## St. Therese Adult Study Series Spiritual Warfare with Father Andrie & Brendan McInerny

## Reflection Questions for Chapters on Christ's Protection

For the next session, please read the tenth—thirteenth chapters on pages 117-146 in the *Exorcism* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: "*Lord Jesus Christ be with me, defend me, be within me, conserve me; be before me that you may lead me; be after me that you may guard me; be above me that you may bless me, who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen." (Pg. 158 Protection Prayer)* 

Your reflections will be shared **December 5**<sup>th</sup> in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

NOTE: Each week we will begin our small group sessions as a large group using the Lectio Divina prayer format with the Sunday Gospel. This will be provided each week on your tables.

1. How did you feel when you read that we need to be more concerned about the "ordinary" activity of the devil than the extraordinary? Why? (pg. 117)

2. With all the attention on material things at this time of year, do you find it difficult to not compare what you have/not with others? How do you overcome this?

3. On page 124, Fr. Lampert says, "he made us *human beings*, not *human doings*." When we focus on the busyness, we lose our sense of identity. How do you see this reflected in everyday life?

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| 4. In the Chapter, "A Word to Priests," what message(s) spoke to you?   |
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| 5. Demons have no power over us unless we allow it. What do you believe is the biggest challenge to choosing the love of God <i>over</i> the fear of the devil?   |
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| 6. Fr. Lampert ends with some concrete examples of what we can do to focus on Jesus which in turn, defeats the devil. (pg. 139-144) What are the ways you accomplish each of these or that you need to work on: |
| Read and know the Bible:  |
| Practice Marian Devotion:   |
| Frequent the Sacraments:  |
| Call upon your Guardian Angel (Did you know that you received yours at the moment of conception?):  |

**Use Sacramentals** (maybe a third-class relic from St. Therese or her parents):

- 7. What other points stood out to you as you read these final chapters?
- 8. What is your biggest "aha" from this study? What are your final thoughts on Spiritual Warfare?

Here's a short article from thehookoffaith.com that is a good accompaniment to the four-stage plan of attack from the devil from Fr. Louis J. Cameli <a href="https://www.thehookoffaith.com/single-post/2020/02/29/satans-tactic-of-deception-division-diversion-and-discouragement">https://www.thehookoffaith.com/single-post/2020/02/29/satans-tactic-of-deception-division-diversion-and-discouragement</a>

Close your time with a prayer to our Blessed Mother Mary. Hail Mary...