

# Educating the Youth to Live the Mass

Experts from the Manual of the

## Eucharistic Crusade of the Apostleship of Prayer

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### AGE-GROUP FOR ADOLESCENTS

Normally the Crusade ends with the third Age-group (teenagers). Once this is over, the children are directed to join other organizations designed for young people, but the following should be noted:

1. The program of the Apostleship remains the basis of the training in the perfection of the Christian life. The Morning Offering in the sense already often explained remains the foundation of their spirituality. Through examination of conscience and frequent confession, the young people strive after their own perfection so that they may offer their daily lives to God as an oblation not wholly unworthy of Him.

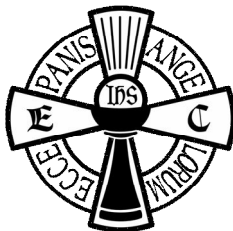
2. Adolescents should keep up the practice of frequent Communion, as they are passing through critical years in which especially they need the help of grace and the Heavenly Food. Liturgical formation should help them to penetrate more deeply into the nature and the end of the Mass. They must grasp better the union of love and sacrifice with Christ so that they may understand more clearly the way in which they ought to participate as offerers and victims in the Sacrifice of Christ.

3. Directors must make sure that, when the time comes to choose a state of life, the older ones are invited to make a retreat.

4. Now they are gradually reaching the age at which they are capable of taking a bigger part in the apostolate of the Church. Among the various works they should give first consideration to is the work of helping to form the younger Crusaders.

5. Finally attention must be paid to the fact that the Crusade is an organization which promotes the spiritual formation of young people. Therefore although amusements, etc. must not be neglected, they must always be subordinated to spiritual formation.

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## THE GUARDIAN OF CRUSADERS

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# Someone is knocking at the door!

Dear Crusaders,

Before Mary and Joseph reached Bethlehem, they thought that they would have no problem finding a place to stay. Let us imagine their conversation: "Joseph, dusk is coming, where we can stay?" "Mary, you know, we have so many relatives in town: I am sure that one of them will be able to accommodate us for the night. Here is the house of Auntie Sarah; she was always good to me when I was a little boy!" Knock, knock, knock... Auntie Sarah appears at the threshold, holding a feathered chicken in one hand and a bottle of olive in the other hand. "Joseph, Mary, so nice to see you. I am busy getting dinner ready; we have company tonight: you know, our cousins from Alexandria are visiting, and they are rich. Sorry, may-be Uncle Solomon will be able to accommodate you." Lo and behold, they rushed to the house of Uncle Solomon: Knock, knock, knock... "Come on in. I am so glad to see my dear cousin Mary, and her husband Joseph. Who sent you here? I guess it is Auntie Sarah, she should know that I have no place for you. I am too busy."

One house after another; it was the same story: knock, knock, and knock: "sorry, we have to no time, and no place for you."

Dear Crusaders, the same thing is happening in our times: Jesus comes knocking at the door of men, and they are all finding excuses: "I have no time for You, no place for You to rest." He is also coming to the door of your soul: knock, knock, and knock. Will you open the door; are you going to welcome Him into your heart? You should do so! Every day, Jesus wants to visit you by the means of Holy Communion. You may not be able to open the door to Him, if it is on a week day, and there is no Mass where you live, but at least, you should open your soul to Him by making a spiritual Communion.

One day, good Pope Leo XIII met with some pilgrims who were visiting him in Rome. He told them: "In our times, the Church is persecuted in so many countries. What will help us? Only the greatest of all devotions: the devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. You ought to receive Communion as often as possible, like it used to be in the first centuries of the Church."

So, dear children, it may be a good resolution for the New Year. This year, when Jesus comes to you, knocking at the door of your soul do not leave Him out in the cold, but open your heart to Him!

Father Dominique Boulet

## THE PRISONER *Little Talks to Little People*

Along time ago there was a king who was very upset about the way four of his noblemen had acted. They had broken the law and had sinned but they were not sorry for the wrong they had done. So the king put them into prison for their bad actions.

