Thérèse scattered rose petals over her Crucifix as a gesture of love to Our Lord. On her deathbed she said, "Gather them up! One day they will give happiness to many souls." "Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love." One 'little way' she showed love was to spend time with people she found repellant. "It was an effective means of achieving interior poverty."

The physical deprivations of living an ascetic life in a cold cell took their toll on Thérèse and at the age of 24 she suffered greatly and died from tuberculous. She said, "I have reached the point of not being able to suffer any more, because all suffering is sweet to me!" She believed her greater work of intercession was about to begin in eternal light and infinite love. When asked if she would look down from Heaven on us, she answered, "No! I shall come down!" She proclaimed: "I shall not have any rest until the End of the World and so long as there are souls to save."

Many miracles from Thérèse's intercession were reported and she was declared a saint 28 years after her death. Pope Benedict XV gave her the decree of 'heroic virtues,' recommending her 'little way' of sacrifice and love to all. Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church.

"DEAR CHILDREN, pray in this time of grace and seek the intercession of all the saints who are already in the light! May they be an example and encouragement to you on the way of your conversion. Be aware that your life is short and passing" (Med. 10/25/14). HEAVEN'S SECRET LITTLE WAY: GOD DRAWS NEAR TO FASTING, PAIN, AND SUFFERING; IF WE CRY OUT TO HIM, HE HEARS. IF WE OFFER HIM OUR LOVE, PAIN, AND SUFFERING, ESPECIALLY FOR OTHERS, ACCEPTING IT, THE WAY JESUS ACCEPTED HIS CROSS, OFFERING HIS LOVE, PAIN, AND SUFFERING TO THE FATHER FOR US, WE GAIN GRACES FOR OURSELF AND OTHERS.

THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS: IN 1843 A CARMELITE NUN RECEIVED VISIONS FROM JESUS AND MARY, ASKING HER TO SPREAD DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS IN REPARATION FOR THE MANY INSULTS HE SUFFERED IN HIS PASSION. THE DEVOTION SPREAD RAPIDLY AND A CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY FACE WAS ESTABLISHED. IN 1885 THE MARTINS BECAME MEMBERS. IN 1936 ANOTHER NUN RECEIVED A VISION AND JESUS TOLD HER: "I WILL THAT MY FACE, WHICH REFLECTS THE INTIMATE PAINS OF MY SPIRIT, THE SUFFERING AND THE LOVE OF MY HEART, BE MORE HONORED. HE WHO MEDITATES UPON ME, CONSOLES ME" (CARD 9). SHE WAS INSTRUCTED TO HAVE A MEDAL MADE OF HIS HOLY FACE. THERÉSÈ WORE A STAMP OF VERONICA'S VEIL OVER HER HEART AND DEVOTED HER LIFE TO CONSOLING JESUS. WHO STILL SUFFERS CONTEMPT BECAUSE OF OUR SINS AND LACK OF LOVE.



IN 1898 A PHOTOGRAPHER WAS DEVELOPING THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN (JESUS' BURIAL CLOTH) AND WAS STUNNED WHEN THE IMAGE OF THE HOLY **FACE OF JESUS IRRADIATED THROUGH THE NEGATIVE!** 

## HAIL SAINTS! FULL OF GRACE! THE GLORY OF THE ALMIGHTY IRRADIATES THROUGH YOU!

The End of this World and the Mysteries of the Future Life (1881)

"AH! GOD CANNOT FORGET THAT HIS SAINTS, DURING THEIR LIFE, PAID HIM HOMAGE BY SACRIFICING THEIR REST, THEIR EARTHLY PLEASURES AND THEIR WHOLE BEING, THAT THEY LONGED TO BE ABLE TO POUR OUT (OFFER) THEIR BLOOD IN AN INEXHAUSTIBLE STREAM AS A LIVING WITNESS OF THEIR LOVE...

