

1. Became a novice mistress at age 20. At age 22 she was ordered by her prioress to begin writing her memories and ideas which were later turned into a book titled, *Story of a Soul*.
2. Thérèse defined her path to God and holiness as *The Little Way*, which consisted of child-like love and trust in God.
3. She had ongoing correspondence with Carmelite missionaries in China, often stating how much she wanted to go and work with them.
4. Many miracles were attributed to her.
5. Declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997 by Pope John Paul II.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

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1. Born to a middle-class French family of tradesmen
2. All four of her sisters became nuns
3. Her mother died when Françoise-Marie was only four, and the family moved to Lisieux, Normandy, France, to be closer to family.

1. Tried to join the Carmelites, but was turned down due to her age.
2. Went to Rome for the Jubilee of Pope Leo XIII whom she met and who knew of her desire to become a nun.
3. Joined the Carmelites at Lisieux on 9 April 1888 at age 15, taking her final vows on 8 September 1890 at age 17.
4. Due to health problems resulting from her ongoing fight with tuberculosis, her superiors ordered her not to fast.

1. Cured from an illness at age eight when a statue of the Blessed Virgin smiled at her.
2. Educated by the Benedictine nuns of Notre-Dame-du-Pre. Confirmed there at age eleven.
3. Just before her 14th birthday she received a vision of the Child Jesus; she immediately understood the great sacrifice that had been made for her, and developed an unshakeable faith.