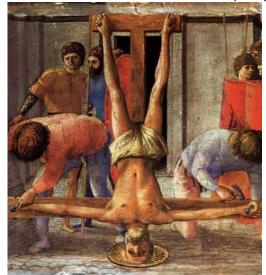
way. The faithful asked Peter to hide himself from Nero. Peter was unwilling to hide but he finally escaped by night. He got a quite a surprise when he was passing out of the city gate, for there he met Jesus. "Lord, where are you going?" Peter asked. "I am going to Rome to be crucified again!" answered Jesus. Now Peter knew that he had to go back to Rome to be crucified.

When he returned to Rome, he was arrested with St. Paul and thrown into the Mamertine Prison. In this prison, St. Peter worked a miracle and caused a spring to come up from the floor



so that he might baptize their jailers: St. St. Processus and Martinianus, as well as soldiers twenty-seven who were later. After eight martyred. imprisonment months Peter and Paul were led to their execution on the same day. Peter was scourged and at his own desire he was crucified upside down because he thought he unworthy to be crucified

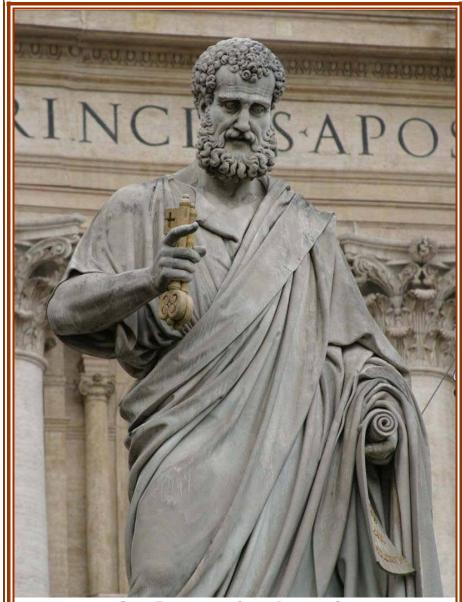
in the same way as Jesus was. He died in Rome on June 29, 65 AD.

The body of St. Peter was buried in the Catacombs, and was later taken to the Vatican. The head of St. Peter and the head of St. Paul were placed over the high altar of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, by Pope Urban V.

Peter was an Apostle of action, ready to do anything for Our Lord. This zeal helped him to spread the Catholic Faith far and wide. Today however, millions of Catholics have no zeal and have lost the Faith. They love sports more than going to Church on Sundays. They love watching TV and movies, which makes them worldly. They listen to, too much rock and roll songs and other garbage on the radio and ipods. We need to pray to St. Peter to help these people come back to Church before they die,

or they will go to Hell!

St. Peter...Pray for Us!



St. Peter, the Apostle
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### The faiTh of St. Peter

Dear Crusaders,

On the front cover of this issue of the Guardian of Crusaders, there is a picture of a famous statue of St. Peter; located in front of the basilica of St. Peter at the Vatican, in Rome. Looking at that picture reminds us that we belong to the Roman Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ, on the Apostle St. Peter.

When Jesus called Peter to be the head of the Church, He told him: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock, I will build my Church... I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

St. Peter is always represented holding keys in his hands. It means that Jesus gave to St. Peter and his successors a great power, the one of being the guardians of the gates of heaven; which were closed down by our sins. That is why, to be able to get to heaven, we need the help of someone in authority to unlock the gates.

This tremendous power to unlock the gates of heaven has been given first to St. Peter and to his successors, the popes. Then it was given to the other apostles, and to their successors, the bishops. It was also given to the priests, who are the bishops' helpers.

Now, we should be delighted that more young men will be ordained priests during this month of June. Like St. Peter, they will receive the power of the keys to hear confessions, thus reopening the gates of heaven to poor sinners.

So, mark your calendars with two dates: Friday June 15, for the priestly ordinations in Winona, USA, and June 29, for the ordinations in Écône, Switzerland. Please have special prayers for these new priests, so that they will be holy priests who will open the gates of heaven to many souls.

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years—from 33 to 40. Peter arrived in Rome in the year 40. Rome at that time was under the reign of Claudius. Within a short time, Pudens, a Roman senator, declared himself converted, and Peter went to visit him in his palace on Mount Viminal.

Peter returned for a time to the East. While visiting the



Church of Jerusalem he was arrested and put in prison in the year 44, by order of Herod Agrippa. But Peter was delivered by an angel who came to see him and led him out of the prison.

