

***Soul Sisters:
St. Joan of Arc &
St. Therese of Lisieux***

**St. Anthony on the Lake
THE EMERITUS GROUP
October 5, 2025**



FRENCH WOMEN

DEVOUTLY CATHOLIC

REMARKABLE COURAGE



GRACE FILLED

KINGDOM CENTERED

DIED YOUNG





St. Joan of Arc

January 6, 1412-May 30, 1431



PEASANT

GIRL

UNEDUCATED

NO FORMAL THEOLOGY

NO MILITARY TRAINING

NO POLITICAL ALLIES

NO LEGAL COUNSEL



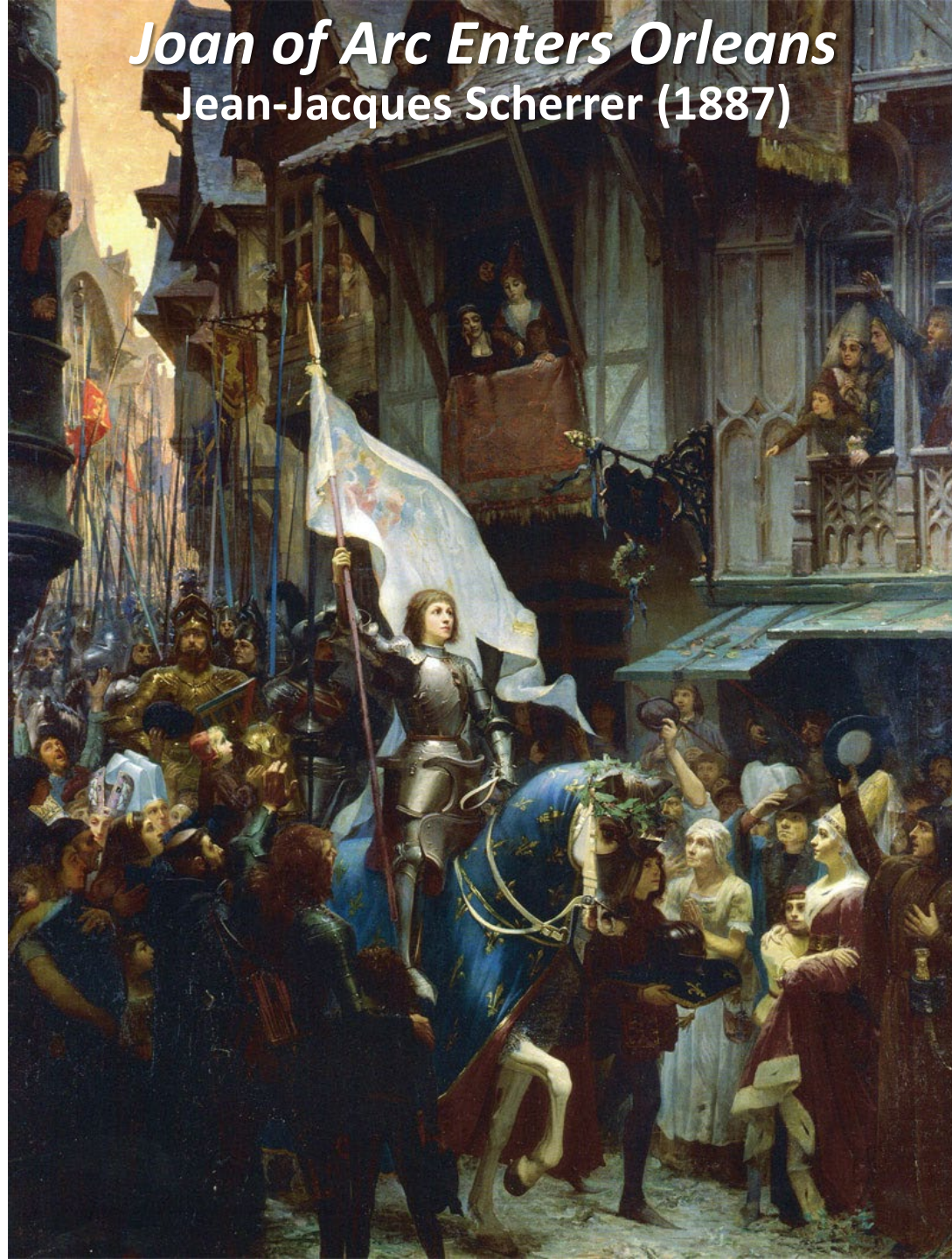


Joan of Arc
Jules Bastien-Lepage (1879)



