

My Dear Child in Christ,

“*I go to Him in confidence and love...*” were the last words written by a young Carmelite nun shortly before she was to pass from this life into eternal life at the age of 24. Though little known at the end of her life here on earth, within a generation of her death, St. Thérèse of Lisieux was canonized a saint and later elevated by our beloved John Paul II to a Doctor of the Church.

St. Thérèse had a great devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. On the day she received her first Holy Communion, she writes: “Oh, how sweet the first kiss of Jesus was! It was a kiss of love. I knew I was loved and I declared, ‘I love you and I give myself to you forever.’”

At the age of 15, Thérèse entered the Carmelite Cloister at Lisieux (a convent where she lived the rest of her life). Her vocation was to pray quietly and with love, especially for vocations and for priests. She became a saint not by doing “extraordinary” things, but by doing ordinary things in an “extraordinary” way – for the love of God. This is known as her “little way.”

Each time you receive Jesus in Holy Communion, go to Him as little Thérèse of Lisieux did – with confidence and love. After you receive Jesus into your heart, tell Him how much you love Him. Talk to Him as your best friend– because that is just what He is. Ask Jesus what He wants you to do with your life. He has created you for a very special and great purpose! Ask Him if He might want you to become a priest or religious sister or brother. Take time to listen to what Jesus is telling you in your heart.

By signing the detachable part of this folder and returning it to us, you will be officially enrolled as a member in the *St. Thérèse Vocations Society* of the Diocese of Harrisburg. There are no dues or meetings, only the promise of your prayers. As a member of the Society, our priests will remember you in their Masses and other members of the Society will pray for you everyday.

Keep the remaining portion of this folder in your Bible, prayer book or other safe place, to remind you of your promise of prayers.

We need your help! The greatest gift we can give is our prayers. Pray for more priests, deacons and consecrated religious men and women. Pray that Jesus tells you what your vocation is! He loves you very much.



As a member of the *St. Thérèse Vocation Society*...

**I promise to pray the prayers  
on the back of this card each day.**

*St. Thérèse, pray for us.*

Dear Office of Vocations,

I would like to become a member of the *St. Thérèse Vocation Society*. As a member I promise to:

1. Say a prayer each day to know my vocation. When Jesus tells me my vocation, I will follow Him.
2. Say a prayer each day for more vocations within the Diocese of Harrisburg.
3. Say my Prayer of Thanksgiving after I receive Jesus in Holy Communion.
4. Pray daily for our seminarians and men and women in formation for the Consecrated Life.
5. Pray daily for our Holy Father and our Bishop.

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### My Daily Prayer to Know My Vocation

Dear Loving Father, You have made me to know You, to love You, to serve You. You want to bring me joy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, help me know my vocation. Since I will do what You want of me, please send Your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what You want of me and into my heart, to give me the strength to do it. I ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who I am privileged to receive into my heart and soul in Holy Communion. Amen.

### My Daily Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous Father, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the love and service of our Church and give us the grace and courage of Your Holy Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Harrisburg by raising up dedicated and generous servants from our parishes, schools, families, and friends who will serve Your people as priests, deacons, and consecrated women and men. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Mary, Queen of the Clergy. Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen!

### Thanksgiving After Holy Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that You are present within my heart. You said, "This is My Body and My Blood." I know that You love me and want to be with me.

From my heart I thank You for all You have given to me. I thank You for being present in Holy Communion so You can be close to me. I ask You this special favor (... *tell Jesus what is in your heart*). Watch over me and help me to be holy and good.

Jesus, I promise to receive You as often as I can in Holy Communion. Is there something special that You want me to do for You? (*Listen for a moment. Jesus might be speaking to you.*) I love You, Jesus. Amen.

Pray one *Hail Mary* for our **seminarians** and the men and women studying for **religious communities** from our diocese.

Pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be to the Father* for our **Holy Father** and our **Bishop**.

## Youth St. Thérèse Vocation Society



**Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg**  
*Office of Vocations*