

The Thérèsian Little Way



THE LITTLE WAY

ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

FOR SCHOOLS



“In my little way there are only very ordinary things... Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word...”

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Values for a Catholic School

Value Community Life

‘The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm.’

Offer Friendship and Hospitality

‘A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul.’

Serve and show concern for the poor

‘May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given you.’

Openness of Heart

‘Without Love, deeds even the most brilliant count as nothing.’

Forbearance

‘I know that true charity consists in bearing all our neighbour’s defects.’

Prayer

‘Prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is something great which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus.’

Seeing God in All things

‘May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.’

The rationale for the choice of these values is that there is a progression in them which models the spiritual life. They are present in the life of Thérèse and could

translate into anyone’s life. The model is therefore person-centred rather than abstract and fits very well with the philosophy that every student is different.

The first three are about grounding a student in a healthy and productive life-giving Christian community.

The last four are more challenging and represent a growth in understanding of what it means to live a fully Christian and spiritual life. They point towards a more contemplative development which could feed into the artistic and creative side of school life.

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