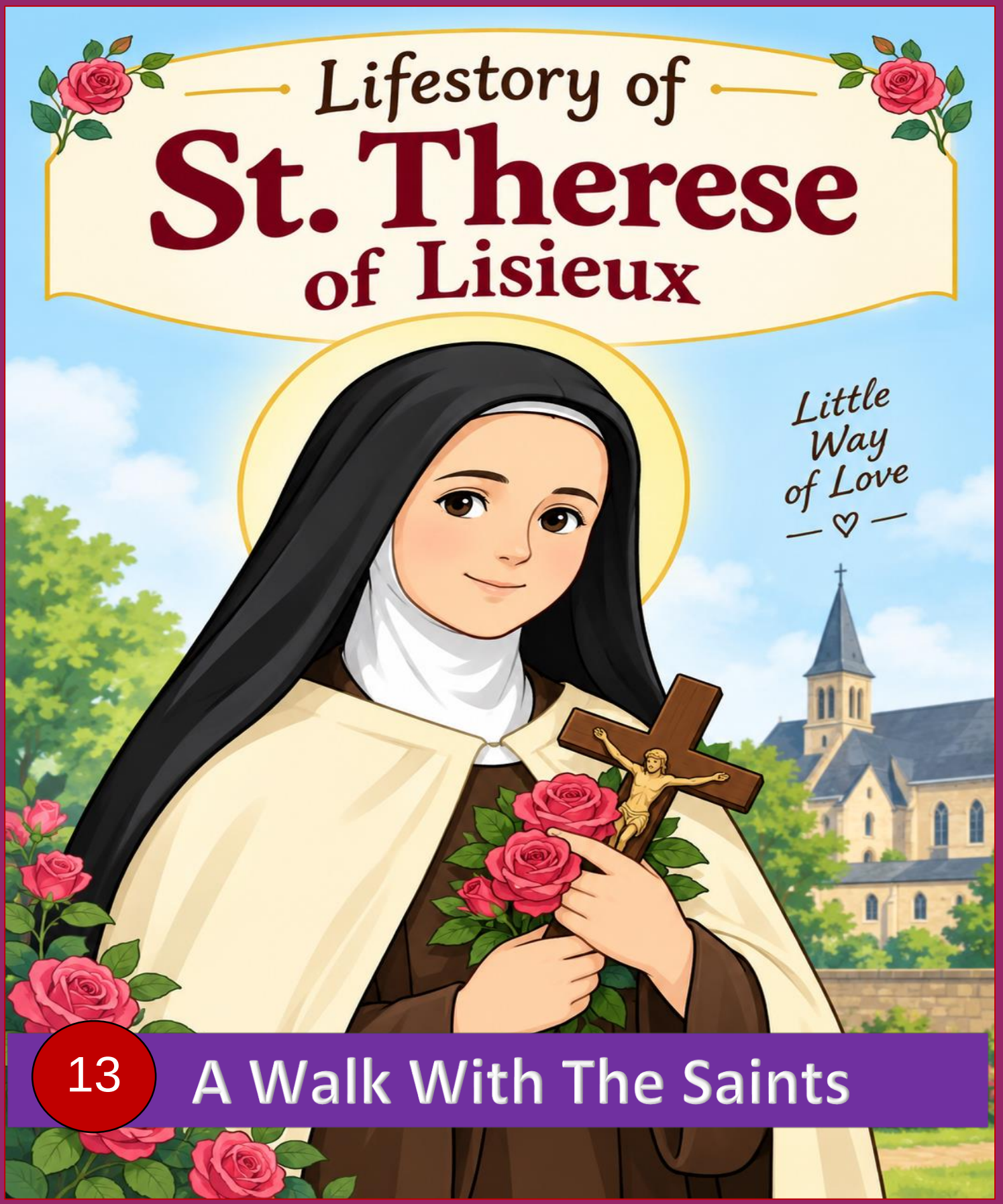
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DEPARTMENT OF CATECHISM



1 The Pious Household – Alençon (1873)



Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon, France, into a deeply devout family.

