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# THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

## A Season of Saints!

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Anne de Guigné was born into a wealthy and noble family in Savoy, France in 1911. The firstborn of four children, she was known to be bossy and mischievous, even attempting to rub sand into her brother Jojo's eyes. In addition to her nickname of "Nenette," she also was sometimes called "the little tyrant." All this changed when her soldier-father was killed. Anne set to work first of all to comfort her mother by always obeying her and also by not showing anger towards her siblings. This was difficult. Often her face would turn red and her fists would clench, but with great effort she would overcome herself with the help of God's grace. Once Anne attended Mass with her godmother, Aunt Jeanne. After Mass, her aunt continued her prayers. She then asked Anne, "Maybe this is a little long for you. Would you like my Rosary?" Anne replied very sincerely, "Oh no, Aunt Jeanne, I'm talking with little Jesus." Her aunt saw that she was gazing intently at the tabernacle. When someone asked Anne if she was going to be afraid to go to Confession, she said sweetly, "Ah, no, why should I be afraid? The priest takes the place of God. I will tell him everything." One morning Anne saw a family friend pass by her house. Anne called to her, "Are you going to Mass? Please take me with you." The woman answered, "If your mother does not mind." Anne quickly got permission and then, full of joy, skipped along beside her friend. "Do you like going to Mass?" the woman asked. "Oh, yes! I love to go to Mass very much. And, then, you know, it means one more Holy Communion." When her brother was preparing for First Holy Communion, Anne would say to him often, "Oh, my Jojo, you will be so happy when little Jesus comes into your heart! You cannot imagine how lovely it is!"

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## Venerable Anne de Guigné

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As Anne grew, her love for Jesus also grew. When she heard of people's wicked actions she prayed, "Dear Jesus, forgive them. They don't understand. Do make them good." She wrote, "The more I speak to Jesus, the more He will answer me. He will speak to me through the priest, through the advice I receive. He will speak to me especially in the depths of my soul through His grace." Sadly, after suffering with severe headaches, she was diagnosed with meningitis and died at the age of 10. Before dying Anne said, "We ourselves have to love the Lord even more for those who do not love Him." To her mother's astonishment, Anne's brother Jojo spontaneously gathered up prayer cards and then touched them to his sister's hands as relics moments after her death. In 1990, Anne was declared "Venerable" by Saint John Paul II.