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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

All Catholic Churches in the United States require from Catholics serving as a Godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation a certificate of eligibility. This document certifies that the Godparent/sponsor is a registered member of the parish, attends Holy Mass, approaches the sacraments regularly and contributes to the support of the Church via the Sunday offering envelope program or "Parish Pay". It is the responsibility of the individual to meet these requirements as listed in the Code of Canon Law, #874.

MASSES

Weekends

Saturday: 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:15 am
10:45 am and 12:15 pm
5:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Holydays

Vigil 7:30 pm
6:30 am, 8:00 am, & 7:30 pm

Weekday Schedule:

Monday - Friday
6:30 am & 8:00 am

Saturday

8:00 am followed by Novena

Confessions

Saturdays 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm
and 6:30 pm
Any time by appointment

Susan Brennan
TRUSTEE

James Gallagher
TRUSTEE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptismal Class is held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the parish office. To register for the class, please call 973-627-0313. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class before the birth of the baby. The Sacrament of Baptism is administered weekly at the 12:15 pm Mass and a Baptismal Ceremony at 1:30 pm. Families are required to be active, contributing parishioners of St. Cecilia's Parish for 2 months prior to the child's baptism date.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made at least ONE YEAR in advance. The date should not be set until the priest has been consulted.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night. If there is anyone at home or in the hospital who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or old age, please inform one of the priests or call the Parish Office.

PARISH PRAYER LIFE

NOVENA: OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday @ 9:30 am, Monday Night Bible Study @ 7:30 pm, Mommy Bible Study @ 9:30 am on Thursdays

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday evenings at 7:45 pm (Hayes Hall)

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Wed. @ 7:00 pm (PO)

HOLY HOUR: Monday @ 7:00 pm

ADULT FAITH FORMATION RCIA: Sunday @ 9:00 am for children & parents, 11:45 am for adults (PO)

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP: Monday through Sat. @ 7:30 am

Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Closed for lunch: 12:00 to 1:00



Mass Intentions

Monday, October 1, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:30 am — Gloria Gerasia req. by Theresa Ertle

8:00 am — Mary Prudente req. by Pat Prudente

Tuesday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

6:30 am — Special Intention

8:00 am — Florence Swan req. by Ed & Mary Merz

Wednesday, October 3, Weekday

6:30 am — Special Intention for the sick

8:00 am — Helen Struble req. by Ag & Family

Thursday, October 4, Saint Francis of Assisi

6:30 am — Joseph Talar req. by Agnes Maye

8:00 am — In Thanksgiving req. by Mary Merz

Friday, October 5, St. Faustina Kowalska

6:30 am — Special Intention for World Peace

8:00 am — Denis Klus req. by James, Susan & Kathryn Gaynor

Saturday, October 6, Saint Bruno, Priest

8:00 am — Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

Sunday, October 7, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm — Agnes Pokluda req. by Agnes Maye

