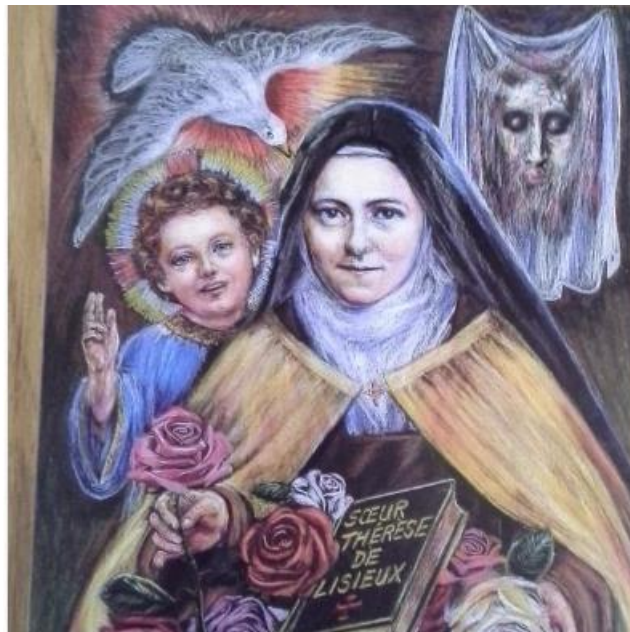


BRINGING THE CARMELITE SAINTS ALIVE

TWENTH EDITION 2025



IN THIS MONTH OF NOVEMBER, WE HONOR ALL OF OUR CARMELITE SAINTS & SOULS THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE US. WE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTING ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS



"I AM NOT DYING, I AM ENTERING INTO LIFE...AND ALL THAT I CANNOT TELL YOU HERE BELOW, I WILL MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND FROM UP ABOVE IN HEAVEN."

THE FORMULA OF SAINT THERESE'S ACT OF OBLATION

Act of Oblation of myself as Victim of Holocaust to the Merciful Love of the Good God.

O My, God, Most Blessed Trinity, I desire to love thee and to make thee loved, to labour for the glorification of Holy Church by saving souls on earth and by delivering those who suffer in Purgatory. I desire to accomplish Thy will perfectly and to attain to the degree of glory which Thou has prepared for me in Thy Kingdom; in a word, I long to be a saint; but I know that I am powerless, and I implore Thee, O my God, to be Thyself my sanctity.

Since Thou has so loved me as to give me Thine only Son to be my Saviour and my Spouse, the infinite treasures of His merits are mine; to Thee I offer them with Joy, beseeching Thee to behold me only through the Face of Jesus and in His Heart burning with love.

Again, I offer Thee all the merits of the saints (in heaven and on earth), their acts of love and those of the holy angels; and finally I offer thee, O Blessed Trinity, the love and the merits of the Holy Virgin, my most dear Mother; to her I entrust my oblation, begging her to present it to Thee.

Her Divine Son, my well-beloved Spouse, during the days of His life on earth told us: "If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you." I am then certain that Thou wilt hearken to my desires. Yes, my God, I am sure of this: the more Thou wilt to give, the more dast Thou make us desire.

Immense are the desires that I feel within my heart, and with confidence I call upon Thee to come and take possession of my soul. Ah! I cannot receive Thee in Holy Communion as often as I would; but, Lord, art Thou not Almighty?... Remain in me as in the Tabernacle; never leave Thy little victim... I long to console Thee for the ingratitude of the wicked, and I pray Thee to take from me the power to displease Thee. If through frailty sometimes I fall, may Thy divine glance purify my soul immediately, consuming every imperfection, like fire transforms all things into itself...

I thank Thee, O my God, for all the graces Thou has showered upon me, in particular for having made me pass through the crucible of suffering. It is with joy that I shall behold Thee on the last day bearing Thy sceptre, the Cross; since Thou has deigned to give me for my portion this most precious cross, I have hope of resembling Thee in heaven, and of seeing the sacred stigmata of Thy passion shine in my glorified body... After the exile on earth, I hope to enjoy the possession of Thee in La Patrie, but I have no wish to amass for heaven; I will work for Thy love alone, my sole aim being to give Thee pleasure, to console Thy Sacred Heart, and to save souls who will love Thee forever.

At the evening of this life, I shall appear before Thee with empty hands, for I ask not, Lord, that Thou wouldst count my works. All our justices are tarnished in Thy sight; therefore, I desire to be clothed with Thine own justice, and to receive from Thy love the eternal possession of Thyself. I crave no other throne, no other crown but Thee, O my Well-Beloved... In thy sight time is nothing; one day is as a thousand years. Thou canst in an instant prepare me to appear before thee...

That my life may be one act of perfect love, I offer myself as Victim of Holocaust to Thy Merciful Love, imploring Thee to consume me unceasingly, and to let the flood-tide of infinite tenderness, pent up in Thee, overflow into my soul, that so I may become a very martyr of Thy love, O my God.

May this martyrdom, having first prepared me to appear before Thee, break life's thread at last, and may my soul take its flight unhindered to the eternal embrace of Thy Merciful Love... I desire, O my Well-Beloved, at every heartbeat, to renew this oblation an infinite number of times, till the shadows have disappeared, and I can tell Thee my love eternally face to face...

Signed MARIE-FRANCOISE-THERESE DE L'ENFANT JESUS ET DE LA SAINTE FACE

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Sunday, June 9, 1895

OUR CARMELITE MISSION

MAY WE EMBRACE MARY'S PURITY OF HEART (PURITAS CORDIAS), AS SHE HELPS US TO PONDER THE LAW OF THE LORD DAY AND NIGHT ASSISTING US TO BE CONTEMPLATIVES AND TEACHING US TO LISTEN. AS WE WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR FATHER AND LEADER ST. ELIJAH; WITH HIS FLAMING ZEAL AND COURAGE WHICH ALLOWED HIM TO COMBAT THE EVILS OF HIS DAY. MAY WE PRAY THAT HIS PROPHETIC SPIRIT BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CARMELITE LIFE."

MAY OUR LADY'S MANTLE WRAP YOU ALL WITH HER PRECIOUS LOVE. ALL THROUGH THE IMMACULATE & SORROWFUL HEART & TEARS OF MARY, ALL THROUGH THE PURE AND CHASTE HEART OF ST. JOSEPH, ALL IN UNION WITH THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

YOUR SISTER IN CARMEL, LINDA



