

Poems by Therese

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O holy, venerable
unique Society!
Apostolic, soul-zealous,
greathearted Society!

Grow steadily, increase,
spread everywhere!
Embrace and renew
the universe!

Draw to yourself pastors of souls,
draw teachers, educators and
dedicated women -
Oh, lead and guide them all!

Rechristianize the homeland;
evangelize non-believers;
protect orphans, homeless children -
Oh, teach and instruct them all!

Motivate fathers to steadfastness,
mothers to holy child-rearing,
country innkeepers to trustworthiness -
To holiness, call them all!

Impart true wisdom to the learned;
give pure form to the arts;
consecrate and transform the workworld.
Oh, do it . . . do it!

Enlighten your own leaders,
ignite them heart and soul
so that truly they seek nothing
but Jesus alone!

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