



# Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

EMPOWERING MINDS + CREATING HOPE + BUILDING FAITH + SEEKING JUSTICE

FOUNDED BY SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

February 2019

Dear Friends,

The beginning of the New Year is a time to reflect upon ways to better our lives. This time of self-reflection focuses us on new goals and the means to accomplish them.

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament encourage you to do the same when it comes to your prayer and faith life. St. Katharine Drexel fully understood that it takes action in order for things to evolve, change, or grow.

As we prepare to pray the St. Katharine Drexel Novena, consider Saint Katharine's words as a call to action to engage your prayer and faith life in addressing the needs of the world around you.

*"My children, our love is not just to be words or mere talk, but something real, and active." - St. Katharine Drexel*

St. Katharine took these words to heart in her call to those who sought to bring justice and hopefulness in their lives and the lives of others. She believed that in doing things *"out of love for God"* and for the compassion of others, *"there is something about it that will last through all of eternity."*

The tomb and sacred remains of St. Katharine Drexel were recently transferred to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. In November 2018, a glorious Mass of Thanksgiving was offered to celebrate this solemn occasion. On that day, we were especially reminded of the impact St. Katharine Drexel's intercession and example has made upon our world. May we follow Saint Katharine's example in doing all things, *"out of love for God."*

While you pray and reflect upon the Novena, may you also be inspired into action to make our world a more loving, accepting, peaceful, and compassionate place. Whether it's through your support of organizations that provide assistance, or through your own acts of kindness, know that you have the potential to make a lasting impact.

Your support of the St. Katharine Drexel Novena benefits our Sisters and keeps the vision and mission of St. Katharine Drexel alive. We will remember your generosity and compassion for others as we pray for your intentions daily before the Blessed Sacrament.

May God bless your kindness.

Sincerely in the Blessed Sacrament,

Sr. Donna Breslin, SBS  
President



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of an action

***'I did it out of  
love of God,'***

there is something  
about it that will last  
through all eternity."

- St. Katharine Drexel

**Novena  
Dates:**



**Feb. 22, 2019  
through  
Mar. 2, 2019**

**Feast of St. Katharine Drexel**

**March 3, 2019**