



PERPETUAL NOVENA

IN HONOUR OF



OUR LADY of the MIRACULOUS MEDAL

The Crusade of the Miraculous Medal

is to spread devotion to Our Lady through the propagation of the Miraculous Medal. All that is required is to wear the medal and say the invocation: "**O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee**".

All may join the Crusade and become Mary's clients. The Crusade of her Medal in no way interferes with any other Association or Confraternity. To prove our gratitude to Our Lady for the favour of her Medal, we should never fail to wear it, and do all in our power to spread devotion to it.

Great graces are promised to those who wear the Medal with confidence. You need the grace of a good life and of a good death. Ask Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal daily for both.

Spiritual Benefits:

Among the spiritual benefits attached to the Crusade are four Novenas which commence on the following dates:—

- 1st November, for Deceased Members and Members' Deceased Relatives and Friends.**
- 27th November, for Living Members.**
- 1st May, for Living Members.**
- 15th August, for Promoters.**

All Communications to:—

**THE SISTER IN CHARGE,
"VIRGO POTENS" OFFICE,
NORTH WILLIAM STREET, DUBLIN 1.**

NOTE.—To gain the numerous graces of the Crusade, it is necessary to be **invested** in the Medal by a priest—that is—the person must be present while the priest performs the ceremony of investing.

(For instructions on how to join see inside back cover)

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THE MEDAL

The Medal of the Immaculate Conception, which is popularly known as the Miraculous Medal, was revealed to the young Vincentian novice, Catherine Laboré, by Mary, the Mother of God. At the Mother House of the Daughters of Charity, Rue du Bac, Paris, in 1830, our Blessed Lady appeared to Saint Catherine on three occasions and made known to her the design of a medal which she desired to have struck and propagated throughout the world.

Here is a summary of St. Catherine's account of the apparition on November 27th, 1830 :—

" I saw the Blessed Virgin standing o. a globe, her face was beautiful beyord words. Rays of dazzling light were streaming from gems on her fingers down to the globe. And I heard a voice saying, "Behold the symbol of graces which I will shower down on all who ask me for them!" Then an oval frame surrounded our Lady on which I read the prayer, in letters of gold:

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

The oval frame turned and I could see on the reverse side, enclosed in a frame of twelve stars, the letter "M" surmounted by a cross, with a bar beneath. Below these symbols were the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the one

surrounded with a crown of thorns, the other pierced by a sword.

I heard a voice, which said to me: "Have a medal struck according to this model. Those who wear it, WHEN IT IS BLESSED, will receive great graces, ESPECIALLY IF THEY WEAR IT ROUND THE NECK. There will be graces in abundance for all who wear it with confidence."

The medal was made, according to our Lady's design, in 1832, distributed far and wide, and worn by millions. Wonders innumerable followed; there were conversions and bodily cures, and these were so numerous and in many cases so sudden and unaccountable, that medical men declared that such miracles had not been heard of in the history of the Church since the first days of Christianity. For this reason our Lady's gift to St. Catherine came to be called the "Miraculous" Medal.

This Medal of the Immaculate Conception prepared the way for the dogmatic definition in 1854 and its confirmation at Lourdes in 1858. On the occasion of the institution of the Feast of the Manifestation of the Immaculate Virgin Mary of the Miraculous Medal, in 1894, the Cardinal Vicar of Rome declared:

"The Manifestation with which the humble Novice of the Mother House of

the Daughters of Charity in Paris was favoured in 1830 is connected by the closest bonds with the dogmatic definition of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary."



INDULGENCE

All the faithful may gain:

1. A Plenary Indulgence (on the usual conditions — Confession and Holy Communion) by visiting a Church or Oratory of the Vincentian Fathers or of the Daughters of Charity on the Feast of the Miraculous Medal, November 27th., or the evening before, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

THE ASSOCIATION

Mary's wish, expressed in the vision, is that all her children wear her medal. To fulfil this wish Pope Pius X established the Association of the Miraculous Medal. Its purpose is "to render due honour to Mary Immaculate, firstly by sanctifying ourselves, and secondly by contributing to the sanctification of our neighbour by means of the Miraculous Medal."

PARTIAL INDULGENCE

Numerous partial Indulgences may be gained.

All indulgences are applicable to the suffering souls in Purgatory.

To share in this rich treasury of Indulgences, it is essential that a person be invested in the Medal by a priest and according to the prescribed rite, and, secondly, wear the Medal on the breast, suspended from the neck.

The members of the Association incur no obligations. It is recommended, however, that they repeat from time to time the prayer on the Medal: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."



The Novena Liturgy



In the name of The Father and of
The Son and of The Holy Ghost. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
Thy faithful and enkindle in them the
fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they
shall be created.

R. And Thou shall renew the face
of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, Who by the light of The Holy
Spirit didst instruct the hearts of the
faithful, grant that by the light of the
same Spirit we may be truly wise, and
ever rejoice in His consolation; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray
for us who have recourse to Thee.

(Said three times.)

All stand for first hymn.

O PUREST OF CREATURES

O purest of creatures, Sweet Mother, Sweet Maid,
The one spotless womb wherein Jesus was laid;
Dark night hath come down on us, Mother, and we
Look out for Thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea.

*Conceived without sin, conceived without sin,
O pray for us who have recourse to Thee.*

He gazed on Thy soul; it was sinless and fair.
"Hail full of grace," we devoutly declare.
"Conceived without sin" thine own title e'er be;
O pray for us who have recourse to Thee.

*Conceived without sin, conceived without sin,
O pray for us who have recourse to Thee.*

Reading of announcements, petitions,
etc., followed by a short instruction.

