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As I was looking through my reflection book for the month of July, I noticed that there are more women saints during this month than I had ever noticed before. One of these women was Veronica whom we hear about in the Stations of the Cross. She was a person who notices Jesus' hot and sweaty face as he carried his cross to Calvary, and she wipes his face with her veil. Jesus responds to her act of kindness by leaving a picture of his face on her veil.

Then, I grew to have a special love for St. Kateri Tekawitha, when I was working at our Eagle Butte Campus. Living in the 1600's, Kateri's mother was a Native American of the Algonquin tribe and her father was a Mohawk chief. Several of Kateri's family died of small pox, and her own scarred face showed marks of the disease.

Many of you are probably aware that our Blessed Mother's parents were Saints Joachim and Anne, so they would have been Jesus' grandparents. Those of you who are grandparents know the special relationship Joachim and Anne felt toward Jesus.

Two other special friends of Jesus were Saints Martha and Mary. Jesus often came to their home to visit, and each of these women had a special way of showing Jesus their love for him. One would sit at his feet and listen to him talk, the other would fix something nice for Jesus to eat. That story shows us that we each can show our love for Jesus in our own special way.

May God show you his special love!

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