The Crusader

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

August 2026

Month of Our Lady's Assumption

For Those Tempted by Despair

From the Chaplain

Jesus, Our Hope in the Holy Eucharist

Dear Crusaders and friends,

The month of August brings before our eyes one of the most beautiful feasts of the year: the glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. At the end of Her earthly life, Our Lady was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory. There She reigns beside Her Divine Son as Queen of Heaven and Mother of all Christians.

The Assumption reminds us that this present life is not our true home. We were created for Heaven. Our bodies may suffer, our hearts may become sad, and our lives may sometimes seem very difficult, but God has prepared an everlasting happiness for those who love Him and remain faithful to Him.

For this reason, the intention of the Eucharistic Crusade during August is **for those tempted with despair.**

Despair is the temptation to believe that our troubles are too great, that our sins cannot be forgiven, or that God has abandoned us. These thoughts are lies suggested by the devil. God never abandons a soul that turns to Him with confidence. Our Lord shed every drop of His Precious Blood for our salvation, and He remains continually present in the Holy Eucharist as the pledge of His merciful love.

When we look at the tabernacle, we must remember: **Jesus is there. He knows us. He loves us. He has not forgotten us.**

The Holy Eucharist is the great Sacrament of Hope. At Mass, Our Lord renews in an unbloody manner the Sacrifice of Calvary. In Holy Communion, He comes personally into our souls to strengthen us, console us, forgive our venial sins, and give us courage to continue carrying our crosses.

During August, let us offer our prayers, sacrifices, Communions, and acts of apostolate for those whose hearts are overwhelmed by sadness. A child may offer a disappointment without complaining, obey cheerfully when obedience is difficult, give up a treat, or make a loving visit to the Blessed Sacrament. These little offerings, united to the Sacrifice of Jesus at Mass, can obtain great graces for souls in danger.

Let us also ask Our Lady of the Assumption to help them. She stood faithfully beneath the Cross when everything appeared lost. She believed, hoped, and remained united to Jesus. Now She reigns triumphantly in Heaven.

Dear Crusaders, remain close to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and to Mary, our heavenly Mother. Never give up hope. After the Cross comes the Resurrection; after sorrow comes eternal joy; and after a faithful life on earth comes the glory of Heaven.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee!
Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

Fr. Mwangi

On Silence & Meditation

For Knights & Handmaids

Meditation: Hope

“O Lord, strengthen my hope, for he who hopes in You will never be confounded”

When we place ourselves in the presence of God, with the intention of uniting ourselves to Him, we sense immediately that the great obstacles which seem to seperate us from Him are our sins, our frailty, and our wretchedness, all of which make it so difficult for us to live in a manner worthy of God. But hope comes to assure us, on the part of infinite mercy, of both the pardon of our sins and the grace necessary to live a good-and even more-a holy life. Of course, it would be rash to hope that God will save and sanctify us without our cooperation; but if, on our part, we do all we can to avoid even the slightest faults, and to practice virtue generously, we can hope with c*ertainty* that He will do for us what we, in spite of all our efforts, can never succeed in doing. God wants us to be *certain* of this. Certitude is a quality of perfect hope, and God want us to practice this virtue to perfection.

"In order to understand the greatness of Your divinity, O Lord, I need faith; and in order to accomplish anything I need hope, for if I did not have hope of possessing You some day, I would not have the strength to labour here below.”

(Taken and edited from the Divine Intimacy)

Crusader Treasure Chart - August 2026

Intention:

For Those Tempted by Despair

Day of Month	Morning Offering	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of Rosary	Visits to the Bl. Sac	15 mins of Meditation	Good Example
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The Crusader Treasure Chart

Please hand in your Treasure Chart every month
Submission options:

- Hand in at your Chapter Meeting
- Send via email to crusade.anz@sspx.org
- Ask your Chapter Captain or Chaplain how they would prefer to receive your Chart

It is very important to hand in your Spiritual Offerings so they can be offered by Fr Pagliarani in his monthly Eucharistic Crusade Mass, in union with all the Crusaders under the SSPX throughout the whole world.

Use tape to seal this edge

The Sisters' Corner

A Word of Encouragement from the SSPX Sisters in Sydney

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Dear Crusaders,

As you know, the fourth part of your motto is 'apostolate'. Every Crusader should be an apostle… but how? Here is a story:

One fine day, the parish priest was waiting for his Crusaders whom he had sent into the village with the mission of helping their neighbour, helping the people they were going to meet, so that they could practice being apostles. When they had all returned, Father sat down to hear the stories of his dear little Crusaders.

The first one said, "I met a woman on the path. She was carrying heavy things, so I helped her carry her parcels all the way to her house." "Well done Bernard!"

Alan exclaimed, "I helped an old man who had fallen down to get back up again, and I accompanied him home, lending him my arm."

And the next said, "I saw the postman dropping many letters, so I picked them up for him."

Every child had something to say. Only the last little one, all red, admitted with downcast eyes, "I couldn't think of anything, but wanting to help my neighbour, I decided to smile at all those I saw." "Well done, George! A smile is a very good apostolate."