Joan of Arc Enters Orleans

Jean-Jacques Scherrer (1887)







Interrogation
Paul Delaroche (c. 1850)



Joan of Arc Burned at the Stake

Eugene Lenepvue (1886)





St. Therese of Lisieux
1873-1897



Saints Louis & Zelie Martin





April 1888



1890





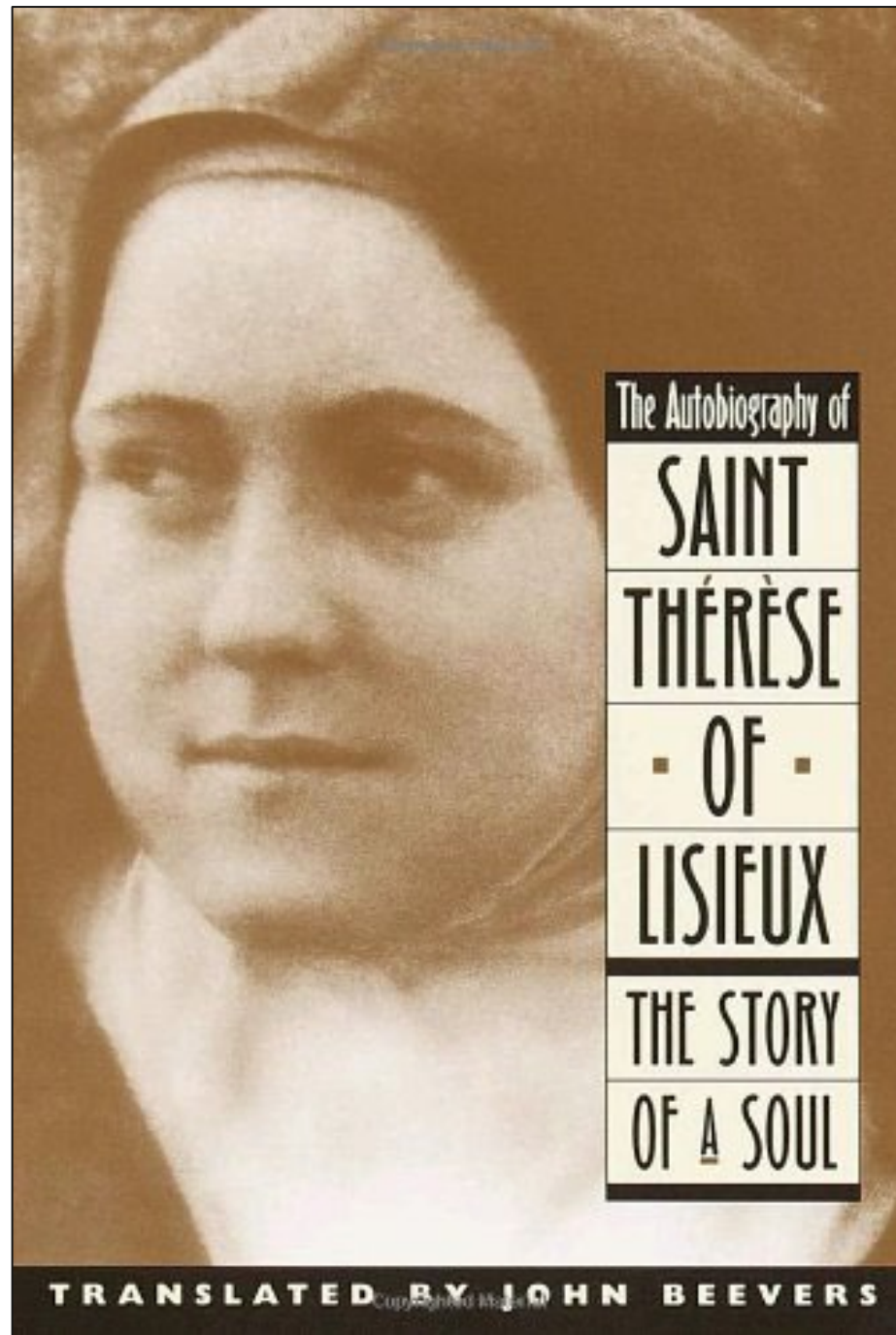












The Autobiography of

SAINT

THÉRÈSE

• OF •

LISIEUX

THE STORY

OF A SOUL

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Living The Little Way

“Whoever is a little one, let them come to me.”

-- Proverbs 9:4



***“Unless you turn and become like children,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”***

-- Matthew 18:3





