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Daily Reflections



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JOYFUL! JOYFUL!

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Maxims of The Little Institute

“Fulfill all the duties of the great and true love of God, and you will fulfill the rest.”

MAXIM 77, FR. JEAN PIERRE MÉDAILLE

Reflection

Earlier this month, I attended two celebrations of life for two Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. The services were roughly a week apart and both were filled with reverence, story, sadness, and joy. Both Sisters, unique in how God brought them into this world, lived out a Trinitarian life as they were called in ministry and in how they related to each person they encountered.

From personal experience and in the remembering, any time I chanced meeting up with either Sister, I was met with a smile and warm welcome, and immediately had a sense of inclusion. In conversation, both were present with

care and intent. Unique unto themselves, they both were buoyed by a spirit of joy.

The second reading at one of the celebrations of life seems to capture the essence of how I hold the memory of them both: “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy.” (Philippians 1:3-4) And in this spirit, allow me to say Amen.

RIP

Sister Jeanette Woodward, CSJ

Sister Adele Marie Korhummel, CSJ



Yellow Sunflower in Close Up Photography
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For Pondering and Prayer

As we have traveled through the invitation to embrace a Trinitarian life, consider and reflect on the following Maxims from the Little Institute. Does one Maxim particularly call to you? What is it that calls you? How do you express and live it out in your day-to-day experience? What is your thank you to God?

Keep always in mind the aim of your vocation which is sublime; and never do anything which contradicts the commitment to a life full of modesty,

gentleness, and holiness. (1)

Live, as much as you can, in such a way that your life, in honor of the Holy Spirit, may be a continual act of the most pure and perfect charity that you are able to practice toward God. (4)

In everything and everywhere, have only God, God's will and God's glory before your eyes, and make no account of anything else. (16)

Never complain about anyone but yourself. (38)

Give all the happiness you can to those who give you a great deal of unhappiness, and give it willingly. (51)

Live out your life with one desire only: to be always what God wants you to be, in nature, grace, and glory, for time and for eternity. (73)

Fulfill all the duties of the great and true love of God, and you will fulfill the rest. (77)

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