



The Crusader

Bulletin of the Eucharistic Crusade for Children in Australia and New Zealand



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**July 2022: Month of the
Precious Blood**

**For the Pope and Bishops
of the World**

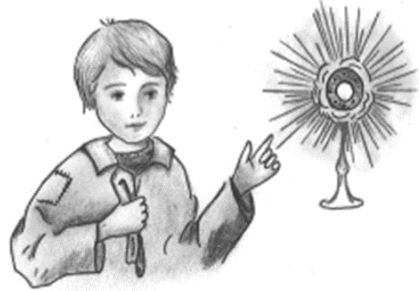
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear Crusaders,

This month of July we have a special edition of *The Crusader* for you. We hope that you find it fresh and interesting. Most of all, however, we pray that you will find the articles in this edition a real help to form that Crusader spirit – the spirit of Prayer, Communion, Sacrifice and Apostolate. That is the watchword of the true Soldier of Our Blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist. If we are soldiers we have to train for the battle – first of all the battle in our own souls. To conquer the enemy in our souls means to win the victory over sin. And that is a victory only won by souls that pray, who receive the Bread of the Angels in Holy Communion and generously practice works of penance. Crusaders who win the battle for their own soul will be powerful instruments in the Apostolate, soldiers of Christ who strive to spread His Kingdom everywhere and bring every soul to submission to Him by constant prayer, sacrifices and good example.

Sometimes we can make the mistake to think that because we are young, we cannot make a real difference in the army of Christ. It is difficult to imagine that we could do great works like St Paul, or St Francis Xavier, or any of the great Saints and Soldiers of Our Lord whom we can read about in the history of the Church. Yet any great work that the Saints did for Our Lord was not great on account of themselves, but because they did it with a great love for Him. So we too, little that we may be, and do great works for Our Lord if we do all our good works from a very great love for Jesus.

Loving Our Lord doesn't take great strength, great knowledge or even great virtue – at least in the beginning. All it takes is a generous and determined heart.



A heart that chooses to love Jesus. Always. Everywhere. A heart that doesn't complain when things are difficult, but who offers his crosses up in union the crucified Jesus. A heart that makes the time spent at prayer a real conversation with his best friend – Jesus Himself. A heart that seeks to please Jesus in everything, that seeks to share every moment with Jesus. If you read the little story in this magazine about God's Little Gunner you will find a perfect example of a real soldier in the army of Jesus Christ.

So, dear Crusaders, to arms! There is a whole world to conquer for Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. So many souls to be saved, and we have not a moment to lose. We have made our promises as Crusaders. Now let us live up to them by using our weapons of Prayer, Communion, Sacrifice and the Apostolate. You can be sure that, if you are generous, you will already begin great works for God.

Remember this month we are praying especially for the Pope and Bishops around the world. Next month we will be praying for Christians suffering persecution.

Blessed Mother with your Loving Son, bless us each and everyone!

Fr Joseph Ockerse



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The Sisters' Corner

A Word of Encouragement from the SSPX Sisters in Sydney

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How you love your Crusade!  
How proud you are of your badge! Think of all those days, so far this year, that were offered and what you have put into them... Think of your sacrifices, of your communions especially!



Maybe there has been a day when it was difficult for you to go to Mass and receive Communion – and nevertheless you got the better of...your pillow; you triumphed over your hesitations, over the opposition of those around you; you kept the fast before Holy Communion, with the courage of a Crusader! But also, what a joy it was, afterwards, to be able to speak with Jesus, to tell Him your projects, all that you have in your heart.

And now you have a few weeks of holidays.

Are you going to say good-bye to your life as a Crusader? Are you going to put your badge away in a drawer?

Those who take care of you so generously during the year – your priests, Sisters, teachers - are wondering, a little worried, if some of you are going to say good bye to your morning offering, to your sacrifices, and to Communion...

Dear Crusaders, you have a big intention this month: more than ever before, the Pope and the bishops need your prayers, your sacrifices, your fidelity to the Crusade. You have an important role to fill. So, take up the challenge, be generous Crusaders and take concrete resolutions. See which point you have a tendency to neglect: the morning offering, Communion, the rosary, etc... and try, with the grace of God, to be very faithful to it.

And do not forget to hand in your treasure sheets!

May you have a good July holiday!

## God's Little Gunner



This story took place in Madrid, Spain, in a church where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed.

A little man not yet ten years old: torn shirt, pants to match, and, over this rich suit, a huge jacket falling to his feet; his shoes had holes in them.

Every day, FOR ONE HOUR, from eight to nine o'clock, kneeling motionless with his hands clasped, his eyes fixed on the white Host exposed in the monstrance, this child looked like an angel.

