



Francis and Therese: Great 'Little' Saints

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Gracewing, 2012. Soft cover. Condition: New. 1st Edition. God chose for himself as the place of his appearance what was the very smallest and insignificant, a wretched stable in Bethlehem. The choice of "little things" and "little people" is characteristic of God's dealings with humanity. Francis and Therese: Great 'Little' Saints expresses how this "characteristic of God's dealings" with men and women is at the heart of the spiritual life of Francis of Assisi and Therese of Lisieux. If Baptism plunges us into Paschal Mystery of Christ, this man of the thirteenth and this woman of the nineteenth expressed its energy of dying to self and rising to life in Christ through a path of littleness. The Poverello, "Little Poor One", wanted his brothers and sisters to live among their peers by a comparative adjective minor (lesser) that would challenge them always to be the least. Centuries later Therese recognised herself as a "little flower" and described her journey of the spiritual life as the "petite voie" (little way). Both chose that same characteristic of God's dealings with our humanity to deal with his divinity. This book pursues growth in an awareness of being little, of focusing on the little...

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