

About the Author



Dear Reader, my name is Fiona. As of 2015, I am 61 years old. Married with one precious daughter.

I am a Catholic convert. Retired R.N. Adopted Texan. I have been homebound for ten years with chronic illness - but as a result, I have found heaven here at home.

Cut off from the sacraments (as I was super-sensitive to both gluten **and** sulfites) and slowly, over the years through increasing infirmity, from the community of the church, I came to live essentially from Spiritual Communion. The graces I received were so great I mourned that I had not known this life, and lived this life from my youth.

The School of Prayer of the Holy Childhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is my attempt to give others what I have received - so you may begin where I am ending.

Over the years the prayers of the School of Prayer changed as I did, but not the gaze - the Sufi poet Rumi captures the gaze in sweet simplicity...

"Close your eyes. Fall in love. Stay there."

However, in the first weeks of 2015, the prayers of the School have taken quite a different turn. The prayers are now an invocation of the coming of Our LORD in glory IN HIS BRIDE.

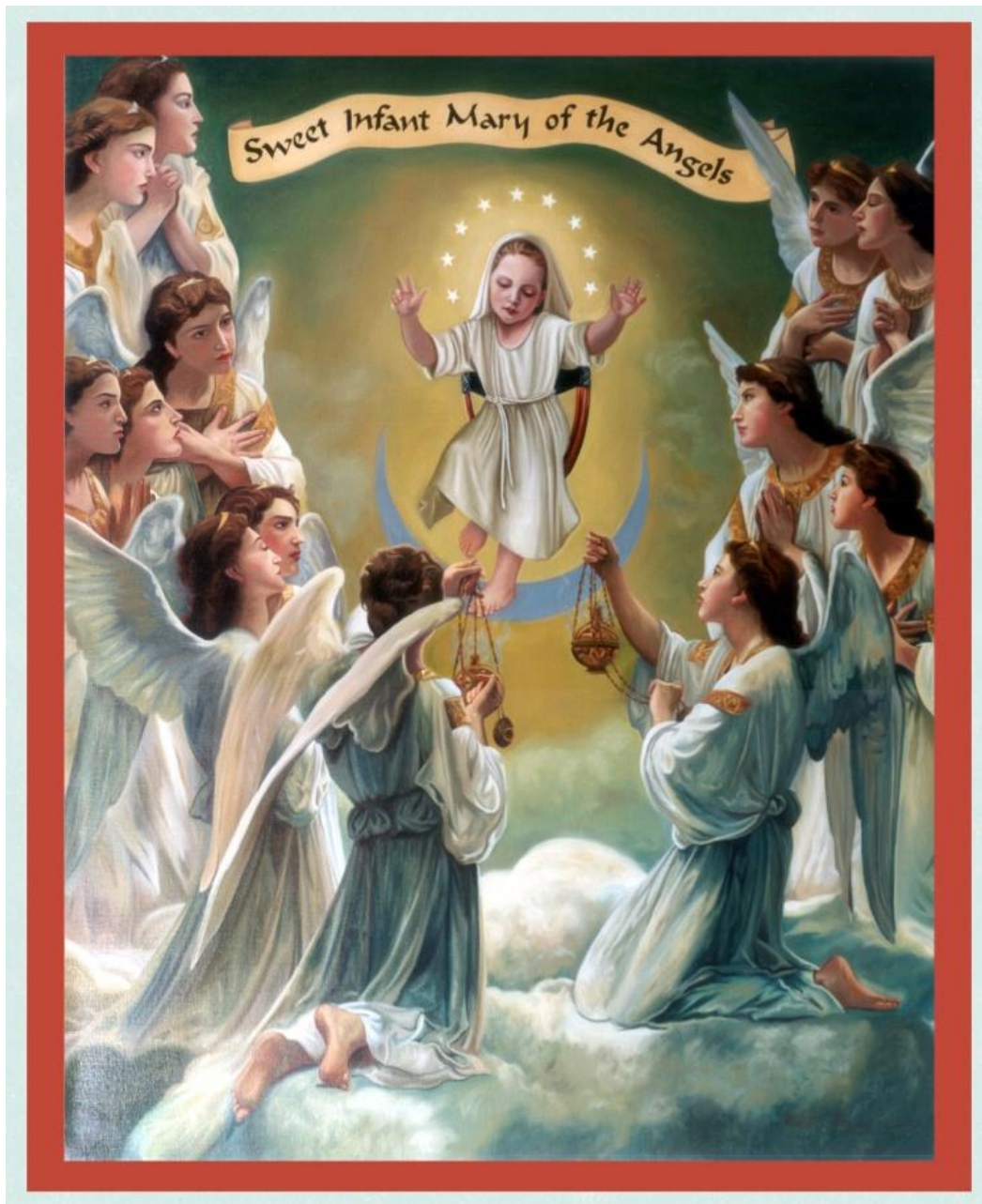
Prayers that for fifteen years have been solely prayers of adoration and praise are now prayers that call and equip the Bride of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission. Through her perpetual spiritual communion with her Bridegroom in the Holy Eucharist, she will bear Him in her soul out into all the world to make disciples of all nations.

I am not a theologian - I have no defense against doctrinal stoning. I am simply one woman relaying my own faith experience - a spiritual experience, not of signs and wonders, (though I believe those must surely follow) but of love for the Lamb; an experience so transfiguring that I exhort you, whether you are Catholic, Orthodox, or Protestant to "Come and see."

Having said that, I confess that I really don't know where this present version of the School will lead to as it is so new, even to me. I would love to hear about YOUR experience of it. You can e-mail me @ childmaryschool@yahoo.com.

While I have sought spiritual direction along the way, and had the blessing of one Bishop, I welcome further ecclesial comments of correction or advice regarding the content of the Book of Prayer.

I leave you now with the blessing of the Sweet Infant Mary...



May "the little child" now lead us all !