Frank A. Hoffman, MD req. by Family

John Travers, Jr. req. by the Travers Family

7:00 pm — Deceased Members of the Buisman Family req. by Trudy Simmons

George A. Phillips req. by Tom & Michele Vairo

8:00 am — Fasto, Giosepina & Pasquale req. by Adelina

Edward Hohensee req. by Stella Rychlicki

9:15 am — Timothy Mohin req. by Donna & Dave Robertson

Charles Theresa Ebersole req. by daughter & Family

10:45 am — Adele McConnell req. by John Sutherland & Family

Joseph Koller, 2nd Anv., req. by Beloved wife & family

12:15 pm — Raymond Mooney req. by the Cassidy Family

Canio S. Sileo req. by the American Legion Post 344

*please
pray for
the sick*

Ethan Chandra, Dean Wayne Campbell, Doris Cusick, Carol Centonze, Jane Goricca, Sam Sessa, Hank Brown, Carol Ferrante, Jim Golden, Karen Niles, Noel Wadleigh, Joanna Sacco, David Cicchine, Teresa D'Atria, Derek Bascharow, Debbie Malc, Grace McDermott, Joe Horvath, Jr., Elvira Bugaoan, Pat Heady, Owen Peter Byrne, Tia Maddaloni, Mason Walker Steussing, Susan Mejia, Derek Bascharow, Isabel Rattay, Donna Cooke, Tom Hull, Kathleen Fazio, Kristin Wich, Kyle Johnson, Kate Darlington, Jake Michael Miraldi, Cheryl Anne Bornemann, Sean Nolan, Maryann Hughes, Peggy Eileen Miars, Ray Kennedy, Richard Corcoran, Madison Rose Leslie, Demetrius Barbee, Lucille Bardi, Frances Finn, Dorothy Murray, Virginia Cousins., Madlyn Long, Stephanie Lewis, Florence Clements, Kimberly Dugan, Gale Sessa, Marguerite Buggy, Mike Murray, Carmen Liuzza, Jr., Helene Turner, Michael Turner, Ruben Lorenzo, Michael Alvarez., Mina Simmons-Jones, Joe Maulbeck, Mary Merz, Dolores Faulkner, Marion & Philipp Cables, Patricia Smith Schulman, Vincent Fortunato, Joyce Turner, Tom Cummiskey, Dennis O'Brien.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH COLLECTION GOALS

Week Ending 9/23/18

Collection—Checks	\$ 2,986.00
Collection—Cash	\$ 8,441.00
ParishPay Electronic Giving	\$ 2,259.90
<u>Total Weekly Collection</u>	13,686.90

Yearly Collection Goal (BUDGET)	\$ 814,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 14,705.88

<i>Weekly Collection Surplus (Deficit)</i>	\$ <i>(1,509.18)</i>
<i>Year To Date Surplus (Deficit)</i>	\$ <i>(13,840.00)</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Here are the readings for next Sunday

140: Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-6

Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

RCIA: Registration and 1st class will begin
October 7th @ 11:45 am in
St. Cecilia Parish Office!

Can you do something beautiful for God?

Please consider joining us in a peaceful prayerful vigil for one hour a week or so during 40 Days for Life fall campaign which runs from Sept 26th through November 4th. To sign up go to 40daysforlife.com and search for a location near you, or contact: Morristown: Frances Spilman: 44lifeus@gmail.com Montclair: Lisa Hart: lisa-hartpt@yahoo.com Babies lives depend on your prayers!



The people of St. Cecilia Parish are asked to pray for the following people serving our country in the armed services: **Sme3 Andrew Clifford**, **LCpl. Aleksandr Killeen**, **Joseph Giannetti US Navy**, **Lance Corporal Dennis Wuest**, **Capt. Kelley E. Robbins**, **Pvt USMC, Diego Usma**, **Major Glenn E. Martinez**, **Sgt. Brian Whalen**, **Capt. Anthony Odierno**, **Cpl. Kong V. Nguyen**, **Cpl. Jim Van Valen**, **LCPL Anthony Eresman**, **Sgt. Paul J. Willson**, **PFC Cano Janeth**, **Sgt. Bob Autrey**, **Col. William Paliwada**, **Sgt 1st Class (E7) Sam Colton**, **PFC Marylyn Rivera-Sachez**, **Cpl. Edward C. Thompson**, **Major Kevin M. Nash**, **Lt. Amy Cronin**, **Lt. Col. John L. Medeiros, Jr.**, **Sgt. Daniel Healy**, **Marine Keith Leitner**, **Sgt. Spencer Lopez**, **PFC Taryn Kemp**, **Jeffrey Braunhausen**, **E7 Joseph Grimsey**, **Bill Maloney**, **Greg Bloete**, **Gian Carlo Bruzzese**, **Spc. Christopher Little**, **PFC Brittany Martindell**, **PO1 (E6) Matthew Fitzgerald**, **SA Justin C. White**, **Matthew & Daniel Rosica**, **Mark Leonard**, **Sr. Armn. Ashley Valetta**, **Sgt. John Wisnofsky**, **Cpl. T.J. Finn**, **Sgt. Kristopher Faber**, **Capt. Vincent Presto**, **Airman First Class William Kussler**, **Spc. Gregory Villaneuva** and **Cpl Casey W. Lyness**. We ask God the Father of us all, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces, to bless them in their efforts toward bringing peace and justice to our world. May they be brought back safely to those they love.

