

DAILY ADORATION from
12:30 to 5:00 in Church.
Rosary at 5.

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Novena for exams will
begin in 7 days. Do
your part--study now.

Theresa Martin

She should not have been a saint. She was only 25 years old when she died, not a very long span in which to perform many good works for God and neighbor. 25, that's the age at which many young people are just getting a start in life. Theresa Martin was closing hers at the quarter-century mark.

she should not have been a saint. How could she become one? She entered a cloistered convent at the age of 15, cloistered, that means walled in. She never left the convent once she entered. She never worked in a mission field with lepers or in a hospital dedicating her day and night to the care of the sick. She never had the headaches of a teacher. Hers was simply the daily routine of things that any young girl would do around her home, sweeping, washing, clearing the table, washing windows and working in the garden.

She should not have been a saint. Others suffered just as much as she did from the inconveniences of life - she suffered exceedingly from the cold - and from tuberculosis, the disease from which she finally died.

No, according to what one could see, Sister Theresa of the Child Jesus should not have died a saint. But Theresa had a heart that could not be seen. What was extraordinary about her was that heart: It put the fire of the love of God behind each act. That's why she became a saint.

It would be well for you to remember her words when you are pounding out a duty on your typewriter, when you are at your desk in study, when you are confronted by the pains from your asthma or from failure in the classroom. Write down Theresa's words and place them in each one of your textbooks.

"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them. The least act of pure love is worth more for God and the Church than all other good works put together."

St. Theresa should be the patron of every young man of the 20th century, because their life will like hers, filled with commonplace duties and sacrifices. Today is the feast day of St. Theresa. Whether you are an engineer, lawyer, commerce student, or in Art and Letters, ask this saint to help you follow her Little Way to Heaven.

Student Impressions Concerning Adoration

"Before I came to Notre Dame I never really knew what prayer meant. In fact, I seldom went to church. The good influence of spiritual advisers and the example set by other students brought me to my senses. I now ask God's forgiveness for my neglect of Him these many years, and in certain ways I feel that I have atoned somewhat for that neglect, in attending Mass, saying my night prayers, and visiting the Grotto. And now that Notre Dame has established perpetual adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, I have felt it a duty to spend much more than a half-hour in adoring God and thanking Him for having shown me the way back to Him."

Prayers

A request has come from Brother Maximus, C.S.C. His mother died recently and he asks a remembrance of her in your prayers. Brother adds an interesting note. "She was at death two months short of 103. It was easy for me to remember the year of her birth as it was in 1842, the year Notre Dame was founded, my spiritual mother."