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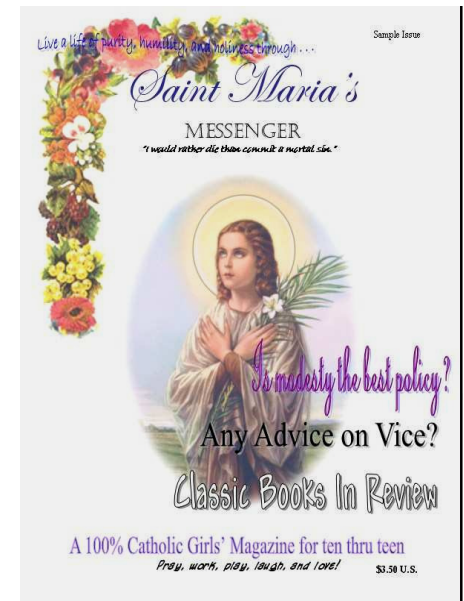
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SAINT MARIA'S MESSENGER

"I would rather die than commit a mortal sin!"

**A 100% Catholic Magazine
for girls ages ten through
teen.**



**Look inside to find, not a
magazine that gives girls
some watered-down version of
the Faith. We give girls the
*authentic Truth!***

WHY SAINT MARIA GORETTI?

We knew we wanted the magazine to have a patron. We decided that it must be a Saint who was patroness of girls, since our audience is directed toward Catholic girls. We made a list of all the available women, and found Saint Maria Goretti to fit the bill perfectly. She lived much closer to our time than any of the others, so she is much more easier to relate to. And the virtues she showed in her life are the ones much in need of today. Saint Maria Goretti was a perfect choice, and we hope she is smiling down on this apostolate now, showering us with God's blessings and graces.

WHAT WAS SO SPECIAL ABOUT HER LIFE?

Ironically, it was her death. She died defending her chastity, knowing that if she succumbed to the temptations of her aggressor, she would have committed a mortal sin. Thus, completely detaching her soul from Christ. However, to say this was all that makes this saint special, would be to say, only Christ's death on the Cross is of any importance. Her entire life had been a growth in virtue to virtue. She lived a very hard life; hard work day and night, the death of her beloved father, the pains she saw her mother endure, and living with her own future murderer. She did not do any heroic deeds (in the eyes of society), nor did she perform miracles while she lived. She was a normal young girl just trying to live everyday for Christ.

ABOUT US

How we came to be is just a simple story of looking for something to do, but something that had a *real* purpose.

Hello, our names are Bernadette and Rebekah. We are two sisters living in Michigan and we publish this magazine in our spare time during the year. Most of the year we are helping our family with our fruit and vegetable farm, but during the winter time we are busy, busy, busy with Saint Maria's Messenger! Our first issue was published in November, 2002. We are a very small magazine, but we hope to keep growing so we may reach as many girls as possible.

OUR MISSION

Simply to help girls become saints. To help them live out their lives as God has planned for them. We hope Saint Maria's Messenger will inspire and motivate girls to become more faithful Catholics. We consider ourselves faithful Catholics, faithful to the Magisterium, faithful to the Pope, Pope Benedict XVI. We try to intertwine this in the magazine to give girls the authentic Truth. They all yearn for this. This Truth, with a capital T, is only found in the Catholic Church, and we hope SMM will be a welcoming source to find this Truth, live it out, and become great women saints. That is our mission and St. Maria Goretti is our missionary, because the example she left is the perfect embracing of this Truth, which is Jesus Christ Himself.

WHAT'S IN IT?

It is an 8 1/2" x 11", 28 paged, partly in color magazine. Jam-packed with stories, articles, activities, and much more, virtually all with a Catholic subject or perspective. We hope to give all our readers something that they can learn from and just sit back and enjoy. Something, that after they read it, they'll smile, pray or just thank God for being a Catholic!

SUBMISSIONS

St. Maria's Messenger is a very small magazine which results in not being able to pay those who submit their work to us. Submissions are more like donations for us, as of now. We write most of the content ourselves, however, lack of time has made it impossible for us to do it all, so we are always looking for people who are willing to help us in this regard.

In writing for our magazine, we hope it can become for you a way to express the love you have for your Faith and the satisfaction of helping others.

We are usually looking for:

Stories: Catholic fiction/historical fiction about girls that our readers (ages ten through teen) can easily relate to.

Articles: Anything with a Catholic perspective. About the Church and the world now, girls making a difference, spiritual life, and about Catholic girls in different periods, places, and situations.