Many years later when the king had long since forgiven these men for their crimes and released them, he asked them, "***How did you men spend your time when you were in prison?***"

Mark, the first man said, "***I gave myself to hard study in order to bear the fact that I was in prison. I did not like being in prison but I had to stay there.***"

James, the second man replied, "***I began to draw and paint so that my time in prison would pass as quickly as possible.***"

Luke, the third man replied, "***I practiced playing the guitar and the flute, in order to pass the time away.***"

John, the fourth man answered, "***I spent my time in prison thinking about how I should act in the future so that I would not have to go to prison again. And I said my Rosary every day, asking Our Lady to help me be very good in the future.***"

To John the king kindly replied, "***You were the wisest of all, my friend. May Jesus and Mary bless you for what you did.***"

Then the king turned to the three other men saying, "***For the future please do as John has done. Think about your past sins and live a better Catholic life. Say your Rosary every day and ask Our Lady to help you be good Catholics all the time.***"

So you see dear children, sometimes when a person sins, one tries to overcome his bad state by mental or physical work. Another tries to forget about his sins by enjoying worldly things. But all of these people are very foolish.

The best way to overcome your sinful ways is first to ask Jesus and Mary to help you become better. Next it is important to go to confession often, at least once a month, or even twice a month. Then it is most important to receive Communion as often as possible, and even go to daily Mass if possible. It's very important to say your Rosary every day and to love Jesus, Mary and Joseph. If you do these things you will become a better and better Catholic and it will be easier for you to go to Heaven. And your good example will also show other people how to live a good life and how to get to Heaven.

The miraculous picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel is a painted on a thin piece of plaster, about as thick as the eggshell of a chicken egg. The picture rests on a wall only from the centre of the picture to the far right. There is nothing that holds the picture up, and there is no support behind the picture, even to this very day. Probably an angel is holding the picture so that it does not fall over!



In the picture Our Lady of Good Counsel looks very sad. It is as though Our Lady was always thinking of the sufferings that her Son, Jesus would have to go through before He died. Mary is shown as a very gentle, loving mother and Jesus is shown as a very loving Child who clings to his mother with both hands, as if He never wants to let go of her. We should also cling to Mary as the little Jesus does, so that we will always be with her and always thinking of her. This is so very important for

our salvation!

Remember what St. John Berchmans said: ***“If I love Mary, I am certain of perseverance.”*** In other words, if we love Mary we are sure to go to Heaven! But to prove our love for Mary, we must often during the day tell Mary we love her. We must try very hard, never to commit a mortal sin. We must try to stop committing as many venial sins as possible, especially wilful venial sins. And we must say the Rosary every day.

Another miracle about this picture is that the expression on Our Lady’s face is always changing. One priest tells us that when he was saying Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, he saw Our Lady’s face become joyful, alive and full of colour. Her eyes opened and sparkled, and remained so until the priest had finished Mass. These kinds of things have happened to many people who were going to get an answer to their prayers.

People receive many other favours from Our Lady as well. Thousands of people have been spiritually converted at the shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Genazzano. People who have sinned, return to God and make a good confession to a priest. People receive the grace to love and pray to Mary. They receive a wonderful joy and consolation. They receive wisdom and strength of body and soul. They receive calm and peace of soul. If you pray to Our Lady of Good Counsel, she will help you as well.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel—Pray for us.**

***The End***

**\* On December 8<sup>th</sup>, I said Mass for the intentions of the Eucharistic Crusade in Canada.**

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## Our Lady of Good Counsel

The miraculous picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel is in a beautiful church in the town of Genazzano, Italy, about twenty miles from Rome. In 1456, the Augustinian monks decided to repair the old church of Our Lady of Good Counsel. One of the most devout people in the parish was Blessed Petruccia who was a widow and a Third Order Augustinian. She had spent her days cleaning the old church and caring for the priest’s vestments.

Seeing the old church falling into ruin caused Petruccia much pain. She prayed to Our Lady to save the church, but Our Lady seemed not to hear her prayer. At last Petruccia decided to rebuild the chapel of St. Biagio out of her own money. She even sold her house and used that money to build the chapel. She had hoped that when others saw the walls of the chapel beginning to rise, that they would come forward with donations of money to help build the chapel. But nobody came forward and when the walls of the chapel were only six feet high, the work stopped because Petruccia had run out of money.

Petruccia was now eighty years old and she was mocked by people saying, ***“I told you so!”*** And they also called the uncompleted chapel, “Petruccia’s Folly”, which meant that people thought Petruccia had done a stupid thing by trying to build the chapel. To all these things the good woman answered, ***“The church will be built because it is not my work, but God’s. The Madonna and my patron, St. Augustine, will do it before I die. Our Lady of Good Counsel will take possession of Genazzano.”*** But even though Blessed Petruccia told the people these things, they still made fun of her. They would not believe the good woman. Our Lady had planned a very special answer to Petruccia’s prayers. It was April 25, 1467, and as usual the people of Genazzano would celebrate the Feast of St. Mark. In the afternoon a great crowd filled St. Mark’s square waiting for the hour of vespers. From the square the unfinished wall could be seen and it reminded everyone about “Petruccia’s folly.” Petruccia was among the crowd and her answer to the people who laughed and mocked her was, ***“Our Lady will make everything right in her own good time.”*** Suddenly at about 4:00 in the afternoon, the people heard angels singing way up in the clear, blue sky. The people thought that all the angels of Heaven were coming down to earth. As the

people watched, way up in the sky they saw a beautiful white cloud. The cloud darted forth rays of light in all directions while the angels sang. Slowly the cloud came down and rested on the unfinished wall of the chapel.