PARISH EVENTS

All Souls and Cemetery: The projects undertaken by the cemetery committee for this season have been completed. Paver stones around the Columbarium and the erection of the altar are done. Also completed is the walkway to the Crucifix Shrine. This work will be blessed at the All Souls Cemetery Service which will be held on Sunday, October 28th @ 1:30 pm. Join us as we pray for the faithful departed and bless the newly accomplished cemetery projects.

Christmas Card Sale



St. Cecilia Christmas Cards will once again be sold by the Men's Society after all the Masses this weekend! The beautiful cards of our sanctuary will be on the bulletin boards as you exit the church to preview. The cost is \$10.00 for a packet of 15 cards!

Craft and Vendor Fair

The Rosary Society will be hosting their annual craft & vendor fair on Saturday, November 10th, from 9:00 am—2:00 pm in Hayes Hall. Any questions please call 973-886-8023 or saintceciliarosarysociety@gmail.com.

MEETING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – Father Zig would like to meet with all ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday morning, October 13 in the church beginning at 10 o'clock. Anyone interested in serving in this ministry is also invited to this meeting.

MEETING OF LECTORS – Father Zig would like to meet with all lectors on Saturday morning, October 27th in the church at 10 o'clock. Anyone interested in serving in this ministry is also invited to attend.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP – The Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday evening, October 17th in the parish office at 7 o'clock. The meeting will begin with Holy Mass and devotions followed by a time of learning and sharing. The prayer group will be lead by one of our three priests throughout the year and will include the following subjects: *Capuchin Order, Stigmata, San Giovanni Rotondo Monastery, Franciscan Spirituality, Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza Hospital, Spiritual Maxims of Saint Pio, Miracles of Saint Pio-Part 1 and Miracles of Saint Pio-Part 2*. All are welcome to attend and explore the wonders of this most powerful intercessor - Saint Padre Pio.

BLESSING OF PETS – Our parish will join with Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish on East Main Street for this year's blessing of pets which will be held on Saturday, October 6th. The blessing service will take place in the backyard of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church beginning at 12 Noon. Father Pawel and Father Matt will preside at this blessing held in honor of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi whose memory is celebrated on October 4th.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Here I Am, Lord!*

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, your co-worker, the store owner you see each day as you shop in your community – perhaps even a family member. In this context, when you give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you truly say: *Here I Am, Lord – making a better life for my brothers and sisters in the area*. Please consider making a pledge today.

Attention Parishioners:

Today, Sunday, September 30th is the 5th Sunday of the month, therefore, the Sunday Rosary Group meets today at 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, 63 E. Main St, Rockaway. All are welcome and bring a friend!

ST. CECILIA SENIOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Please be advised that all the "Senior Events" are open to everyone 55 and over from St. Cecilia & Sacred Heart Parishes!

Tuesday, October 2 – Regular Meeting

11 am set up; 12-1 social hour, coffee & cake
1-2pm meeting, bingo & cards afterward

Tuesday – October 9 – Sands Casino

Price \$25 – Slot Play \$20 – Food \$5

Thursday – October 18 – Hunterdon Hills

Day trip for full course meal & play "Run For Your Wife"

Price – \$65 for members & \$70 for non-members

For more info re: Casino Trip call Lorraine @ 973-366-6871

For more info re: Hunterdon Hills trip – Carol @ 973-537-5529

Don't forget about the St. Cecilia Seniors

Adventure of The Seas on May 17, 2019

For more info: Call Alice Koller @ 973-627-8558

BISHOP TO MAKE PASTORAL VISIT – We welcome His Excellency, Bishop Arthur Serratelli to Saint Cecilia's for a pastoral visit on Saturday, October 27th. The Bishop will celebrate the 4:30 Vigil Mass.