2 Love for her Mother



She was deeply attached to her Mother.

3 The First Great Sorrow (1877)



When Thérèse was only four, her mother died of breast cancer, disturbing her joyful childhood. Her elder sister Pauline took care of her.

4 Moving to Lisieux



5 The Severe Illness (1883)



When Therese was ten-years old she was struck by a mysterious illness. Her family prayed desperately for her.

6 The Smile of the Virgin Mary



On May 13, 1883, she saw the Blessed Mother smiling at her and curing her.





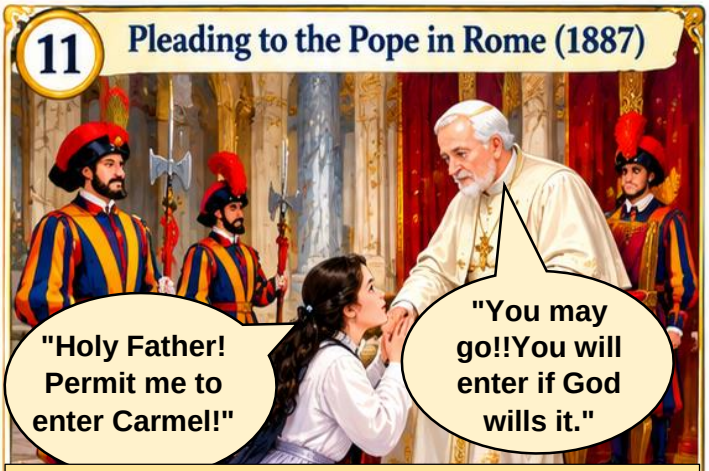
Therese was very stubborn till age 13. She wished for Christmas gifts like small children and if she doesn't get any she would ruin the day. Her father was frustrated by these behaviors but that Christmas to every one's surprise the grace of Jesus converted her.



Therese's prayer for a criminal named Pranzini was heard by Jesus. Just before his execution, he unexpectedly kissed a crucifix.



At age 14, Therese felt an early call to religious life but initially she was denied entry into the Carmelite convent because of her young age.



She got a chance to meet Pope Leo 13 and presented her case before him.



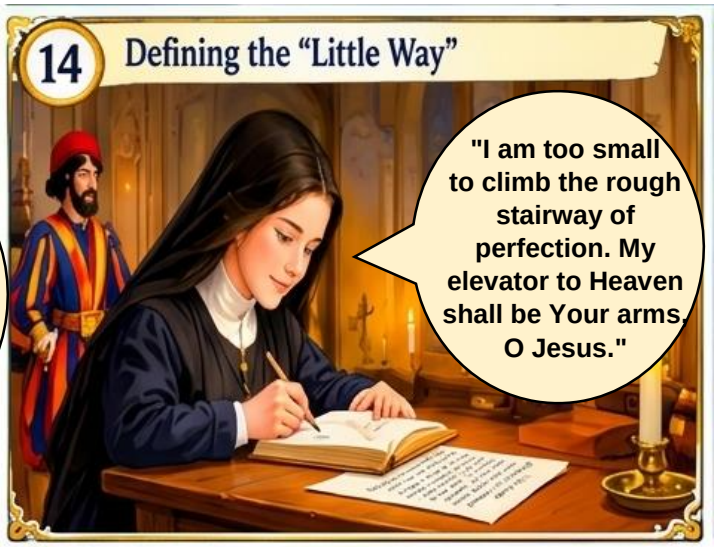
Thérèse was permitted to enter the Carmelite convent a year later at the age of 15.

13 Clashing and Charity



Convent life was with small, difficult daily problems among the sisters.

