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## Rare Portrait

(NAPSA)—A unique, almost life-size painting of one of the 20th century's most revered saints now graces the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center's Chapel in Washington, D.C. A portrait of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, known as the Little Flower, is expected to attract visitors from around the world.



**Rich in symbolism, this rare portrait of a 20th-century saint can be seen at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center—a unique museum in Washington, D.C.**

Pope Pius XI canonized Thérèse, a modern-day mystic, only 28 years after her death. In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church. St. Thérèse, along with St. Catherine of Siena and St. Teresa of Avila, are the only women with that distinction. Her spiritual autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, inspired people everywhere to attain great spiritual heights through simplicity and performing their ordinary duties of daily life.

Carmelite nuns of Philadelphia donated the prized portrait, which was painted by St. Thérèse's sister Celine, who was also a Carmelite nun.

Cultural Center visitors can also enjoy state-of-the-art interactive galleries, art exhibits and cultural programs. For information call 202-635-5400 or visit [www.jp2cc.org](http://www.jp2cc.org).