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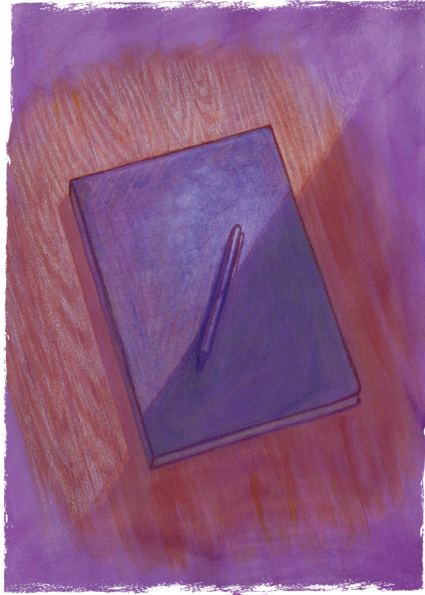
A Saint's Story for Children

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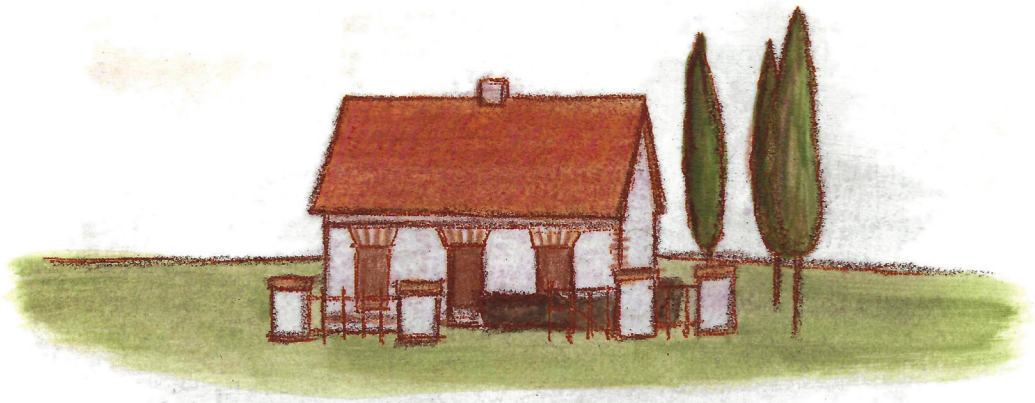
## **From the Author**

We are raising children in difficult times, but where sin abounds, grace abounds all the more (see Rom 5:20)! God wants us to run to His mercy and to lead others there too. That's the message Jesus gave to Saint Faustina. It's an important message for our times, and it's the message at the heart of this book. I love Saint Faustina because she never gave up. She knew what it was like to face rejection, ridicule, and deep suffering, but she also knew how to surrender everything to Jesus. That's something I strive to do every day in my own life, and it's something that I want my children to learn to do too. It is my hope that this story of the precious life of Saint Faustina can enrich your discussions with your own children, and that it will encourage your family to always trust in Jesus. God bless you!











In a simple house of white stone, the Kowalska family lived and thrived.  
They were overjoyed to welcome baby Helen, in the year 1905.





Little Helen gathered eggs and led cows to pasture.  
Hoping to get to Mass, she did her chores fast and faster.





The Mass Helen cherished, but hopes of going often perished.  
The family owned too few nice gowns, for all the sisters to go to town.





Helen served God in other ways, collecting money for the poor.  
She begged for alms from those she met, walking door to door.





Her father rose early to sing for Mary, his joyful songs filling the air.  
He woke the family before the sun, but of their complaints, he did not care.