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA COMES TO ROCK-AWAY – The relics of Saint Anthony of Padua will come to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on East Main Street on Sunday, October 14th. The relics of this 13th century Franciscan saint will come from his shrine in Padua, Italy and will be accompanied by Father Mario Conti, a Friar from the shrine. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 3 o'clock followed by veneration of the two and precious relics from the Pontifical Basilica in Padua, Italy.

MEN OF THE PARISH

The Men's Society will be holding its regular monthly meeting on Saturday October 13th after the 8:00 am Mass in Hayes Hall—all members and Interested men of the parish are invited to attend. Coffee and bagels are provided. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gallagher @ 973-366-9699.

You are cordially invited to celebrate with us the blessing and dedication of the History Wall and Legacy Room of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich. Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli presiding on Sunday, October 7th, 3:00 pm at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, NJ. Light refreshments to follow.

The Compassionate Friends, a self-help group for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents will be meeting on Thursday, October 11th at St. Christopher's Church, 1050 Littleton Road (Rt. 202), Parsippany, at 7:30 pm in room 101.

ATTENTION MEN – A new men's group called **FATHERS OF ST. JOSEPH** will be meeting every other Saturday morning at 5:30 a.m. in the St. Cecilia Office Building. The sole aim and purpose of the group is to labor for the restoration, revitalization and redemption of human fatherhood, in order that it may become what it has been created to be: an efficacious icon that directs the human family to its Father. The Fathers of St. Joseph gatherings are not so much meetings as they are mini retreats, whose aim is to communicate the spirituality of fatherhood in a manner that encourages and inspires fathers to embrace, engage and – by the power of the Holy Spirit – sanctify their vocation. **Our next meeting is October 13th.**

CEMETERY PAVER STONES PROJECT – The memorial paver stones will be installed in the Crucifix walkway prior to All Souls Day, November 2nd. 52 memorial stones were donated thus far and additional orders may be given by October 31st. The sale for memorial paver stones will reopen next April. Please call the parish office for additional information.

COAT DRIVE: On October 13th & 14th we will have a “drop off” in Hayes Hall for any new or gently used men's, women's or children's coats. We will gladly accept scarves and gloves too! Donations will go to the Market Street Mission for their “Coat Giveaway” program.

Coordinated by St. Cecilia Men's Society

The Rockaway Catholic Right to Life Ministry and the Faith Formation Ministry present

Fr. Pawel Tomczyk, Ph.D, Adjunct Professor of Moral Theology, Seton Hall University
“End of Life Moral Decisions”

What are our Catholic Church's teachings regarding the tough questions?

Tuesday—October 9, 2018 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
Hayes Hall—St. Cecilia Church

BAPTISM CLASS – A meeting of all those wishing information and scheduling for a baptism will meet on Monday evening, October 15th in the Saint Cecilia Parish office at 7 o'clock in the evening. Father will be present to conduct the information session and answer questions regarding the celebration of the sacrament.



There will be a **SPECIAL HEALING MISSION** here at St. Cecilia Church, conducted by Paul Rymniak, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2018. All 3 evenings will begin at 7:00 pm.

The thrust of all of these evening will be **FORGIVENESS** and **HEALING**. There will be **PRIESTS** available for **CONFESSION** also...Healing starts in the Confessional with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you might want to consider this option during this time.

Healing is **NOT** just for the Physically Impaired. Mental and Emotional stresses and strains can take a heavier toll on our lives, even more than the worst of diseases. So if you or your family is in need of **HEALING** in these areas, come and experience the Lord, and what He can do for you. Come and enjoy Jesus by Worshipping Him. Come and see what Our Lord has for you. Come and be healed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 1

7:00 pm – Holy Hour (Church)

7:30 pm – Monday Night Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

Tuesday, October 2

9:30 am – Bible Study (Hayes Hall)

11:00 am – Seniors Meeting (Hayes Hall)

7:45 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (Hayes Hall)

Wednesday, October 3

7:00 pm – First Communion Parents Meeting (HH)

7:00 pm – Pro-Life meeting (St. Clement Church)