The Little Way

**Undertaking every task –
especially the smallest, most
mundane and least
acknowledged – with no
expectation of personal gain,
but as a gift for God**



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“Joan of Arc’s exploits delighted me. I felt in my heart the desire and the courage to imitate her. I understood my mission was not to have a mortal king crowned but to make the King of Heaven loved, to submit to Him the kingdom of hearts.”

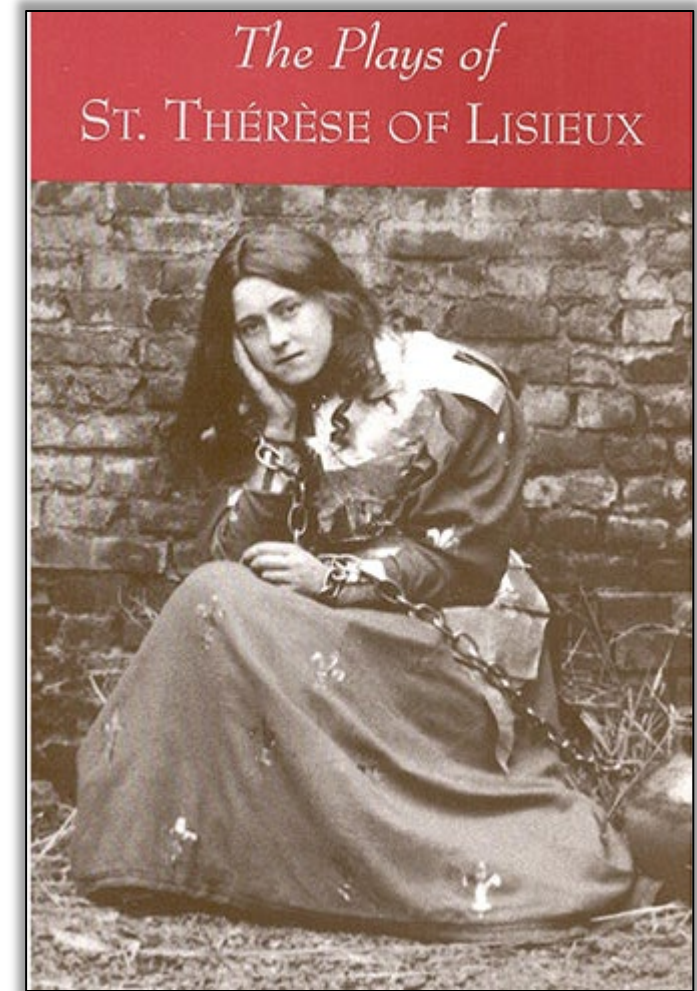
-- St Therese of Lisieux
[Letter to Maurice Belliere; April 27, 1897]

