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The Little Flower's Way.

Everybody wishes they had known The Little Flower. Thousands—including non-Catholics—read her Autobiography, seek favors through her intercession, visit her shrine at Lisieux.

They find that her life was even more beautiful than her face, and certainly as simple and innocent.

She entered the Carmel convent, only a few years ago, at fifteen. She was "The Little Flower" among the Carmelite nuns—the joyous, attractive, generous one, with God's presence shining in her eyes.

She loved people and asked to spend her Heaven doing good upon earth. At twenty-four, in her full beauty, she died.

She had a "little way" of sanctity that she sometimes talked about to the older Sisters. Ordinary people would welcome it, she thought. It wasn't intended for terribly strong-willed, heroic, unaffectionate people.

It was only the way of self-surrender to the love of God. Her followers would do everything for love of God and then trust Him for everything they wanted.

At Notre Dame her "little way" would go something like this: Mass and Communion every morning because you love Christ and wouldn't be without Him a single day; deal with Christ personally as if He were—what He is—your most intimate friend.

Talk to Him often throughout the day and ask Him to help you know and love Him more and more. Develop the chapel-habit of dropping in to visit with Him frequently.

Take Him in on everything you do. Ask Him to bless you in your studies, in your efforts at virtue; yes, in your athletics too.

Try it, this way. It's a great cure for sadness and worry.

The Feast of the Little Flower is October 3. If you would like to make a novena of Masses and Communion in her honor, start tomorrow morning. Ordinarily, special prayers are said publicly in Sorin Hall during her novena, but this year, due to the mission, we shall omit them.

The Little Flower once promised that, after her death, she would let a shower of roses fall upon the earth. She has kept her promise in the innumerable miracles and graces obtained through her intercession.

Let's hope that some favor you have long wanted will come to you through the Little Flower.

Joe Donahue's Day

Tomorrow Mass and Communion for Joe.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Jerome Wildgen, '14; I. N. Mitchell, '91; wife of Joseph Bach '25. Ill, mother of Bill Fallon (Alumni); grandmother of Francis Kesicke. 4 sp. intentions.