"THEN GOD WILL CRY OUT: 'NOW IT IS MY TURN! AS THE SAINTS GAVE ME THEMSELVES, CAN I DO PENETRATING THEM THROUGH AND THROUGH WITH MY DIVINITY, EVEN AS IRON IS MADE WHITE-HOT BY FIRE. I MUST SHOW MYSELF TO THEM WITHOUT A CLOUD OR VEIL, WITHOUT THE INTERVENTION OF THE SENSES; I MUST UNITE MYSELF TO THEM FACE TO FACE AND LET MY GLORY SO IRRADIATE THEM THAT IT SHINES FROM ALL THEIR BEING SO THAT THEY KNOW ME AS I KNOW THEM AND THEY THEMSELVES BECOME AS gods!'" (Sermon by the Abbé Arminjon copied in Thérèse's notebook)

god's among us? Jesus said: "Is it not written in your Law. 'I have said you are gods?" called them gods, to whom the Word of God came-and the Scripture cannot be broken..."

Jn. 10: 34 refers to Ps. 82—those who serve God are called gods or God's vicars—HIS HOLY FACE!

**MARY IS CALLING HER APOSTLES TO PRAY. FAST. OFFER SACRIFICES** AND DO PENANCE (card 17).

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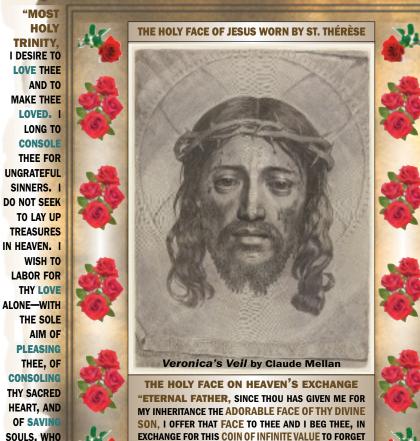


Card 37: Christ's Bride: Thérèse of the Child Jesus of The Holy Face

St. Thérèse—The Nun Who Comes Down From Heaven and Leaves Little Flowers!

## IRRADIATE THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Pray More—Speak Less—Offer Sacrifices of Love



SACRIFICE: SMALL OR LARGE ACTS OF SELFLESS LOVE: · FASTS **NOT INSISTING ON YOUR WAY** · ACCEPTING DIVINE PROVIDENCE MARTYRDOM · EUCHARISTIC OFFERING

**WILL ALSO** 

LOVE THEE.

St. Thérèse

**PENANCE: CONFESS YOUR SINS** OR INTERCEDE FOR ANOTHER BY CONFESSING THEIR SINS AND **ASKING FOR GOD'S GRACE FOR** THEM—HIS GIFT OF CONVERSION

MARY HAS BEEN CALLING HER CHILDREN TO LOVE, PRAY MORE, AND SPEAK LESS SINCE 1981 FROM MEDJUGORJE. IT IS A TIME OF GRACE WHICH HAS AN END! (CARD 15)

THE INGRATITUDE OF SOULS DEDICATED TO THEE AND

TO PARDON ALL POOR SINNERS. AMEN!" (ST. THÉRÈSE).

"DEAR CHILDREN: In this time of grace I call all of you: PRAY MORE AND SPEAK LESS! In prayer seek the WILL of God and LIVE IT according to the **COMMANDMENTS** to which God calls you. I am with you and am praying with you. Thank you for having responded to my call" (Med. 2/25/15).

SALUTA-TION L TO IRRA-**DIATE THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS HAIL MARY! FULL OF** GRACE! THE GLORY OF THE **ALMIGHTY IRRADIATES THROUGH** YOU! **PURE ART THOU ABOVE** ALL WOMEN! HOLY MARY. **MOTHER OF** GOD! PRAY **FOR US AND ESPECIALLY** FOR OUR SHEPHERDS

TO IRRADI-ATE THE **HOLY FACE OF JESUS TO** 

THE WORLD.