14 Defining the "Little Way"



15 A Little Way, a Great Love

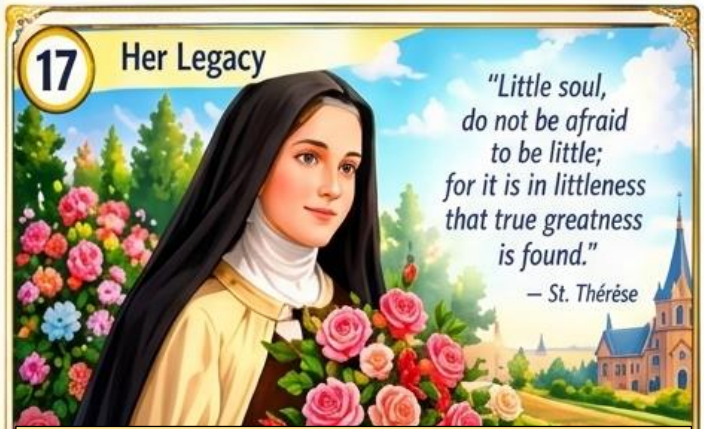


16 Still with Us



Tuberculosis strikes her lungs.

17 Her Legacy



Passing away at 24, the Little Flower pledged to continue her mission from heaven.

18 Forever in Heaven



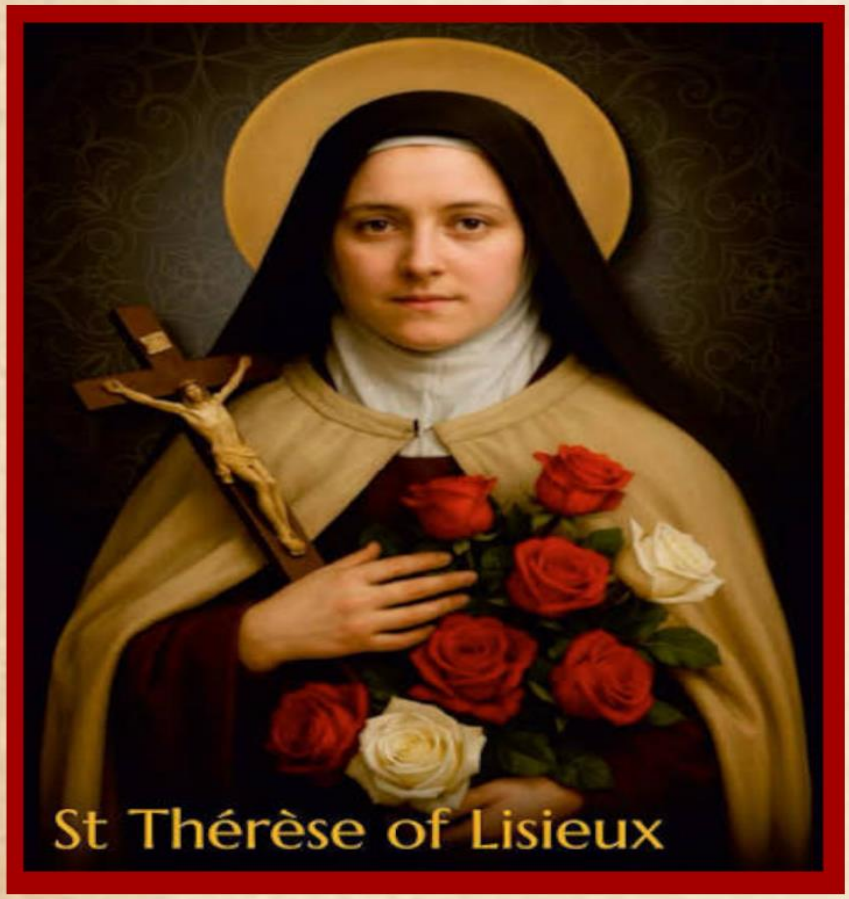
Feast Day: October 1

"Little Flower Pray for Us!!"

Saints of the Month - October

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St.Therese of Lisieux



"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."

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