their hearts.**

April 2011 Treasure Sheets										
	Daily Off.	Mass	Sacr. Com.	Spir. Com.	Sacrif.	Dec. Ros.	Visit Bl. Sacr.	15 Min. Sil.	Good Example	Quantity
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