The Mission of Joan of Arc

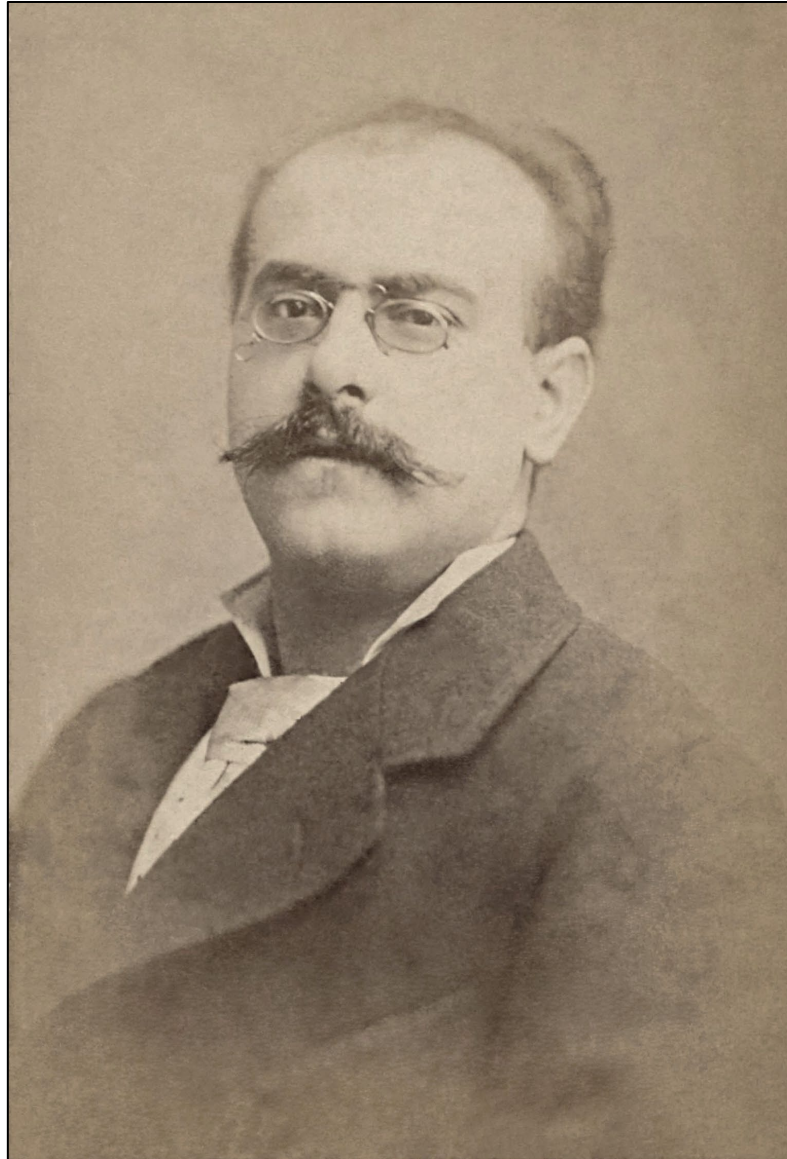
January 1894

Joan of Arc Accomplishing Her Mission

January 1895



Leo Taxil
1854-1907







***“Joan, in your dark prison
you seem to me more
radiant, more beautiful
than at your king's
coronation.***

***This heavenly reflection of
eternal glory, who then
brought it upon you?***

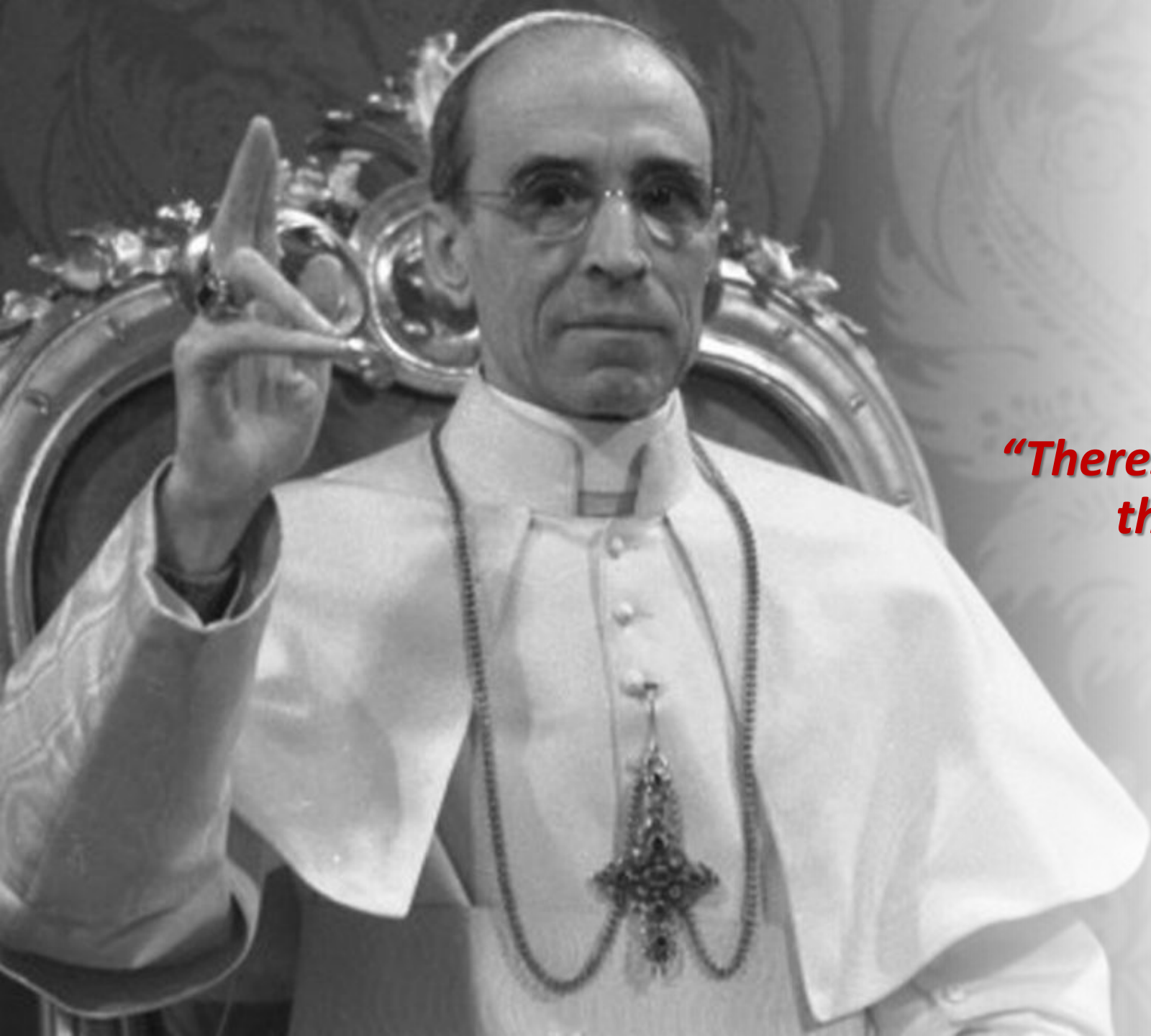
It was betrayal.”

***-- St. Therese of Lisieux [From the
Poem: To Joan of Arc; May 1897]***



“Therese is the new Joan of Arc!”

-- Pope Pius XI [1925]



***“Therese is the co-patron of France,
the equal of Joan of Arc.”***

-- Pope Pius XII [1944]



Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris





WARRIORS WITH A MISSION

INSPIRATIONAL FAITH

BATTLEFIELD OF THE HEART



DISCUSS:

Who is the most inspiring person you know?

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER:

How might your faith be an inspiration for others?



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THANKS FOR BEING HERE!

**Our next meeting is
Sunday, October 19**





LESSONS

**Trust that you are worthy of
the plans God has for you**

**Live your faith – your example
will inspire others**

**Persevere in faith – even in times
of struggle and doubt and pain**



LESSONS

Recognize God's presence in everything because "*all is grace*"

Perform ordinary tasks with extraordinary love for Jesus

Embrace humility in living, and simplicity in prayer