One morning, a young lady, touched by his piety which she had noticed every day, could no longer restrain her curiosity. She made a sign to him, on her way out, to come and talk to her.

“What is your name?”  
“I don't have a name.”

“But what is your father's name?”

“I don't have a father.”

“Your mother then?”

“I don't have a mother.”

“Poor little one,” exclaimed the young lady. “But all the same, you must have a name?”

“I had one, but as I did not like it, I changed it... and I gave myself one that I like.”

“Can you tell me this beautiful name?”

He passed then from childish shyness to a delicious piety: with bright eyes, he replied, “My name is God's little gunner.”

“Why?”

“Well, it’s like this. I was taken, as a very small child, by gypsies who taught me to beg and always wanted to make me steal. I did not want to steal. One day, when I had not been given anything in the street, the gypsy kicked me and threw me out: ‘Go steal!’ I didn’t want to, it’s wrong. I walked a long, long time, and then I slept on a bench. In the morning, I saw a lot of cars and little rich children going into church. I slipped in behind them. A priest went up on ‘that very high thing’ (the pulpit) and he said: ‘You see this Host in the golden monstrance? God is there out of love for us, and especially out of love for children; come every day to visit Him for at least five minutes and send Him one kiss of love.’ I said to myself: ‘If God is there out of love for me, it is not enough to come every day for five minutes and send Him just one kiss of love!’ So I

come every day for at least an hour, and I send Him not just one kiss of love, but volleys of love, that’s why I call myself God’s little gunner!...”

This delightful little soul was quickly prepared by the young lady for his First Communion and the “volleys of love” increased even more!

Who wants to organize, on vacation, a battalion of “Little gunners of the good God”, coming to Mass, to Holy Communion, to visit the Blessed Sacrament, in order to send their “volleys of love” – their more and more fervent acts of love – to Jesus in the Host!

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This story was taken from the book “Crusader on Vacation.” It is available at Te Deum Press (tedeumpress.com). Every Crusader should have this book! It can be read all year round!

A Little Heart to Heart Talk

By Fr. Mark Stafki

#1: The Eucharistic Crusade

In the year 1095 AD, Pope Urban II, called for crusades to win back the Holy Lands! Even the children joined to make one army of crusaders (in 1212AD). This took great courage. That land was called "Holy" because Jesus had lived and died there. Later, another Pope called for the Eucharistic Crusade (St Pius X, 1914), which is a league of children, a worldwide army of children, fighting for Christ their King, to win back the "Holiest Land." The Holiest Land is here, inside, each heart, each soul. Jesus lived and died not for the soil of some country, but for souls. It is so sad to see huge numbers of souls serving the devil, slaves of the devil. They are on the edge of hell. However, the devil did not make these souls, not a single one of them; they do not belong to him. These souls belong to their King, just like ours do! Jesus wants to conquer them with His love through children like you! How do we know that? Fatima, Portugal on 13 May 1917: The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children (one boy and two girls) and asked them to help save sinners by prayer, sacrifice and communions. It sounds just like the Eucharistic Crusade, which had started just three years before in France.

How does the Crusade work? First step: Enlistment. You sign up to join the army. This army is open to both boys and girls, because you do not fight with swords and clubs but by

prayers, sacrifices and worthy communions. Second step: Be faithful to the duties of a soldier. We will talk about two of these duties today. (1) Fill out the Treasure Sheet daily (and honestly) and turn it in at the end of each month. Soldiers like treasure! When you say a prayer or make a sacrifice, Jesus takes that treasure and puts it into a poor sinner's heart. He buys back captured souls with the treasure you give Him. (2) Come to the Crusade Meetings each month. Good soldiers do not fight or do their training alone! They depend upon one another. They learn about the strategy that will lead to victory.

A couple points to remember:

1. Only volunteers are wanted for this great work.

- No-half-hearted soldiers
- We want courageous, self-sacrificing, generous souls who love their King more than themselves!

2. Be patient and steady. It takes time:

- Probation (about 6 months)
- Page (7-9 yrs old)
- Crusaders (9-12 yrs old)
- Knight/Handmaid (12-15 yrs old)

The host is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is our King. He is our God. He deserves our love and allegiance. The battle is hard, so where do we look for courage and strength? Mary! Our Mother! Let us follow Her; follow Her even to the other end of the world...and she will lead us to Jesus and many souls with us!

Aesop's Fables

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Who was Aesop?

