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The Example of St. Therese in  
Overcoming the Root of All Evils



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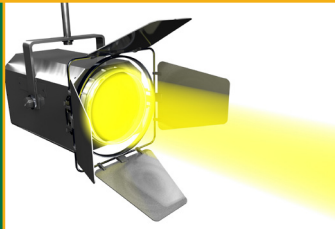
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# The Problem of Pride

Money is not the root of all evils as the old saying goes. Though it can often seem like problems are caused by a love of money and greed, money is still not at the heart of all evils. What is? Pride.

Yes, as you know, pride was there in the beginning. It drove Lucifer and his followers out of Heaven. Adam and Eve's pride led them to seek knowledge that was God's alone and ultimately, to disobey God.

Sometimes our pride looms large before us like a ugly giant. However, its the subtle, devious ways of pride that we don't always catch. More often than not, pride creeps up like a small weed, looking harmless at first but, if left unchecked, quickly grows into a tangled mess and blocks the path to holiness. A wise monk once said that pride always seeks to be unusual, to be different. Pride is not satisfied with everyday activities, with routines, with daily repetitive work. No, pride has to be noticed; it has to stand out; it has to be somehow distinct from everything or everyone around it. Pride exalts people in their own minds and oftentimes in the eyes of the world. In reality, though, pride ruins them. We are creatures of God, created, sustained and watched over by Him. Everything we have comes from Him. As soon as we fail to see this or we outright reject it, we disfigure and eventually destroy our own selves.

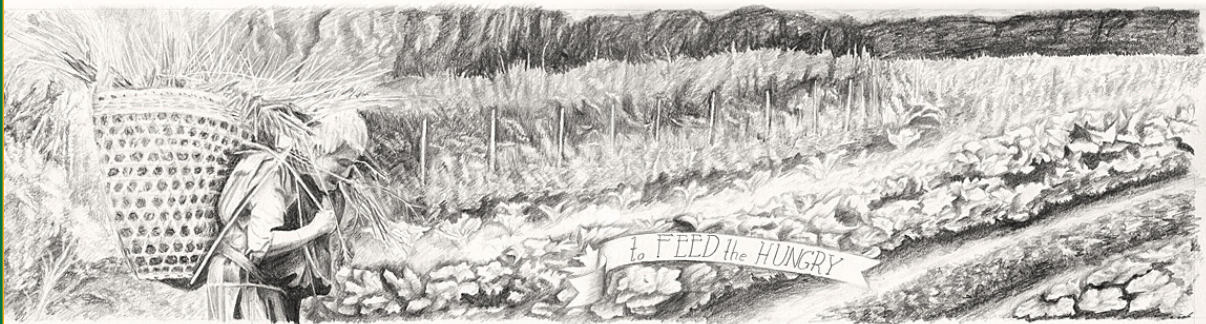
Let's contrast these thoughts with the example of St. Therese of Liseux who would ask her mother superior for the most menial, common chores around the convent, just so she could devote herself out of humility to cleaning the bathrooms and sweeping the floors to the very best of her ability. One day, while St. Therese was praying in her cell, the devil appeared as a giant, hideous beast. While the beast roared and flaunted his own power, St. Therese began to laugh! In her great humility, she recognized the worthlessness of the devil and laughed at him. The humble joy of Therese drove the devil crazy until he was reduced so small in size that he ran out of her room underneath the crack of the door. Wherever we find ourselves in life, at work, play or study, let us recognize pride in all its forms and like Therese, banish it once and for all.



Picture of St. Therese as a young girl.

Cover photo: Inside of the St. Therese Basilica in Lisieux, France.

Seton sophomore Wilson Allen recently entered a Congressional Art Contest. His submission (pictured below) is entitled, "To Feed the Hungry" and is the first of a series of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. *Good luck Wilson!*



Want to share your own artwork, poems, or stories? Send them to shshighschool@setonhome.org



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Mr. Christopher Smith

**H**i, my name is Christopher Smith. I am the senior counselor here at SHS High School. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in the great state of Michigan and then attended Christendom College, graduating in 2007. I was fortunate enough to recently attend

the Institute of World Politics in Washington D.C. where I earned a M.A. in International Relations. All the while I have worked here at Seton as an Admissions counselor and History advisor and am now ready to help you tackle college prep! My first piece of advice - ask for advice! Working through your senior year and choosing a college or career can be a real challenge. Don't hesitate to give me a call or an email and let me help you during this journey. God bless!

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## WHERE'D YA GO?

**I**went to the Traditional Latin Mass on October 9, 2011 in Shafter, TX. It was a fun field trip because many faithful from my church, San Juan Bautista Catholic Church in El Paso, TX, went to see our priest, Fr. Michael Rodriguez. I began attending San Juan as an altar boy in 2007. I did learn Latin and this was the first time I had ever served the mass. The ghost town of Shafter had not had a priest in fifty years, and our priest went to help the people and pray with them. The trip was a long ride; this place is about 250 miles from my home, but it was worth it to see Father Michael again. My senior year with Seton is my final year of high school. I wish to find a job, then maybe go to the community college. I hope to find a suitable job that has good pay to support my family. They have done a lot for me and it's time I payed them back.

Submit your stories at [shshighschool@setonhome.org](mailto:shshighschool@setonhome.org)



**S**eton junior Paige Marie Timberlake took second place in the 2011 NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Writing Contest (Senior Division). The theme for her essay was "The Second Amendment to the Constitution: Why it is important to our nation." Her paper was selected over 294 Senior entries. She won a \$600 saving bond and will be featured in the May 2012 issue of InSights Magazine.

SHS High School Senior Donovan Gonzalez submitted this edition's **WHERE'D YA GO** story. Thanks Donovan!



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PROFILE

Seton's Graduation was held May 26, 2012 on the Campus of Christendom College. Welcome new Alumni!



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