Suddenly all the bells of the churches in Genazzano began to ring even though nobody was pulling on the bell ropes.

For a while the crowd stood in amazement and then all at once they

rushed toward the shining cloud. Gradually the cloud cleared away and there appeared a beautiful picture of Our Lady holding her Divine Son in her arms. The picture of Our Lady seemed to smile upon the people as though she was pleased to be with them, and delighted with her welcome. The people forgot about their homes and their supper, and they left their shops to see the miracle. The fun of the fair ended. Now the people filled St. Mark's Square with shouts of, **"Long live Mary, the Mother of Good Counsel!"** The people believed that the picture of Our Lady had come from Heaven so at first they called the picture, **"Our Lady of Paradise"**.

There on the square, Our Lady rewarded Petruccia. The old woman was delighted, **"Oh, at last she has come — the great Princess whom I have expected so long!"** At long last Petruccia had been rewarded for all the mockery and insults she had received from the people over the years. During the next three years Petruccia would go every day before the image of Our Lady and think about Mary and pray to her. And also during these three years Petruccia saw not only her chapel finished, but also a glorious church built with the money given to the Augustinian monks by the pilgrims who came to gaze upon the beautiful picture of Our Lady. Blessed Petruccia died in 1470 and she was buried in the chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Now, remember that the people of Genazzano first thought that the picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel had come from Heaven. But here is what really happened. In 1467, the Turks attacked Albania. Thousands of Albanian's fled to Italy, but were sad about leaving the beautiful picture of Mary behind them. The picture of Our Lady was painted on the wall in a small church, in the city of Scutari, Albania.

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Two men, Georgio and de Sclavis, who dearly loved Our Lady and were guarding her shrine, did not want to leave the picture of Our Lady end up in the hands of the wicked Turks. That night, they had a dream in which Our Lady told them to be in the church the following day. The next morning they went into the church and praying before Our Lady, waited for her to tell them what to do. Soon they saw a small cloud surround the picture. The picture was peeled off the wall and left the church, going slowly towards the west. Amazed, the two men followed the cloud, which was dark during the day and lighted up at night! They reached the shore of the Adriatic Sea. The two men stepped onto the sea and did not sink into the water! They walked across the sea until they reached the shore of Italy. They continued to follow the picture over mountains and valleys until they came to the gates of Rome, but then the picture disappeared!

Now the faith of Georgio and de Sclavis was tested. They started looking into the churches of Rome to see where the lovely picture of Mary had gone. When they asked people where the picture was, people thought that the two men were crazy.

Before long, news reached Rome that a beautiful picture of Our Lady had come to the town of Genazzano, twenty miles away. Crowds of people left Rome to see the miraculous picture and Georgio and de Sclavis hurried to Genazzano with them. How happy the two men were when they discovered that their beloved picture of Mary had come to the town of Genazzano. The two men told their story again and now they were looked upon with honour.

Other people from Scutari also said the picture of Our Lady sitting on the unfinished wall of the chapel in Genazzano, was the same picture which they used to pray before in their town of Scutari. The two men remained at Genazzano, married Italians, and spent the rest of their years spreading devotion to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

# January 2010

# INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF January 2010

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Archbishop Lefebvre and our four bishops

## 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 unity of the Church and the return of Rome to Tradition (in particular, the success of our discussions with Rome).**

AUGUSTINIAN  
CONFESSION  
GENAZZANO  
DONATIONS  
PETRUCCIA  
DE SCLAVIS  
CATHOLIC  
OUR LADY  
ALBANIA  
MOTHER

GEORGIO  
PRAYERS  
MORTAL  
HEAVEN  
ANGELS  
JOSEPH  
DREAM  
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BELLS  
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MB	122	16	16	9	148	631	7	14	81	4
SK	217	35	32	167	1180	1055	36	57	1559	7
AB	202	91	84	142	288	985	220	83	210	9
BC	365	78	47	58	350	1482	59	27	185	14
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TREASURE CHART FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 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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