

# Educating the Youth to Live the Mass

Experts from the Manual of the

## Eucharistic Crusade of the Apostleship of Prayer

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### USE OF FREE TIME

### *The End<sup>1</sup>*

The Crusade, as an organ of education, must embrace the whole of the child's life, and so it is necessary that a suitable place be found for recreation and amusement also. And although the children may be able to find their enjoyment in the family and in other groups, yet it is very much to be recommended that recreational activities should be provided also by the Crusade. For if the children have to find all their amusements outside the Crusade, it can easily appear to them as too sombre, and fun can seem to have no place in the spiritual life. Moreover in some cases there is serious danger that the diversions sought in other company can do harm to the spirit of the Crusade. On the other hand if recreation and fun are harmoniously blended into the whole of life of a child, he will, from childhood, learn that good and innocent entertainment has its place in religion.

The Local Director should take care that Crusaders are helped to enjoy and make the best use of their free-time. The children must learn that even in free-time the law of God is to be observed, and that here too there are opportunities to make sacrifices for the love of Christ. The Crusade utterly rejects the practice — unfortunately accepted even by some Catholic educationists — of excluding all forms of sacrifice and all mention of religion from entertainments. Such a practice encourages children to think that free-time is a time in which they are freed from the service of God.

There should be moderation in sport which should be seen as a secondary matter. Directors should not show special esteem for those who do well in sports or particularly praise them. On the contrary they should encourage charity and esteem for those who are sick or handicapped in body.

Finally there ought to be hikes, excursions, and pilgrimages. The pilgrimages are sacred journeys in which the greater part of the time is given to devout exercises. The hikes and the excursion, on the other hand, are chiefly for amusement but it is appropriate that they include a visit to a church or a shrine. Children are always ready for such things if these visits are made in a way suited to them and their meaning and purpose are well explained.

Do not forget that children can sometimes be more easily and effectively moved to virtue and religion during times of recreation and amusements than during periods of formal instruction.

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<sup>1</sup> Since September 2004 (issue #139), we have been giving you the best of “*Educating the Youth to Live the Mass*”. In the near future, we will make a booklet of these articles. Write to us for your copy.



## THE GUARDIAN OF CRUSADERS

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# Grant us Holy Priests!

Dear Crusaders,



Let me tell you about a famous event taken from the life of St. John Mary Vianney, the holy Curé of Ars. On the way to his new parish, Fr. Vianney could not find the village of Ars. In those days, Ars was a small village out in the country that people in the city had never heard about.

It was on a foggy morning in the early fall. Fr. Vianney was travelling by foot, and it was not easy for him to find the remote village of Ars. At a crossroad, Fr. Vianney met a young boy whose name was Antoine (Anthony). ***“I am lost. Young lad, could you please show me the way to Ars?” “Yes, Father, it is right over there.” “Thank you very much! You have shown me the way***

***to Ars; I shall show you the way to Heaven!”***

Dear Crusaders, this is the job of priests: to show people the way to Heaven, giving them the means that will help them to get there: Prayer, the Sacraments, and the Mass. But, to help people get to Heaven, the priest himself must be a **Saint**. We can't give what we don't have. Did you ever try to fill up a glass from an empty bottle? No, this would not make any sense: you must first fill up the bottle.

It is the same with priests. As Jesus said, ***“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out and to be trodden on by men.”*** In the same manner, if the priest is not a saint, how could he help people to become saints?

In a few words, I am telling you about the problems in the Catholic Church. Modern priests have lost the taste for holiness. As they have nothing to give, it is becoming very difficult to save one's soul, if not impossible.

That is why, dear Crusaders, it is so important to pray for priests, so that you will get holy priests that will help you to get to Heaven.

By the end of this month, a number of young men will be ordained priests in Winona, Ecône and Zaitzkofen. Please have a special intention for these young priests, so that they will continue working to become saints, and to make saints.

Father Dominique Boulet

# When I Grow Up I Will I ...

## *Little Talks to Little People*

What do you want to be when you grow up? This is a question which many children wonder about. Many children don't know what they want to be when they grow up and some children are very sure that they want to be a certain type of person when they grow up.

Perhaps some of you boys would like to be a fireman, or a policeman, or a truck driver. And maybe some of you girls would like to be a nurse, or a teacher, or a stewardess on an airplane.

Well these are all nice jobs and you will certainly have some very interesting days if you were to get one of these jobs. But are you sure that God would like you to get a job like this?

Maybe God wants you to do something else in your life? Maybe God wants some of you boy's to become a priest or a brother or a monk in a monastery? And maybe God wants some of you girls to become a nun, working with people or maybe even a cloistered nun?

***“Now wait a minute!”*** you might say! ***“What about my ideas. Don't they count?”*** Yes they do, but first check with God to see if it is all right with Him. Beg God for grace to know and do His most Holy Will. After all, God only wants what is best for you.