The priest then said, "My dear children, I am very happy with you all. It is as if all the services you offered to your neighbour were done to Jesus. Without doubt, He will reward you by saving souls, maybe even those whom you helped."
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When the children had left the room, there came a ring at the door. A man entered and asked to go to Confession. He made a general Confession and decided to change his life, living as a good Christian from then on.

"May I ask", the priest inquired, "how did you come up with the idea of coming to Confession?"

"Oh yes, it is quite simple! I was leaving my house not long ago, having decided to end my life, when I met a little boy who smiled at me with such a beautiful smile that I was filled with hope, and I said to myself that life wasn't so bad after all, because this little boy was happy. I then remembered my childhood days when I was his age, and how I was a practicing Catholic and how happy I was. I was filled with the desire of returning to the Catholic faith because it alone gives the real reason for living and makes life beautiful."

Do you see my dear Crusaders, the strength of the apostolate, especially the apostolate of the smile? You are happy because you have the Faith. You are the Crusaders of Jesus and you have the greatest treasure which can ever exist… that of possessing God in your souls by grace. Show the world your happiness, radiate joy and smile ALWAYS.

Like George, smile at all those you meet; often they are so sad. God alone knows how many souls, through your smile, will be touched by His grace and will convert. Don't forget that the way to certainly become a great saint is to SMILE.

The Sisters

Know Your Mass

By Fr. Demetrius Manousos and Addison Burbank

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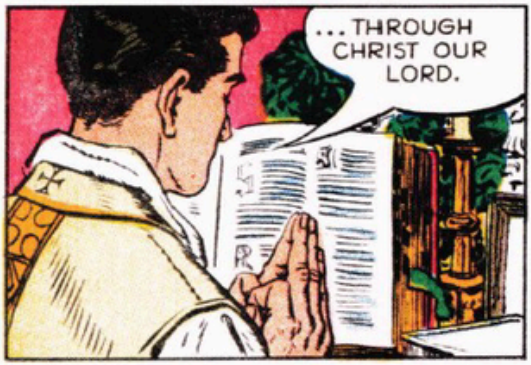
THEN THERE IS A FIFTH REMEMBRANCE PRAYER. THIS ONE IS FOR OURSELVES, BECAUSE WE ARE SINNERS AND MUST PRAY FOR OURSELVES OFTEN.

SO WE PRAY VERY HARD TO PERSEVERE IN LOVING AND SERVING GOD.



FINALLY THERE IS THE SIXTH REMEMBRANCE PRAYER. IT IS VERY SHORT AND MERELY INCLUDES EVERYTHING ELSE THAT IS GOOD.

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THIS INCLUDES MATERIAL THINGS AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL.

THE PRIEST REMOVES THE PALL WHICH COVERS THE CHALICE AND THEN HE MAKES A REVERENT GENUFLECTION.

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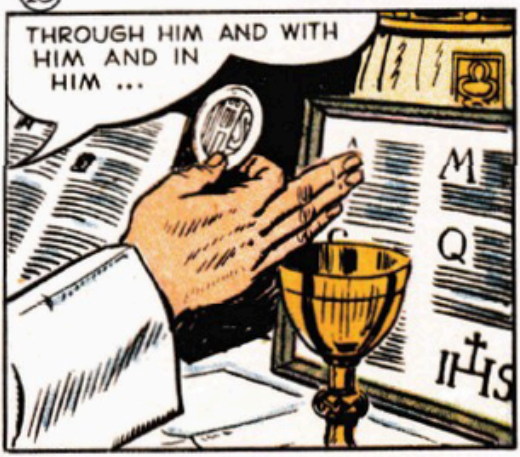

THEN PICKING UP THE SACRED HOST THE PRIEST MAKES THREE SIGNS OF THE CROSS WITH IT OVER THE CHALICE, AND TWO BEFORE THE CHALICE.

THE PRAYER HE SAYS AS HE DOES THIS IS THE LAST PRAYER OF THE CANON. IT MATCHES THE PREFACE AND IS ALSO A PRAYER OF PRAISE IN HONOR OF THE TRINITY.

FINALLY THE PRIEST RAISES THE HOST AND CHALICE TOGETHER...

... OFFERING THEM TO GOD ONCE MORE ...

... BUT OFFERING THEM TO US TOO...

FOR NOW WE ARE READY TO RECEIVE JESUS AS OUR BANQUET.

Little Therese continued

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN
THERESE PREPARES FOR HER FIRST COMMUNION

Immediately after this marvellous recovery, the whole family went on a visit to friends at Alencon. During her stay, Therese was petted and made much of by everyone and provided with new amusements every day. At 10 years old, the headS of little girls are easily turned, but Therese's illness had made her more thoughtful. She understood better now the vanity of earthly things, and in spite of the gay times she was having at Alencon, her one desire was to return to "Les Buissonnets" to prepare for her First Communion. How she longed to receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! When quite a tiny child, if she saw her sisters going to midnight mass, she would beg them to take her with them so that she too might receive "little Jesus". Her delight was unbounded when Celine made her first Communion. Therese had still four years to wait before the great day came for her, but she did not think it was too long to get ready for our Lord. She began her preparation with Celine and shared the instructions given by Pauline who had not yet entered Carmel.