Thursday, October 4

9:30 am – Mommy Bible Study (Parish Office)

7:00 pm – Faith Formation (Hayes Hall)

Friday, October 5

7:00 am – DMA Professional Development (HH)

6:30 pm – First Friday Devotions (Sacred Heart Church)

Saturday, October 6

5:30 am – St. Joseph Men's Group (PO)

8:30 am – Rosary Society Meeting (HH)

12:00 pm – Pet Blessing (Sacred Heart Church)

4:00 pm – Fire Retreat (Church, HH & Parish Office)

Sunday, October 7

MINISTRY FAIR AFTER ALL THE MASSES

9:00 am – RCIA (Parish Office)

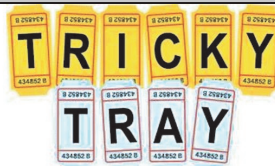
9:15 am – Children's Liturgy

10:45 – Hospitality (Hayes Hall)

11:45 am – RCIA (Parish Office)

4:00 pm – Rosary Rally (Sacred Heart Church)

DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY NEWS



Divine Mercy Academy Tricky Tray

Saturday, October 13th

At Morris Catholic High School

Doors open at 5:00 pm; calling starts at 7:00 pm

Admission is \$25

This is an adult-only,

“bring your own food & beverage” event.

For more info & to purchase tickets call 973-723-8282,
or email: lm1or33@hotmail.com

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson and the Archdiocese of Newark

“providing help-creating hope”!

Supportive Services for Veteran Families in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Sussex & Union County Veterans.

Are you a Homeless Veteran?

Going to Lose your Housing?

We can help!

Call our confidential helpline 24 hours a day @

855-767-8387

We can help with: Rental Assistance—moving costs—Utility payments—Childcare Expenses-Security Deposits-transportation Costs-Supportive Services!

RCIA:

Have you been worshipping with us or in another Catholic Parish,

but have never officially taken steps to become Catholic?

Is another family member Catholic, but not you,
and you wonder what is the Faith they are practicing?

Were you baptized in the Catholic Church,
but have not been attending Catholic Mass for some time?
Are you seeking a deeper personal relationship with Jesus,
but have not been Baptized, or have not received First Com-

munion,

or have not been Confirmed in the Catholic Church?

Are you dating or engaged to a Catholic person,
and concerned what the effect of marrying a Catholic would be?

Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass,
but just don't know what the next step is in becoming a Catholic?

Are you or your spouse a Catholic,
but do not have a Catholic wedding?

If any of the above questions apply to you,
contact Deacon Paul Willson at 973-551-0749,
Or leave contact information with Parish Office,

Or send an email to paul.d.willson@gmail.com.

Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center, 350 Bernardsville Rd., Mendham, NJ is sponsoring two upcoming programs: **SLIP SLIDING AWAY**-As we journey through life sometimes our spiritual energy wanes. Come for a day of reflecting and listening. Presenter: Judith Schiavo. October 13/\$40; and **SPIRITUAL SPA DAY**-Learn how to truly nurture your own soul and body as you tend to our responsibilities of caring for our world through work, family, and relationships. Presenter: Chris Koellhoffer, IHM. November 10/\$45. Both programs run from 10 AM-3 PM and include lunch.

Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center, 350 Bernardsville Rd., Mendham, NJ is sponsoring the following upcoming programs: **WOMEN'S CANCER SURVIVOR PRAYER GROUP**-Meets every 2nd Tuesday beginning October 2018. Facilitator: Sr. Marie Pauline Demek begins October 9, 2018 from 9:30 -11:30 AM Free Will Offering; and **ENJOYING LIFE WITH THE "COMMUNION OF SAINTS"**-Come and hear where we fit in with the "communion of saints", the "cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us! Presenter: Sr. Marie Pauline Demek. October 30/\$20 from 10 AM-Noon.



