

Our Lady of Tenderness Hermitage

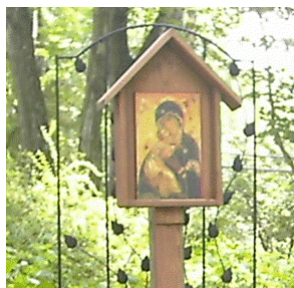
As a consecrated anchoress of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, I live within the silence and solitude of the hermitage, humbly dependent upon God's grace.

My primary ministry of prayer and penance is offered for Our Holy Father, all bishops and clergy, the universal Church and every societal culture throughout the world.

Canon 603 (Church Law)

1-Besides institutes of consecrated life, the Church recognizes the eremitic or anchoritic life by which the Christian faithful devote their life to the praise of God and salvation of the world through a stricter separation from the world, the silence of solitude and assiduous prayer and penance.

2-A hermit is recognized in the law as one dedicated to God in a consecrated life if he or she publicly professes the three evangelical counsels, confirmed by a vow or other sacred bond, in the hands of the diocesan bishop and observes his or her own plan of life under his direction.



Each of us is called . . .

Each of us is called
to love God above all.

Each of us is called
to walk a path of faith with joy,
to surrender,
to trust,
to pray,
to give all to God and
to thank God for all given.

Each of us is called:
to listen to God's Word with hope,
to receive Christ's Body with faith,
to live God's Life of love.

Each of us is called to
*"keep our eyes fixed on Jesus,
who inspires and perfects our faith"*
(Heb 12:2)

BECAUSE

ONLY through the grace
of Jesus Christ
can we love God above all
and allow God
to be enough for each of us.

We Gift Each Other

Please know that my life's calling is given by the Lord for you and for me, as well. The moments of each day are consecrated to Him for you. As I open myself to love God with all my heart, I pray that you and yours may receive the grace to do the same.

Each of us is called to love God above all, to love each other and to love ourselves.

You are most welcome to write and allow me the privilege of joining you in prayer before the Lord.

By allowing me this privilege, you "stir into flame" the call He has placed in my heart; a call given to me for you and for all.

***"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Have faith in God
and faith in Me."
(Jn 14:1)***



*Mary,
tenderly place me
near the
Heart of your Son,
Christ Jesus.*

*Help me hear His words of love
whispered for my heart alone.
Teach me to thirst for His words
and
to hunger for His Food and Drink
joining my brothers and sisters
around the Altar of His Love.
Mary,
ask Jesus to increase my longing
to be satisfied in Him alone.
Amen.*



Our Lady of Vladimir,
also known as
Our Lady of Tenderness,
is a famous Russian icon
dating back to the 12th
century. Our Lady allows her
Son to tenderly draw her cheek to His. He
caresses her with the full embrace of His
left arm and gently touches her cheek. He
leans His body close to hers and directs His
gaze devotedly upon her. Mary's body and
heart respond to her Son. She leans into
the face of Christ while looking out to us.

Discerning His suffering, her face speaks
the profound compassion of her heart.
Mother and Child are intimately one. Mary
directs us to look to Jesus and to follow
Him in trust; to follow His Way. She will
be for us, as she is for Him, a Mother full
of tenderness and compassion. Jesus
invites us to know Mary as He knows her
and therefore to love her with the same
depth of love with which He loves her.

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***O Lord,
to You I call;
hasten to me;
hearken to my voice
when I call upon You.***

***Let my prayer
come like incense
before You;
the lifting
of my hands,
like an evening
sacrifice.
(Psalm 141:1,2)***