***“He does?”*** you might say. **Yes, He does!** Remember, God only wants what is best for you and He wants to see you in Heaven with Him. He wants to help you every step of the way. All you have to do is trust in Him and follow Him. God will help you through His priests, His Bishops, His Nuns, and even the Pope; who is so far away in Rome. And God will often help you through other people like your parents, your teachers, your friends and yes, even your enemies.

**So what do you think now? Sounds like a good idea doesn't it; God helping you all along the way?** A vocation to the religious life is certainly something you should think about once in a while. **St. John Bosco said that one out of five people have a vocation.** How many people do you have in your family? Five? Six? Seven? Eight? Nine? Ten? or more???

You like to read the stories of the saints, don't you? And you see that the saints always tried to do God's most Holy Will, even when it was hard? And when they didn't do God's Will life was much more difficult, wasn't it?

So think from time to time about doing God's Will and pray for Vocations, for the good God will most certainly hear your prayers.

he would kill her if she told anybody. Maria kept silent because she knew that telling her mother would only cause the poor woman to worry.

On July 5, 1902, after the noon meal, Mr. Serenelli fell asleep under the stairs and the others went back to the field. Maria sat on the landing and mended clothes while she watched the sleeping baby.

Alessandro returned to the house and went to the storeroom downstairs. He came back to the house and called out, **“Maria! Come here!”** When she asked why, he called her again. **“I won’t come unless I know why you want to see me,”** cried Maria. Alessandro came out on the landing and dragged poor Maria into the kitchen. Maria cried out, **“No! No! No! What are you doing? Do not touch me! It is a sin—you will go to Hell!”** Then Alessandro shoved a handkerchief into Maria’s mouth and began stabbing her with a knife. He stabbed her at least fourteen times.

Because the threshing machine was making so much noise, Assunta could not hear Maria’s cries for help. But the baby on the landing was awakened by the noise and the babies’ cries awakened Mr. Serenelli. Assunta suddenly looked up and noticed that the baby was in danger of falling off the landing. She ran toward the house and saw poor Maria trying to drag herself toward the door. **“Who did this to you, Maria,”** the girl’s mother questioned.

**“Alessandro stabbed me! He wanted to make me do wrong and I would not!”**

The local doctor arrived and bound up Maria’s wounds. After a while, an ambulance arrived and Maria was taken to the hospital. At the same time the police arrived and took Alessandro away.



A priest came after Maria’s arrival at the hospital. Before giving Maria the Last Rites he asked the girl if she forgave Alessandro with all her heart. Maria immediately replied, **“Yes, I too, for the love of Jesus, forgive him and I want him to be in Heaven with me!”**

Maria was canonized by Pope Pius XII on June 25, 1950. In today’s world, because of all the evil, it is very hard to keep your soul pure. Pray that St. Maria Goretti will keep you pure at all costs, even if it means death. Remember you must be very pure and good, in order to enter Heaven.

**The End**

**\* On May 16<sup>th</sup>, I said Mass for the intentions of the Eucharistic Crusade in Canada.**

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## ST. MARIA GORETTI—MARTYR OF PURITY

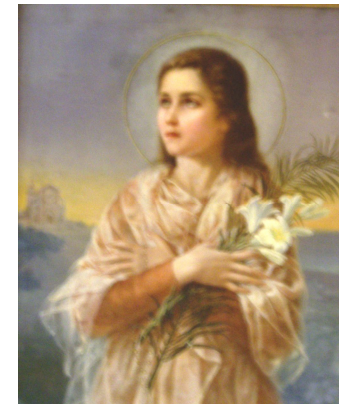
St. Maria Goretti is truly a saint for our times. She was a girl who loved to be good. She was a girl who listened to and obeyed her parents and helped them as much as she could. And most especially she was a girl who loved Jesus and Mary very much and begged them for help.

Maria was born in the beautiful land of Corinaldo, Italy, on October 16, 1890. She was named Maria after the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Teresa, after the great St. Teresa of Avila, Spain. Maria was also baptised one day after her birth because her mother hated original sin and wanted to free her child from the stain of original sin as soon as possible.

Maria’s mother was known as Assunta. She was a very good woman who had never been to school and had never learned to read or write. She learned how to love God by listening to sermons and by practicing what the priest had told the people to do to please God. As a mother she passed on this love to her husband, her children, her neighbours and other people she would meet.

Luigi, Maria’s father, was a good man who feared and loved God. In his earlier years he had been in the military and after finishing his military duties he returned to Corinaldo and married Assunta. Luigi farmed for a living but he and his family were always very poor. They accepted each child as a gift from God and accepted their poverty as God’s Will.

The family had very few things, and among these things the item which they treasured most was a small picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The children would play with a rock or an apple, instead of a ball, because they had no toys to play with. Poor little Maria didn’t even have a doll to play with—as many other girls did, because her family was too poor to buy one. And the children never went to school because the family was so poor.



