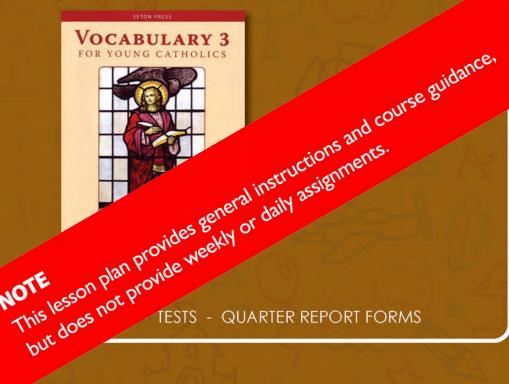


VOCABULARY 3

COURSE MANUAL



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INTRODUCTION

"Jesus saw fit to enlighten me about this mystery. He set the book of nature before me, and I saw that all the flowers He has created are lovely. 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. I realized that if every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness, and there would be no wild flowers to make the meadows gay.

"It is just the same in the world of souls – which is the garden of Jesus. He has created the great saints who are like the lilies and the roses, but He has also created much lesser saints, and they must be content to be the daisies or the violets which rejoice His eyes whenever He glances down. Perfection consists in doing His will, in being that which He wants us to be.

"I also understood that God's love shows itself just as well in the simplest soul which puts up no resistance to His grace as it does in the loftiest soul. ...

"So, Mother, it is with joy that I shall sing to you of His mercies. As it is for you alone that I am going to write the story of the Little Flower gathered by Jesus, I shall speak quite freely....

"I believe that if a little flower could speak, it would tell very simply and fully all that God had done for it. ...

"The flower who is now going to tell her story rejoices at having to relate all the kindnesses freely done her by Jesus. ...it is His mercy alone which has created whatever there is of good in her. It was He who ensured that she began to grow in a most pure and holy soil... His love made Him want to keep His little flower safe from the tainted breezes of the world, and so she had scarcely begun to unfold her petals before He transplanted her on to the mountain of Carmel."

— From The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower

TEXT

Vocabulary 3 for Young Catholics

