

“Everything is a grace.”

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“I feel within me a holy
daring being born.”

“I offer myself as a
victim of Holocaust to
thy merciful love,
imploing Thee to
consume me without
ceasing.”



St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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“Called the Little Flower,” Thérèse Martin died at the age of 24 in 1897 from tuberculosis, after having been a cloistered Carmelite nun for less than ten years.

Sister Agnès, who was Thérèse’s sister and also a Carmelite nun, asked Therese to write her spiritual autobiography. The *Story of a Soul* was published 28 years after Thérèse’s death.

In this thin book, St. Thérèse described her “little way” to spiritual growth, a theology anchored in the Word of God, nourished by love and strengthened in the discovery of joy in everyday tasks.

Marcia dramatizes the words of St. Therese, recalling her life through the photographs taken by Celine Martin, Therese’s sister who was four years older. Marcia’s performance is a tribute to the legacy of St. Thérèse and to the enduring love and friendship between three sisters.

Marcia Whitney-Schenck is a Chicago-based writer, artist, and performer who is interested in interpreting the lives of women of faith in a dynamic way for contemporary audiences. She uses Powerpoint and interactive theatrical experiences to create unforgettable presentations. Ms. Whitney-Schenck is the former publisher and editor of *Christianity and the Arts*. Her recent book, *What God Gives: People’s Prayers*, is a compilation of her photographs and prayers from Congo, Uganda, Cameroon, Armenia, and Mongolia. She teaches vocational English as a Second Language in Chicago.

Performances can be adapted for adult education classes, luncheons, small group formations, nursing homes, Sunday school sessions, high school classes, and retreats. Marcia Whitney-Schenck will work with you to suggest study guides, reading suggestions, or other activities to enhance the study of the life and times of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

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St. Teresa of Avila

St. Teresa was a prominent Spanish mystic, Carmelite nun, and theologian of contemplative prayer. She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order. Forty years after her death, she was canonized in 1622 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1970, only one of three women so honored.

This presentation includes audience participation -- an interactive theatrical experience -- in which you will vote on whether Sister Teresa should be allowed to establish yet another convent in your struggling Spanish village. During this presentation, you will learn about the spiritual inspiration that guided St. Teresa throughout her life and why so many people voiced angry opposition to her plan to reform the Carmelite order. Her thoughts about prayer will enhance your own spiritual journey.

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