The Goretti family grew and before long there were four children. Maria's father grew vegetables and crops which helped to feed his family but when there were six mouths to feed, there was a shortage of food. So they decided to become tenant farmers in another part of the country, because as Luigi explained, ***"We must not think of ourselves. Our children are gifts from the good God and we must show that we are thankful by taking care of them."***

By the time Maria was six years old, Assunta had taught her to be very obedient, to pray well and to love Jesus and Mary. Maria had an understanding beyond her years. She would often ask to help with some job. Maria loved playing, but most often she would play with her younger brothers to keep them from bothering their mother. Maria loved to laugh and be cheerful and she loved to run and pick flowers.



The Goretti family moved to Ferriere di Conca, where the Pontine Marshes are, when Maria was eight years old. But here, swamps and disease were plentiful—mosquitoes carried diseases and even the air was unhealthy. After the move Luigi said, ***"I'm worried that the move to this swampy area might affect our children!"*** But Assunta was calm and replied, ***"Maria will be our joy, wherever she is."*** Here Luigi became a

partner with Mr. Serenelli and his sixteen year old son, Alessandro. They in turn became tenant farmers for Conte Mazzoleni. Both families moved into the loft of an old dairy barn and made this place their home.

At the age of nine, Maria was given more duties and did the shopping at the market. Maria was always friendly to the people she met to and from the market, but she did her errands and returned home as soon as possible. Often the merchants Maria met would notice something special about her, so they gave her small gifts, for which she thanked them warmly.

On one occasion a grocer gave Maria a lovely red apple. Not thinking of herself, she put the apple in her bag and told the grocer it was for her brother. Then the grocer gave Maria a cookie and she put this in her bag for her little sister. Finally the grocer said that he wanted the girl herself to accept a gift from him. At that point, he gave her another cookie and she ate it in the store and thanked the grocer for it.

Even in Ferriere di Conca the Goretti family could not make a good living. Luigi became tired and run-down because of working too much and soon caught the diseases from the marsh—malaria, typhus, meningitis, and pneumonia. Assunta stayed by his bed for ten days until he died.

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Meanwhile, Maria who was only ten, did all the cooking, ran the errands, looked after the children, and prayed... Luigi died in May, 1900 and poor Assunta was forced to take on a man's job in the fields in order to support her family.

Maria had to become the **"mother"** and did the house chores for both her family and the Serenelli's. She was not as good a cook as her mother and when scolded for this fault she simply begged pardon for not cooking so well. She also taught her brothers and sisters their prayers and told them stories. And when she would come home from church she would teach them the Bible stories she had learned.

Maria was saddened by the fact that she had to wait so long to receive Holy Communion. Assunta loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament dearly and wanted everything to be as nice as possible for Maria's First Communion. She told Maria, ***"Because you are not able to read and because we have no money for proper clothes, I'm afraid my dear, that you will have to wait."*** And to this Maria replied, ***"You'll see, Mama! God will provide!"*** And Maria's faith was rewarded. She herself thought of someone to teach her the Catechism and she walked a certain distance every day in order to learn her lessons. On top of this she always did her daily duties.



In May, a priest examined Maria and found that she was well prepared for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Neighbours brought shoes, a veil, a candle, and a wreath of flowers for Maria, and Assunta gave Maria a beautiful dress and let her wear her coral necklace and her gold earrings. As a final preparation for her First Communion, Maria went around the house and begged pardon of her family members and the Serenelli's for any wrong which she might have done them. Then the whole family went to Conca for the ceremony. At the ceremony, the priest told the First Communicants to keep the virtue of **"Purity at all costs"**. Truly the Holy Ghost had inspired the priest to say this because God knows the future.

In June, Maria received Holy Communion four more times and also during this month nineteen year old Alessandro tried to come near Maria in order to touch her. Maria resisted Alessandro both times and he told her that

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**INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF  
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Priestly Ordinations in Winona

**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 priests and priestly vocations.**

MARIA GORETTI  
ALESSANDRO  
COMMUNION  
MONASTERY  
HOLY WILL  
VOCATION  
CHILDREN  
COOKING  
FIREMAN  
GROCER

PRAYERS  
ASSUNTA  
PICTURE  
MARKET  
WOUNDS  
DISEASE  
PRIEST  
NURSE  
KNIFE  
LUIGI

ITALY  
MARY  
JESUS  
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March 2010 Treasure Sheets										
	Daily Off.	Mass	Sacr. Com.	Spir. Com.	Sacrif.	Dec. Ros.	Visit Bl. S.	15 Min.	Good Example	Quantity
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SK	429	71	61	497	1615	2029	197	114	1294	15
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BC	357	85	41	57	394	1441	53	6	250	13
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TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2010

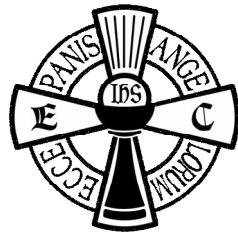
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Note about sending your total to the Secretariat:

- 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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