## IRRADIATE THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS: PRAY MORE—SPEAK LESS—OFFER SACRIFICES! Heaven's Florist! Dr., St. Thérèse-Christ's Bride and His 'Little Victim' of Love!

**"DEAR CHILDREN:** You are my strength! You, my apostles, who with your LOVE, HUMILITY SELF. and SILENCE OF PRAYER are making it possible for one to come to know my Son. You live in me. You carry me in your heart. You know that you have a mother who loves you and who has come to bring love. I am looking at you in the Heavenly Father-your thoughts, your pains, your sufferings—and I OFFER them to my Son. Do not be afraid and do not lose hope, because my Son listens to His mother. (MED. 2/2/15)

I AM LOOKING AT YOU **THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT** WHO IRRADI-**ATES THROUGH** MY PURITY."

Since He was born, HE LOVES! And I desire for all of my children to come to know that love †. I desire that all of those who have left Him because of their pain and misunderstanding, may return to Him; and that all those who have never known Him may come to know Him through you. That is why you are here, my apostles, and I as a mother am with you. Pray for FIRMNESS OF FAITH because LOVE and **MERCY** come from firm faith. Through love and mercy you will help all of those who are **not aware** that they are choosing darkness instead of light. **Pray for your** shepherds because they are the strength of the Church, which my Son left to you. Through my Son, they are the shepherds of souls! Thank you" (Med. 3/2/15).

MARY IS THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: "WISDOM WAS CREATED BEFORE ALL THINGS. GOD CREATED HER IN THE HOLY GHOST AND POURED HER OUT UPON ALL HIS WORKS. WISDOM IS A PURE INFLUENCE FLOWING FROM THE GLORY OF THE ALMIGHTY!" (Sir. 1:4/card 13).

THÉRÈSE MARTIN (1873–1897) is one of the most known and esteemed saints today; yet, she never preached a word and lived a quiet cloistered life as a nun in prayer and penance. Pope Francis is known to carry her picture and seek her intercession. He says, "If I have a problem, I ask the saint not to solve it, but to take it in her hands and help me accept it." He testifies, "I almost always receive a white rose." Her little flowers and her picture are known to appear as signs!

Thérèse was born in France to Louis and Zelia Martin. Both were devote Catholics from strong military backgrounds and both wanted to join religious orders but were not accepted. They suffered the pain and lose of four children; their five surviving daughters all became nuns. The Martins never yielded to the devil's temptation being offered through modernism—philosophies putting a modern face on God to make it appeal to man and making man's relationship to God without the Cross, without the sacrifice of love. They had successful businesses, but lived an austere life, aware that this world was passing. THE FAMILY RECEIVED COMMUNION AT SUNRISE. Louis bought a tower on the edge of town, called the Pavillion, where he withdrew to pray. A Crucifix on the wall is still hanging with the words he painted next to it: God sees me. ETERNITY draws near and we don't give it a thought. Blessed are they who keep the LAW of the Lord. There'se said, "The chief virtues I saw practiced in home were the keeping of Sunday holy and contempt for the world."

Zelia suffered extreme pain from breast cancer. Against her wishes but to appease her family, she went to Lourdes, hoping to be cured. Our Lady had appeared there 15 years before Thérèse was born and many had been cured, but Zelia was not; accepting it she said, "The Mother of God has not healed me because my time is up, and because God wills me to repose elsewhere than on the earth."

"DEAR CHILDREN: Also today the Most High permits me to be with you and to lead you on the way of conversion. Many hearts have shut themselves to grace and have become deaf to my call. You, little children, pray and fight against temptation and all the evil plans which the devil offers you through modernism. Be strong in prayer and with the Cross in your hands pray that evil may not use you and may not conquer in you. I am with you and pray for you. Thank you for having responded to my call" (Med. 3/25/15).