My Dear Parishioners,

We assemble to celebrate the Lord's Day on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The texts which are proclaimed from the Sacred Scriptures for this Sunday all speak about those who assist in tasks which are performed. These are people who assist others in the performance of their duties. In the Gospel passage the Apostle John makes note that there are others performing good works but that they are not in their company. The Lord Jesus responds, *"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."*

In the first reading from the Old Testament we find that Moses has become overwhelmed by the tasks he must perform for the people of Israel. The Lord instructs him to find helpers upon whom He will pour out His Spirit to assist Moses. In the reading Moses is urged to stop Eldad and Medad from exercising the role of prophet since they were on the list but had "gone out of the tent." Moses responds to the protest by saying, *"Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!"*

The epistle reading from James the Apostle addresses those who cheated their helpers, their employees, by withholding their wages even though they labored in the fields to bring in the harvest. The maltreatment of those who worked is cause for scandal and a grave concern for this injustice.

Assistants, collaborators, helpers, coworkers are needed in the performance of tasks which can seem overwhelming. With others sharing the burden one is able to fulfill the duties which are at hand. When others are assisting a variety of perspectives and talents are brought to the forefront which brings vitality and success to the endeavor. We all need help, even God!

Next Sunday our parish will have a **MINISTRY FAIR** which will take place in Hayes Hall following all the Sunday Masses. Representatives from our parish ministries and organizations will be on hand to answer questions you may have about the wonderful opportunities we have at Saint Cecilia's to become involved in the happenings of the parish. This is an invitation to you to join the helpers I have in the parish that make Saint Cecilia's a dynamic community of faith. As your pastor I cannot do all the ministries and services alone therefore I count on you for help. Today's Scriptures testify to those the Lord stirred into service and that is what I am doing today! I hope to see you next Sunday in Hayes Hall to browse at what will be presented. The good ladies of the Saint Monica Guild will be providing hospitality so that you can eat and drink as you check out what we have to offer.

The Lord calls all of us to service. It is by our service, or lack thereof, that we will be judged on the last day. When that day comes may we hear the Lord say to us, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come; share your Master's joy."* (Matthew 25:21) God bless you! Fr. Zig

**ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church—October 1 Patroness of the Missions**

Born at Alencon in Normandy, France in 1873, Marie Frances Theresa Martin entered the Carmel of Lisieux in 1889, at the age of fifteen years, and on September 30, 1897, she winged her flight to heaven. She was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, and made the third woman Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II.

The story of those nine years is faithfully told in the Autobiography which she wrote under obedience. Every line is marked by the artless simplicity of a literary genius, so that even when translated from its musical euphonious French into mechanical, clanking English, it still reads with the rhythm of a prose poem.

She took for her motto the well-known words of the great Carmelite mystic St. John of the Cross: "Love is repaid by love alone." With these thoughts ever present in her mind, her heart found courage to endure hours and days of bitterness that few Saints have been privileged to undergo. She understood deeply the meaning of those mysterious words of St. Paul: "Far be it from me to glory save in the Cross of my Lord Jesus Christ, by which I am crucified to the world and the world is crucified to me. I fill up those things that are wanting in the sufferings of Christ for His members."

Love of God as a Father, expressed in child-like simplicity and trust, and a deep understanding of the mystery of the Cross were the basic principles of her "little way".

There is just one other doctrine that needs to be mentioned to complete the picture of her soul's surrender—her vivid realization of the spiritual Motherhood of Mary, the Mother of God, and heaven's Queen, and our own loving Mother. She had learned the meaning of the strong phrase of St. Augustine, written fifteen hundred years ago, that we were all begotten with Jesus in the womb of Mary as our Mother.

The Little Flower is a faithful inheritor of all the loving tradition of the greatest Saints and Doctors of the Church in honoring Mary Immaculate. It is doubtful if that harpist of Mary, St. Bernard, could compose anything more beautiful, tender, and theological than the very last poem St. Theresa wrote, entitled, *Why I Love You, Mary* and written almost when the agony of death was upon her. *Prayer God our Father, You destined Your Kingdom for Your children who are humble. Help us to imitate the way of St. Theresa, so that, by her intercession, we may attain the eternal glory which You promised. Amen*

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