

## SESSION 7:

# Love Is Sacrifice

### Opening Prayer

LOVING FATHER, teach us to do the little things of each day with great love by opening our hearts, minds, and souls to the reality that each moment is an opportunity to love. Amen.

### 16. Therese of Lisieux: It's the Little Things

- What list of attributes describes your best self?
- Describe a time you experienced the joy that came from doing a small act with love.
- How can you practice the "Little Way" in your life?

### 17. Maximilian Kolbe: I Will Take Your Place

- For whom are you willing to lay down your life?
- Have you ever dreamed of becoming a saint?
- What small sacrifice are you willing to make today for somebody else?

### 18. Mother Teresa: Truth, Beauty, and Goodness

- How do you celebrate truth, beauty, and goodness?
- Do you believe that Christians can still captivate the world? Why or why not?
- What are the "poisons" in your life right now?

### For Next Time

Remind folks to read chapters 19, 20 and 21 before your next gathering, which will be on... [insert date, time, and place here].

### Closing Prayer

JESUS, you came into the world to remind us of truth, beauty, and goodness. Awaken us to the truth, beauty, and goodness that you have placed within us, so we can share them with the people we meet each day. Amen.

## SESSION 8:

# Be Bold

### Opening Prayer

FATHER, your saints teach us how to live when life gets difficult. They teach us how to endure all types of hardships. We all have to grapple with troubled times in our lives. During those moments of darkness and difficulty, remind us to draw strength from the examples of your saints. Amen.

### 19. Mary McKillop: Australia's First Saint

- How coachable are you?
- Do you think it is possible to be both critical of the Church and also faithful to God?
- When was a time you allowed yourself to be coached by God? How about anyone else?

### 20. Anthony of the Desert: Be a Rebel

- Is the culture helping you or hurting you?
- Would you describe yourself as a slave to the culture or a child of God? Why?
- When was a time you were a rebel for goodness and truth?

### 21. Nicholas: Holding Christmas in Your Heart

- What can you learn from the real Santa?
- In what ways do you intercede for God's people?
- How do you celebrate? What do you celebrate?

### For Next Time

Remind folks to read chapters 22, 23 and 24 before your next gathering, which will be on... [insert date, time, and place here].

### Closing Prayer

LORD, help us to realize that the saints were ordinary people who made themselves available to you. Give us the courage to make ourselves completely available to you, so that together we can collaborate in whatever ways you envision. Amen.