

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 legitimate pride. Every automatically receives the Crusade, *"The Guardian of Crusaders"*.



THE GUARDIAN OF CRUSADERS

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Summer Vacation: What SHOULD I do?

Now, here it is, the time of summer vacation. You have been waiting for it for a long time: two long months without school, and plenty of time to play...

Here are some ideas of good things to do during the summer. First of all, you may have a chance to go to a summer camp, like the Canadian Martyrs' Camp in Ontario. In that camp, like in other good camps, there are many activities and lots of fun things to do.

But the camp is only for two short weeks. What else can you do during the remaining part of summer, especially if you don't go to a camp?

First of all, don't forget about God, for He never goes on vacation. Say your **Daily Prayers** well. Say your **Rosary** well. Go to **Confession** at least once a month, and receive **Communion** often. **Pray**, when you are tempted to sin!

Then, make some efforts in obedience and charity towards your brothers and sisters. If all of you children are willing to do your chores, your parents will be very happy, and everybody will have a good memory of these vacations.

Then, play a lot, and play well. **Remember: An idle mind is the Devil's work shop. And idle hands are the Devil's tools.** St. John Bosco used to say: **"My children, play well, but never offend God."**

So, here is a good schedule I am inviting you to follow this summer. A Crusader should always behave as a good Catholic every day, and at all times.

Enjoy your vacation!

Your Chaplain,

Fr. Dominique Boulet

* On June 5th and July 3rd, I will say Mass for the intentions of the Eucharistic Crusade.

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Colours and Things *Little Talks to Little People*

Did you know that colours and things can help you get to Heaven? **"Well,"** you say, **"that's a load of laughs! How can colours and things help me get to Heaven?"** Well, it's quite easy. For instance, when you see the blue sky and the white clouds...you can think of Heaven and how nice it will be. When you see some wood you can think of the cross that Jesus was nailed to or you can think of the wood manger that Jesus was placed in when He was born.

When you see water, you can remember the story of how St. Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water to meet the Lord. And then how Peter sank in the water and how Jesus saved Him. You can think about how Jesus changed water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana. And that He did this before it was His time, only because His mother Mary told Him, **"They have no wine!"**

When you see oil, you can think that a priest anointed you with special oil when you were baptised. Or you can think about how the great King David, who wrote the beautiful Psalms; was anointed with oil, before he was made king. You can also think that oil is slippery and that if you oil your soul with too many wilful, venial sins, in time you will slip into mortal sin, and after you commit mortal sin, you can slip right into Hell! Now that's scary!

When you see the hair on your head, you can think that God sees all the hairs you have and He even sees when one of your hairs falls to the ground. Or you can think about how Mary Magdalene washed the feet of Jesus with costly perfume and then dried them with the hairs of her head.

When you see the colour red, you can think about the red blood that Jesus shed for you when He was in agony in the Garden of Olives and you can think about how Jesus shed every drop of His blood for you when He died on the Cross.

When you see the golden sun, you can think about the Blessed Sacrament in the golden monstrance. And you can also think about how the sun makes things grow so that you can have all kinds of different food to eat, every day.

When you see the colour blue you can think about the Virgin Mary and how many pictures there are where she is dressed in blue.

That wasn't very hard to do, was it? Now it's your turn. See how many things you can think of that can help you to save your soul and help you get to Heaven—because God wants to see you in Heaven.

traditions of the Church; receive only what she receives; condemn what she condemns; approve what she approves; either by her Councils, or by what the Popes have said. In all things give the Church prompt obedience.”

St. John was eager to go to Rome and throw himself at the feet of the Pope and ask for his blessing of the Christian Brothers Institute. But not being able to go to Rome himself, he sent Br. Gabriel to set up a school there in 1700.

Worn out by too much work and mortifications, St. John finally lost his strength. He had laboured for almost forty years in the great work of Christian education. He had perfected the school system and had gathered around him a number of Christian Brothers who were holy and who knew how to teach well.

On Holy Thursday, 1719, Fr. de la Salle received the Last Sacraments. He told the brothers who pressed around his bed, **“Keep the rules of the Institution of**

Christian Brothers, be obedient to the Pope, have devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. Joseph, and be detached from the things of this world.”

Br. Bartholomew, the new Superior of the Christian Brothers, asked St. John if he accepted his pains with joy. St. John replied, **“In all things I adore the Will of God in my regard.”**

These were his last words. An hour later he opened his arms wide as if he was going to embrace Jesus or Mary, and he died. It was Good Friday, April 7, 1719 and also a First Friday.

The rule of the Christian Brothers was approved by Rome on February 26, 1725; almost six years after St. John had died. He

was canonized by Pope Leo XIII on May 24, 1900. On this occasion Pope Leo said that St. John Baptist de la Salle is the model for Christian teachers, the Patron of Christian Schools, and the protector of youth.

St. John Baptist de la Salle—Pray for us!

The End

ST. JOHN BAPTIST de la SALLE



This story is about a great saint from France who was inspired by God to form a school system that would help poor children to learn well. He is not a popular saint in the English speaking world but he should be, because we all owe him a big thank you for what he did. It is because of St. John that we have the system used today with trained teachers and the school courses in the language which the students speak.

St. John was born in Rheims, France on April 30, 1651. His father was Chancellor of State to the King of France and President of the High Court of Rheims. His mother was a pious, noble woman. Both parents gave much love and care to John, raising him as a good Catholic and

giving him good schooling. As a child, John loved to spend long hours at the foot of the altar, speaking to Jesus and Mary and the saints. It was here that God filled his soul with grace for his future mission.