The Martins believed they were to be God's light of love and mercy to those who were not aware that they were choosing darkness instead of light. The sisters were taught to offer penance for those whom the devil is using—all those who could not resist temptation and were conquered by him. Henri Pranzini was a notorious criminal, convicted of the murder of two women and a child. The public was appalled at his face, many hearts despised this worst of all sinners; they wanted him to suffer; they wanted him dead! Thérèse, believing his heart was shut from grace, interceded for him—this most hideous man, guilty of the worse sin, showing no remorse. The newspapers reported that when Pranzini's neck was placed on the guillotine, he grabbed a Cross in his hands and kissed it three times. There'se believed her prayers were heard and this was a sign that he had converted! THE BRIDE OF THE HOLY FACE: There'se began the ascetic life as a Carmelite nun at age 15, the youngest postulate ever accepted. She was given the name Thérèse of the Child Jesus. At her clothing she was granted permission to add of the Holy Face. "I shall be the bride of Jesus 'whose face was hidden and whom no man knew' —what a union and what a future!" "He whose kingdom

is not of this world showed me that true wisdom was to seek 'to be unknown' and 'to be esteemed as nothing' and 'to rejoice in despising myself' (Isa. 53). I longed for my face to be like Jesus', truly hidden so that it could be recognized by no one. I wanted only to suffer and to be forgotten." In a prayer she wrote: "I desire to love Thee, my Spouse... I wish to be holy...be Thyself my holiness." She radiated with the love of Christ!



Thérèse was only four when her mother died and she became painfully sensitive. On Christmas Eve, when she was 14, she had an experience that lead to her "complete conversion." "On that blessed night the sweet Child Jesus, scarely an hour old, filled the darkness of my soul with floods of light. By becoming weak and little, for love of me, He made me strong and brave: He put His own weapons into my hands so that I went on from strength to strength, beginning, if I may say so, 'to run as a giant.' I felt charity enter my heart—the need to forget myself to make others happy."

Carmelite nuns are Mary's apostles and live an ascetic life, offering prayers and sacrifices to make reparation for the sins of the world. There'se gave all her thoughts, prayers, and sufferings to Mary to offer to Jesus. Her superiors instructed her to write letters and pray for priests. She was confident that her 'little way' of self-sacrifice and self-abasement showed them the way of the Cross and God's love. She desired to be a sacrificial offering consumed by flames of love and prayed: "In order that my life may be one act of perfect love, I offer myself as a Victim of Holocaust to Thy Merciful Love." "I desire to wipe Thy Sweet Face to console Thee for the contempt of the wicked."

Thérèse loved to read *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis. He wrote of the **TRUE WISDOM** of receiving **COMMUNION** daily: "How happy is he and acceptable to God who so liveth and keepeth his conscience in such purity as to be ready and well disposed to COMMUNICATE daily." There'se prayed: "I cannot receive Thee in **COMMUNION** as often as I wish; but, O Lord, art Thou not all powerful? ABIDE in me as Thou dost in the Tabernacle—never abandon Thy Little Victim."

"DEAR CHILDREN: With a full heart I am asking you, I am imploring you children: cleanse your hearts of sin and lift them up to God and to ETERNAL LIFE. I am imploring you: be vigilant and open for TRUTH. Do not permit for all that is of this earth to distance you from the TRUE COGNITION of the CONTENTMENT IN THE COMMUNION with my Son. I am leading you on the way of TRUE WISDOM because only with TRUE WISDOM can you come to KNOW true peace and true good. Do not waste time asking for signs of the Heavenly Father, because He has already given you the GREATEST SIGN, which is my Son! Therefore, my children, pray so that the Holy Spirit can lead you into TRUTH, can help you to come to know IT, and through that KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH you may be ONE with the Heavenly Father and my Son. That is the **COGNITION** which gives **happiness** on earth and opens the doors of ETERNAL LIFE and INFINITE LOVE. Thank you" (Med. 3/18/15).