Priest and People: Most Holy Virgin, I
believe and confess, thy Holy and Im-
maculate Conception, pure and without
sin. O most pure Virgin, through thy
virginal purity, thy Immaculate Concep-
tion, thy glorious prerogative of Mother
of God, obtain for us of thy Divine Son,
humility, charity, great purity of mind
and body, the gift of prayer, a holy life,
and a happy death. Amen.

MEMORARE.

Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy assistance or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee we come; before thee we kneel sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy clemency hear and answer them. Amen.

ACT OF CONFIDENCE.

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Refuge of sinners, who by a wondrous revelation to Saint Catherine, didst promise that all who confidently wear the Miraculous Medal, properly blessed, and come to thy altar, repeating the prayer: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," would receive abundant graces. We poor sinners, encouraged by thy promise, come with the utmost confidence to implore thy powerful intercession. Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER.

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Mother, penetrated with the most lively confidence in thy all powerful and never failing intercession, manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, we thy loving and trustful children implore thee to obtain for us the graces and favours we ask during this Novena, if they be beneficial to our immortal souls and the souls for whom we pray.

(Here make your personal petitions)

Thou knowest O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of thy Son Who hates iniquity. Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin, and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin, and at length attain to that blessed abode where thou art the Queen of angels and of men. Amen.

AN ACT OF CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY
OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL.

O Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to thee under the title of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this Medal be for each one of us a sure sign of thy affection for us, and a constant reminder of our duties towards thee. Ever while wearing it, may we be blessed by thy loving protection, and preserved in the grace of thy Son. O Virgin Most Powerful, Mother of our Saviour, keep us close to thee every moment of our lives. Obtain for us, thy children, the grace of a happy death, so that, in union with thee we may enjoy the bliss of heaven forever. Amen.

Priest: O Mary, conceived without sin.

People: Pray for us who have recourse to thee. (Three times.)



Second hymn to our Lady.

O MAID CONCEIVED WITHOUT A STAIN

O Maid conceived without a stain;
O Mother bright and fair !
Come thou within our hearts to reign,
And grace shall triumph there.
Hail, Mary, ever undefiled !
Hail, Queen of Purity !
O make thy children chaste and mild,
And turn their hearts to thee.

O Mother, of all mothers best,
Who soothest ev'ry grief;
In thee the weary find their rest,
And anguished hearts relief.
Hail, Mary, etc.

Thou art far purer than the snow,
Far brighter than the day ;
Thy beauty none on earth can know,
No tongue of man can say.

Oh ! then for us, thy children, plead,
Thy pity we implore ;
That we from sin and sorrow freed,
May love Thee more and more.

MOST HOLY SACRAMENT

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heav'n to man below;
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

To Thy great Name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in three;
O grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with Thee.

Amen.

Lowly bending, deep adoring,
This holy Sacrament we hail;
Ancient types have had their ending,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

Glory, honour, salutation
Be unto the Lord most high;
To the Father, Son and Spirit,
Ever blessed Trinity;
Praise be given, and power eternal
Unto all eternity.

Amen.

℣. Panem de coelo præstitisti eis;

℞. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

Oremus: Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili, Passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quæsums, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus, qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.



Adoremus in æternum Sanctissimum Sacramentum.

PSALM 116

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes: *laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: *et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patria, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Sing: O Mary, conceived without sin,
O Mary, conceived without sin,
Pray for us, pray for us,
Who have recourse to Thee.

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven;

R. Having in it all that is delicious.

Let us pray; O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may continually find in our souls the fruit of Thy redemption, Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.



Let us adore forever the most holy Sacrament.
Praise the Lord all ye nations; praise Him all ye people.

Because His mercy is showered down on us;
and the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



After the service, medals are blessed and the investiture made.

BLESSING AND INVESTITURE WITH THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL



Priest: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
People: Who made Heaven and earth.

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray: Almighty and Merciful God, Who by the many appearances on earth of the Immaculate Virgin Mary was pleased to work miracles again and again for the salvation of souls; kindly pour out Your blessing ✠ on this medal, so that all who devoutly wear it and reverence it may experience the patronage of Mary Immaculate and obtain mercy from You, through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sprinkling the medal with holy water and imposing it the Priest says:

Take this holy medal; wear it with faith, and handle it with due devotion, so that the holy and Immaculate Queen of heaven may protect and defend you. And as she is ever ready to renew her

wondrous acts of kindness, may she obtain for you in her mercy whatever you humbly ask of God, so that both in life and in death you may rest happily in her motherly embrace.

People: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Our Father, etc.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

Priest: Queen conceived without original sin.

People: Pray for us.

Priest: Lord, hear my prayer.

People: And let my cry come to You.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ Who hast willed that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, sinless from the first moment of her conception, should be glorified by countless miracles, grant, that we, who ever implore her spiritual assistance may attain everlasting happiness. This we ask of You, Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.



HOW TO JOIN

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS joining receive a Certificate of Enrolment, the Miraculous Medal Leaflet, and a Miraculous Medal on string.

Postal Order or Stamps for 30p to be enclosed to defray expenses.

FAMILY ENROLMENTS—If the whole family are to be enrolled, send list of names. A General Certificate will be sent, certifying that the household has been enrolled; also two Leaflets of the Miraculous Medal and a Miraculous Medal on string for each member of the family.

A Postal Order for 50p to be enclosed to defray expenses.

PROMOTERS—A Promoter is one who secures ten individual members or four Family Enrolments. A Promoter will receive in acknowledgment a blessed Rosary Beads.

The Cross attached is blessed for a happy death and may be used for the Stations of the Cross—for the sick.

The Promoters must send names and remittances. Certificates, Medals etc. will be forwarded to the Promoters unless otherwise requested. **All medals are blessed.**
