**St. Therese’s simplicity needed in today’s complex world**

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I have been a Theresian for over 25 years. I have studied the lives of many saints, including the three other women Doctors of the Church (St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Hildegard of Bingen). I have even written a book about married saints (*Meditations for Today’s Married Christians— Profiles of Married Saints for Troubled Times*).

Still, St Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, remains my favorite saint because of her simplicity. Her *little way* can be a model for all of us Theresians—married, single or religious—to follow.

As she says in *The Story of a Soul*: "In my *little way* everything is most ordinary; everything I do must be within the reach of other little souls also."

Our wise and holy founder Msgr. Voss picked St. Therese of Lisieux as our patroness. He could have picked many other powerful saints, but he picked the Little Flower and her *little way*. Fifty plus years ago when Msgr. Voss founded Theresians, he perhaps envisioned the growing complexities of the world. Today our heads are buzzing with the internet, emails, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin etc. Truly, we Christians need her simplicity to grow in love for each other in this complex, global world.

There are many wonderful and awesome saints, but St. Therese is my favorite because of her passionate but simple love for God. This makes her a saint whom I can emulate even in my declining senior years. Also, I believe she is the only saint who promised to send roses of grace back to us.

Thank you St. Therese for pouring down God’s graces on the Theresians.