The holy Apostle went back to Rome, but only for a short time, because he was banished by **Emperor** Claudius. In the year 51, Peter was present at the General Council held by the Apostles in the city of Jerusalem. At that time he said it was not necessary for the Jewish ceremonies to be practised by Gentile converts—now boys and

men did not have to be circumcised.

One of the strangest events that Peter had to deal with was a conflict at Rome with Simon the Magician. Even during his life there was a statue of Simon in Rome, bearing the blasphemous title: "To the Holy God, Simon." Simon even boasted that he would fly through the air carried by "his angels", in imitation of the Ascension of Jesus. He was to perform this event for Emperor Nero and the pagan Romans. When the day came, he threw himself from a high rock and began to fly up into the air. Then St. Peter said: "O Lord Jesus, show him that his arts are vain!" Suddenly Simon's wings became tangled and he crashed to the ground. Simon bruised his body and broke his thigh and died in anger and confusion a few days later.

When the Catholic Faith and the miracles of the Apostles became well known throughout Rome, Emperor Nero had the Christians hunted down and put to death in many a terrible And Peter answered: "Yes Lord, you know that I love you."

And Jesus said to Him: "Feed my lambs."

Then Jesus said a third time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Peter answered: "Lord you know all things, you know that I love you."

And Jesus said to Him: "Feed my sheep."

Jesus gave the whole flock, both lambs and sheep of the Catholic Church to Peter to care for.

After the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, Peter called together a council in Jerusalem, at which both Apostles and Disciples were present. At this council, Matthias was chosen as an Apostle, to replace Judas the Traitor.

Later the Pentecost took place: all the Apostles and Mary had been praying together for nine days, when suddenly tongues of fire sat on Mary's and each Apostle's head and they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Then Peter arose and preached with the gift of tongues to Jews who had come from different areas. And 3,000 Jews were converted and baptized that same day.

Peter also worked miracles and there was a certain man who was crippled since he was born. To this man he said: "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk." And he took his hand and lifted him up—and the man went into the Temple: walking and leaping and praising God.

Peter became so famous for his holiness that people laid their sick friends on beds and couches in the streets, so that when Peter came his shadow might pass over them so that they would be cured of their illness.

Before long persecution broke out, because the Romans who were pagans, hated the Catholic Faith. The Apostles were scourged and the Faith triumphed. More and more pagans converted to the Catholic Faith.

Peter remained in Judea for five years after the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. Then he went through the surrounding country to visit the faithful and see if everything was in good order. He went to Caesarea to baptize Cornelius the centurion who commanded the army in that city. Cornelius was the first Gentile to be baptized. Afterwards he was made Bishop of Caesarea.

Our saint then went to Antioch, the Capital of Syria. He founded the Church of Antioch and fixed his see there for seven

#### ST. PETER-PRINCE OF THE APOSTLES

St. Peter, first called Simon, was born in the city of Bethsaida, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. St. Andrew was his brother. One day, Simon, his family and Andrew, moved to Capharnaum, which lay on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, so it was suited for fishing for both Simon and Andrew. When Simon was about forty, Andrew introduced him to Jesus. Jesus said: "You are Simon the son of Jona; you shall be called Peter."

One day when Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Peter and Andrew casting their nets into the water. Jesus said: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They left their nets at once and followed him. At the same time, Jesus also invited James and John to follow him.

Right from the start, Peter was loving, faithful and full of energy to do all that Jesus desired. When Jesus explained to his Apostles and Disciples about the Holy Eucharist being his Body and Blood, some Disciples left him. And when Jesus asked his twelve Apostles if they would also go away, Peter said: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."



The Apostles were crossing the stormy sea one night and Jesus appeared to them, walking on the waves. They cried out in fear: "It is an apparition!" and Jesus said to them, "Be of good heart! Fear not! It is !!" Then Peter said: "Lord, if it be You, bid me come to Thee upon the waters." And Jesus said: "Come!" Then Peter got out of the boat and walked towards Jesus. But seeing the wind was strong, he was afraid; and when he began to sink into the water he cried out: "Lord, save me!" And Jesus at once stretched forth his hand and

took hold of Peter, saying: "O you of little faith! Why did you

doubt?" And when they were in the boat, the Apostles
worshipped Jesus, saying: "Truly You are the Son of God!"

We learn from Peter that if we have confidence in Jesus we can do all things because <u>we are relying</u> on the power of God. But if we fear, we can do nothing, because <u>we are not relying</u> on the power of God.