Therese's longing to receive Jesus grew so intense that happening one day to meet the Bishop of Bayeux in the street, she forgot her natural shyness and was going to run up to him to ask if she might make her first Communion before the fixed age, when Marie held her back. Her elder sister wished to teach her not to ask for special favours, but to do like everybody else. And so long months had to pass before her desire was realized. She used the time well and made a number of little sacrifices.

These she offered to the Holy Child as so many flowers which were to become a soft cradle for Him to rest in when He visited her heart. A few months before her first Communion, she counted these "acts" and marked them down in a little book which Pauline had sent her from the Carmelite convent. Among the "acts", there was one very hard one which Therese had to make every day. She was so fond of reading that she could have spent the whole day with a book, but her sisters had decided that half an hour a day was quite enough for her.

As soon, therefore, as the time was up, She would promptly shut the book even if she were in the middle of a most interesting passage. She did many other things to please our Lord. Often at the school recreation, she would give up her favourite games and play those which the others liked. At table, if she did not care for what was put before her, she ate it without making any fuss and never grumbled if she did not get what she wanted.

One day her father told Celine that he would allow her to have drawing lessons. Then, turning to Therese, who had long wanted to learn drawing, he added,

"And what about you, little queen? Would you like to have lessons too?" Before she had time to answer an eager yes, Marie said,

"It would not be worthwhile. She has not the same taste as Celine."

Therese need only have said a word and her request would have been granted, but she wanted to give Our Lord a very big act and so she kept silence. When Pauline entered Carmel, Marie became Therese's new little mother.

Every day she would take Therese on her knee and speak to her about her First Communion. She told her that all the happiness of her life on earth would depend upon that great event. One evening, she spoke so earnestly about the value of suffering that all at once Therese felt a great desire to suffer much, that she might give God every possible proof of love. She used to meditate a great deal and would often hide herself in a corner of her room, which she could shut off with the bed curtains, and there reflect on the swift passing of this life and on eternity. She called this "thinking".

"I am only just eleven," she would say to herself. "Yet already I have lost my mother, Pauline has gone away, and soon my other sisters will go too. Life is only a dream, a kind of anteroom, where we get ready to appear before our Lord. I will not waste my time on silly trifles, but I will try and have my soul very beautiful when my turn comes."

Such serious thoughts did not make Therese any less a child. It is true she had become more reserved since her mother's death, and she was so extremely sensitive that the smallest thing would make her cry, but she was ashamed of this weakness and set herself bravely to fight against it and to strengthen her will.

Bishop Matthew Brodie

First New Zealand-born Catholic Bishop of Christchurch

Born: 1872, Driving Creek, Coromandel, New Zealand
Died: 1943, Christchurch
Vocation: Diocesan Bishop

- He was the first New Zealand-born Catholic bishop
- He was a talented student and sports player before becoming a priest.
- He helped during strikes and social conflicts to calm tensions.

Bishop Brodie served during a difficult period that included World War I. He faced strong social and political tensions, including anti-Catholic sentiment. He lead the diocese in helping during strikes, supporting the poor during the Great Depression, and working on charity and education projects. He often tried to bring peace between opposing groups.

What can we learn?

💛Kindness can bring people together during conflict

💛Leadership means serving, not just making decisions

💛Small acts of generosity can change many lives

Excerpt from *St Francis Prayer*

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Rules of the Crusader Deep Dive

4. The Crusader, by his prayers, his sacrifices and his apostolate, undertakes with the grace of Jesus Christ, to save his soul and the soul of his brethren.

- St. Alphonsus de Liguori used to say that **"If the soul is lost, then all is lost."**

- It is Our Lord Himself, in the Gospel, Who said: **"What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world but looses his soul?"**

- Now we might say that there are three types of people:
  1) Those who do not care about saving their soul.
  2) Those who work at saving their own soul.
  3) Those who work at saving the souls of others.

- Ordinary Catholics (those who are not priests) may also by their prayers and examples convert sinners or pagans. Still more: they may associate with the priests or bishops, and then have part in their mission to save souls.

- You, Crusaders, belong to the category we have just mentioned: you have been called to help in the mission work of the priests, of the bishops, of the Pope.

- You, Crusaders, are **official** apostles in the Church; not by preaching or baptizing of course; but, as the rule reads, **by your prayers and sacrifices**. You are members of the Apostolate of Prayer.

- Be conscious of your mission. The salvation of many souls depend on how generous you are now.

Our Lady Refuge of sinners, pray for us!

Spot the 9 differences

I HAVE NO SWORD, I HAVE NO SPEAR, YET I RULE A HORDE WHICH MANY FEAR. MY SOLDIERS FIGHT WITH A WICKED STING—I RULE WITH MIGHT, YET AM NO KING. WHAT AM I?

JULY ANSWER: A DICTIONARY

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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

August 2026 Intention:

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Daily Offering

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 tempted by despair

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