At an early age John was sent to university where he did very well in his studies. At the age of ten, he received the clerical tonsure and when he was sixteen he was named Canon of the Cathedral of Rheims. At the age of nineteen John completed his classical, literary, and philosophy course and graduated from university.

John then went to the seminary of St. Sulpice, in Paris, to study for the priesthood. There, he always kept the rules and was always pleasing to everybody he talked to. John was known to be pious and intelligent and he applied himself well to the subjects he studied at the seminary.

Nine months after he arrived in Paris, John's mother died on July 19, 1671, and his father died on April 9, 1672. Because of the death of his parents John had to leave the seminary in April 1672. He was twenty years old and became the head of the family; he now had to educate his brothers and sisters. At this time John did not trust his own ideas but prayed, and let his soul be guided by Canon Roland, a very spiritual man.

John was ordained a subdeacon in June 1672. When not busy with his duties as a Canon or his theological studies, John would do good works. After four years he was ordained a deacon at Paris on March 1676. He was ordained a priest at Rheims on Holy Saturday, 1678. He was a model of piety and many people went to his Mass to be edified and to share his piety. After his ordination, Fr. de la Salle continued his studies at Rheims and in 1680, at the age of thirty; he obtained his Doctor's degree.

Fr. de la Salle was untiring in his zeal for souls. He was always ready to take up any work in which he could help to save souls. Canon Roland had founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Child Jesus for teaching poor girls. On his deathbed he told Fr. de la Salle, ***“I ask you to take charge of the Sisters of the Child Jesus. Your zeal will make this Order succeed. You will complete the work which I have begun.”*** St. John put all his energy into helping the newly founded Sisters. He obtained Church approval and government recognition of their Order and their schools.

Our saint’s interest in the work of education had now been stirred up. He saw the children around him growing up in sin and lack of education, and his heart ached for them—he wanted so much to help them become better Catholics.

In March 1679, Fr. de la Salle helped to open a free school at Rheims, and he helped to open another school at St. Jacques Parish. He soon found himself surrounded by young men who wanted to become his disciples. They had been



struck by his noble and untiring zeal, and now wished to follow his example. He took them to his home, drew up rules for them, and began to train them in the art of teaching.

The first schools Fr. de la Salle opened were a success. In July 1683, he gave up his position as Canon at the Cathedral of Rheims. For a time all went well; then a famine broke out in the land. St. John had riches and his disciples began to show signs of distrust. As a sacrifice, in the winter of 1684, he sold all he had and gave the money from these sales to the poor. Then he said to his companions, ***“From now on we will rely on God alone for our support.”*** And he told his friends and relatives, ***“I must do the work of God, and if the worst should come to pass, we shall have to beg alms.”*** This was the beginning of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

Up to the period of 1864, the Christian Brothers were not an approved Institute. From 1694 to 1717, the Christian Brothers had to struggle hard to keep in existence. In 1702, Fr. de la Salle began to go through a long period of trial. He was persecuted by certain Church authorities. In November 1702, St. John was removed from his position by a Cardinal and replaced by a priest. In 1703, one of Fr. de la Salle’s most trusted brothers left the order. For the next ten years our saint struggled to keep the Christian Brothers Institute alive.

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In 1717, our saint held a meeting for the election of a brother as the Superior General of the Institute. Besides giving the youth a Catholic education, Fr. de la Salle cultivated the spirit of faith, piety, mortification, and obedience in the souls of the Christian Brothers.

One of the best reasons that Fr. de la Salle had for teaching in French instead of Latin was because reading is one of the best ways to obtain knowledge. When reading good books children could spread the Catholic Faith in the family circle, and in the evening, read some useful book to the family.



St. John was a genius in the work of education. He embraced all classes and all types of people. By making the free schools popular, he fed the growing needs of the people in his own day and for all times. No part of education escaped his mind. Two, or three or more teachers were used depending on the amount of pupils there were in the class. And the pupils in the class would be at the same grade level so that they could all learn more quickly. Fr. de la Salle had his methods used not only for reading, but also for Catechism, Writing, Spelling, and Arithmetic. He knew that man’s future was planned by God and that teachers should help each student to develop his learning skills and virtues so that he could fulfill God’s plans.

In 1714, Fr. de la Salle went on a retreat. At that time Jansenism was in full swing. **(Jansenism is a**

heresy which taught that man has no free will! He will either go to Heaven or go to Hell, no matter how much good he does, or how much bad he does!) As you know, dear readers, this is false because God gave man and woman a free will in the Garden of Eden. You make the choice of going to Heaven or Hell.

After the retreat St. John explained to the Christian Brothers that Jansenism was wrong and that they should keep the Catholic Faith. He wrote to the different Christian Brothers: ***“Hold fast to the true Faith, shun novelties, follow the***

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INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2010

The Crusader offers up his day with all its prayers, spiritual communions and sacrifices for the intention received from Bishop Fellay, the second successor of Archbishop Lefebvre as the Superior of the Society of St. Pius X.



Statue of Christ the King, from Langley, BC

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 justice in the world through the reign of Jesus Christ.**

TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2010

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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, any thing 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

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St. Therese of the Child Jesus with her father

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April 2010 Treasure Sheets										
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SK	362	69	69	322	2741	2072	141	47	1505	15
AB	262	110	82	189	650	1476	354	220	448	9
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