As it first appeared in "Hostia" #219

Well now! We have been reading all of these nice fables written by some fellow named Aesop! Have you ever wondered just who this Aesop fellow was? This must be your lucky day, then! Aesop was a Greek man who lived (would you guess?) in Greece! He lived around the time of 620 BC till 564 BC (if you know your Old Testament history, you know that at this same time lived the last few kings of Juda). Aristotle says that the Aesop was a slave on the island of Samos, which was just off the eastern coast of what is today known as Turkey. Anyway, he was eventually freed from slavery, and was known to have dined with the famous "Seven Sages of Greece." Later, he went on a diplomatic mission for King Croesus, the King of Lydia. During that mission, he insulted the people of Delphi and was sentenced to death (they contrived the charge of theft from the temple there), and so was thrown off a cliff. Now, Aesop liked to write fables, mostly ones with talking animals. Although he wrote many, he did not make up the original idea of fables. The oldest Greek fable we know of that has talking animals in it is called "The Hawk and the Nightingale," written by another ancient Greek called Hesiod. Now, there are some texts that say that Aesop was a very ugly man. They say he had a pot-belly, had a weirdly-shaped head, a snubbed nose, bowed legs, short arms, and was liver-lipped. Those stories say he was laughed at and that people made fun of him. We don't really know if he was as ugly as those stories say (he lived so long ago, it is hard to know!), but what we do know is that he was quite likely to have come from the area around Egypt or Ethiopia. In his fables, he often includes animals such as camels, elephants and apes - and those areas of Africa are the kind of place where these animals would live. At any rate, we know Aesop liked animals and had spent time studying their manner and character. In his stories, the animals always have the faults and virtues that are characteristic of their species - roosters are bold, monkeys are sneaky, wolves are greedy, foxes are tricky and sly. But Aesop knew that for every animal he depicts, there is a person with the same strengths and shortcomings, so he was a watcher not only of the animals, but of people too, and he wisely understood the society of them all.



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THE VISITATION



**LITURGY THIS MONTH**

*The month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus*



Do you know your upcoming Feasts? See if you can answer these quizzing questions!

A) July 1: This Feast is connected to the Passion of Our Lord: What was spilled when He was scourged?

B) July 2: The second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary (This should be super easy!)

C) July 14: This saint's name means "Good Luck".

D) July 16: The Feast of the Brown Scapular, otherwise known as \_\_\_\_\_.

E) July 19: This saint is the patron of Catholic op-shops and other charitable associations.

F) July 22: This saint wiped Our Lord's feet with her hair...

G) July 25: This apostle has a famous pilgrimage dedicated to him in Spain.

H) July 26: This saint was Our Lady's Mother!

I) July 31: This saint wrote the Spiritual Exercises for retreats.

A) The Precious Blood B) The Visitation C) St Bonaventure D) Our Lady of Mt Carmel E) St Vincent de Paul F) St Mary Magdalen G) St James the Greater H) St Anne I) St Ignatius of Loyola



The Crusader prays, receives Communion, makes sacrifices and shows good example for the intention that is given him each month by Reverend Father Davide Pagliarani, successor of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre as Superior General of the Society of Saint Pius X

**July 2022 Intention:**

For the Pope and Bishops of the world

**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 Pope and Bishops of the world

Remember that all the good works and prayers from your treasure sheets are given each month to Father Pagliarani so that he may be able to offer them at his Mass on the first Saturday of every month.



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**APRIL 2022 RESULTS**

The Intention was for the sick and dying people

|              | Treasure Sheets returned | Morning Offering | Masses     | Communions  |            | Sacrifices  | Decades of the Rosary | Visits to Blessed Sacrament | 15 mins of meditation | Good Example | % returned |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
|              |                          |                  |            | Sacramental | Spiritual  |             |                       |                             |                       |              |            |
| Brisbane     | 8                        | 291              | 62         | 61          | 246        | 213         | 1181                  | 54                          | 6                     | 175          | 11%        |
| Jolimont     | 2                        | 56               | 20         | 19          | 60         | 60          | 300                   | 20                          | 0                     | 60           | 17%        |
| Seminary     | 4                        | 96               | 24         | 28          | 73         | 154         | 462                   | 14                          | 25                    | 83           | 44%        |
| Rockdale     | 19                       | 484              | 89         | 74          | 171        | 1050        | 1196                  | 207                         | 49                    | 295          | 70%        |
| Tynong       | 15                       | 313              | 109        | 92          | 86         | 289         | 2187                  | 59                          | 75                    | 215          | 17%        |
| Whanganui    | 32                       | 822              | 353        | 326         | 249        | 1073        | 4051                  | 621                         | 376                   | 596          | 58%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>80</b>                | <b>2062</b>      | <b>657</b> | <b>600</b>  | <b>885</b> | <b>2839</b> | <b>9377</b>           | <b>975</b>                  | <b>531</b>            | <b>1424</b>  | <b>28%</b> |

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