

Sister's Spin

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Focusing on the male saints of August last week in no way diminishes the role of the female saints of this month. As mentioned earlier, Mary is celebrated with three feast days, though the Sunday liturgy overshadowed the feast of the Queenship of Mary which was August 22nd. But other women in August remind us of the gifts all women bring to the Church. Clare of Assisi shows us the courage and fortitude it took to leave riches behind to assist the poor as Francis did. Rose of Lima, Peru, also worked and prayed for the poor so they would have a more just life in her home country. Edith Stein, aka Sister Benedicta of the Holy Cross, a Jew who converted to Catholicism and endured the suffering of the Nazi Persecution, gave her life and comforted others while enduring her own suffering. And, of course, there is Monica and Jane deChantel, mothers who cared for the spiritual life of their children as much as for their physical needs. These women--virgins, martyrs, wives, widows, and mothers--remind us that we all have a call from God and we live that call when we serve in the best way we can, doing whatever God tells us.

-Sister Marcianne

