

## Children's Adoration Meditation

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Back in the 1700s in France there was a nun named Theodore Guerin. She followed God's path for her life and educated children, cared for the poor, sick and dying. She was sent to the United States and lived in Indiana while she taught and cared for the poor and sick here. She had no idea the path her life would take, but trusted God to show her the way. She is now St. Mother Theodore Guerin.

Pope Francis I also trusted God to show him the path his life would take. He wouldn't accept the large house, car, driver and cook that came with his job of Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Instead, along with his work as bishop, he spent time working with the poor and gave as much money as he could to help them. He had no idea he would become Pope of the Roman Catholic Church!



**They both trusted God to show them the way in their life.  
We are supposed to do the same.**

How do we know what God wants of us?

What if we don't want to do what we feel Him guiding us to do?

Where do we get the strength to follow God's plan?

**God gave us a number of "gifts" to help us.  
These are called sacraments.**

They take us from birth to finding our vocation, or job, God wants us to do. They help give us strength on the road of life.

As children, we are **Baptized**. The Church welcomes us and our original sin is washed away.

We receive the Eucharist in **Holy Communion** and are "fed" Jesus each time. This strengthens us as we go through life.

When we are confirmed, the gifts Holy Spirit are given to us in **Confirmation** so we are further strengthened to accept God's challenges for us.

When we sin and make choices that bring us further from God, He forgives us through **Reconciliation**.

If we are sick, we can be anointed to help us heal physically and spiritually: it is the sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick**.

Men can choose to become a priest where they receive the sacrament of **Holy Orders** and they vow to serve God by serving others through the priesthood.

Men and Women are joined in marriage through the sacrament of **Matrimony**. They vow to be true to each other and God while raising a family.

Today, pray and ask God for direction, frequently use the sacraments He gave us and listen to the direction He gives us.

**There is no greater gift than God's love and  
the path He gives us because of that love.**

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