One day Jesus asked his Disciples: "Who do men say that



the Son of Man is?" They said: "John the Baptist, Elias, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." Then Jesus said: "But whom do you say that I am?" And Peter answered: "You are the Son of the living God."

Then Jesus said: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona; because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in Heaven. And I say to you: That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever you shall bind upon earth; it shall also be bound in heaven. And whatsoever you shall loose upon earth, it shall also be loosed in heaven."

Peter confessed that Our Lord was Divine, and in return for that

confession, he was honoured with the promise of being made the foundation of the Church and the powerful, infallible, Vicar of Christ on earth.

One day Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and Jesus was transfigured: his face became bright as the sun and his garments became white as snow. Jesus spoke with Moses and Elias and Peter wanted to set up a tent for each of them. Then God the Father said: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear him." After the vision, Jesus said: "Tell the vision to no one, till the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

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Jesus did not leave us orphans and after the Last Supper, he said the first Mass and consecrated bread and wine into his Body and Blood. Then he told his Apostles to do the same as he did, in memory of him. After the Last Supper Peter told Jesus: "I will lay down my life for thee!"

And Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to thee, the rooster shall not crow till you deny me three times!"

After Judas betrayed Jesus by kissing him falsely in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter followed Jesus and sat within the court. Then three different people came up to Peter and said that he knew Jesus. But every time, Peter lied and said that he did not know Jesus. Then the rooster crowed and Peter went and wept bitterly for his sin.

St. John Chrysostom says that after Peter fell by presumption, he lived in humility for the rest of his days. He learned to treat sinners with tenderness and compassion.

After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his Apostles as they were fishing on the Sea of Galilee. Peter was so excited to see Our Lord that he threw himself into the water and swam to the shore. The other Apostles followed, dragging a net full of fish.

When they arrived on the shore Jesus was cooking a fish for them and had some bread as well. After they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Peter: "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these do?"



Peter answered: "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." And Jesus said to Him: "Feed my lambs."

Then Jesus said a second time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

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## THE CHAINS

Little Talks to Little People

Rustem, Commander of the Persian Army, was famous for his bravery and military skill, and he was generous in forgiving an insult or injury. He wavered in his loyalty to Chosroes, King of the Persians, and planned a revolution against the King.

King Chosroes, on hearing about the plan, was at a loss of what to do, for the army idolized Rustem. All the army loved him and had put him on a pillar in their hearts. The King called a council of his ministers, and all agreed that Rustem, who was now a traitor, should be put in chains because he was no longer loyal to the King.

During the following night, King Chosroes thought over the matter for a long time. The next morning he sent for Rustem, but he did not put him under arrest or in chains. Instead he told Rustem that he looked upon him as a great warrior and somebody he needed. The King praised him for all his good works and gave him a medal of honour and more money for being the good warrior he was.

Rustem was completely changed through the kindness of King Chosroes, and became loyal and attached to him for the rest of his life.

When the King's ministers saw Rustem leaving the palace a free man, they went to the King and scolded him for not putting Rustem in chains. But King Chosroes only smiled at his ministers and told them: "I have put his heart in chains!"

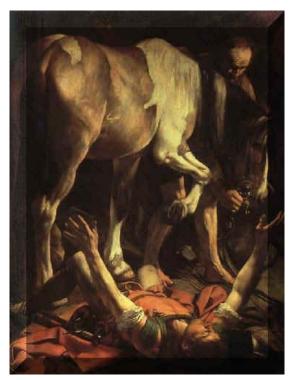
One day it may happen that your friend, (let's call him Conrad), is angry with you. So what are you going to do? The first thing you should do is to pray and forgive your friend Conrad. The second thing you should do is to try, at least through another friend, to speak to Conrad and find out why he is so angry with you, and what you can do to fix up the problem. If Conrad lets your friend know what the problem is and you can easily fix up the problem, then you should do so as soon as possible. If Conrad if too angry to even speak about the problem, then you should continue to pray for him.

Let Conrad know by a letter that you are making a Novena of nine days prayer for him and that you forgive him for being angry with you. Tell him, if there is something that you can do to make things better, you will be glad to. And be sure to make a special intention in your Rosaries. Make many sacrifices for him and mark them on your Treasure Sheet. Be patient and be sure that Jesus and Mary will fix up the problem in their own good time. May God Bless You.

# INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF June 2012

# 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 those who persecute the Church.

The conversion of St. Paul, on the way to Damascus

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