
SR. CLARE CROCKETT

Our Sister and Friend

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Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother

Sr. Clare Maria of the Trinity and the Heart of Mary, Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother, 1982-2016.

Watch the free documentary on Sr. Clare's life by searching, **All or Nothing: Sr. Clare Crockett** on YouTube. 

An encounter between a young Irish girl and Christ Crucified in 2000 drastically changed my life and countless others. Who would have thought? Young Clare Crockett, a cheerful, talented, and aspiring actress, desired nothing else in her life but to be famous. After attending a Good Friday Liturgy, Clare's desires shifted. At the very moment of her veneration of the cross, Clare met Christ crucified and experienced Jesus' love for her in a personal way for the first time. A religious sister found her crying and repeating the words, *"He died for me. He loves me! Why hasn't anyone ever told me this before?"* It was this encounter that set her heart aflame to give everything she had to Jesus and Mary as a Servant Sister of the Home of the Mother.

In fall 2019, during my junior year at Cardinal Glennon College, I "met" Sr. Clare for the first time. One evening while at home on break, I asked my mom if she would be willing to watch a film about a religious sister who died in 2016 called *All or Nothing*. Immediately after the film, I felt incapable of articulating the movements of my heart and could only slightly express to my mother how much I had already been inspired by Sr. Clare's example in such a short period of time. Her beautiful life stirred in me a greater desire for union with Jesus and Mary and to share with others the visible fruits of her total gift of self. Upon my return to the Seminary, I organized a viewing of the film so that my brothers could meet my new friend, Sr. Clare. Many of the men, like myself, were instantly inspired by her life.

In 2016, Sr. Clare Crockett died in Ecuador during a massive earthquake. This summer, I was incredibly blessed to journey with a brother seminarian to Ecuador and visit the place where she died, giving thanks and praying for our brother seminarians. Much can be said about how Sr. Clare has helped and inspired a large number of the men in our seminary. Men have expressed

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MY DEVOTION TO SR. CLARE CROCKETT

began after watching a documentary of her life called *All or Nothing*. I was inspired by her life and her deep abandonment to the will of our Heavenly Father. She has helped teach me that a life in Jesus Christ is the fullest life one can live. She journeyed from a very worldly life to a life totally dedicated to serving Christ and His Church. What impacted me the most about Sr. Clare is that she only cared to do the will of the Father. She inspires me to stay motivated and on-task with my coursework and other obligations as a college seminarian. While I may not be fully involved in parish ministry, what I am doing already aids future ministry. Even if it does not seem like the task in front of me is the most valuable thing to do, such as cleaning rooms or studying for a Latin quiz, it can bear fruit. Everything in our lives can be given over to Jesus. Sr. Clare did the tasks that no one wanted to do and sacrificed her own will. Through her example, even though it is a great challenge, I am learning to sacrifice my will, giving up the things I want, and living more closely united to the Lord. Like Sr. Clare, let us also be all or nothing! Sr. Clare Crockett, pray for us!



Mark Koenemann and Michael Laugeman spent their summer assignment in 2021 in Ecuador in the same mission where Sr. Clare lived and offered her life.

many ways in which Sr. Clare has evoked in them a desire for totality, an undivided heart, configuration to Christ, purification of superficiality, and to be one's true self. This past year, a number of us seminarians had the opportunity to participate in a video call with the community of Servant Sisters in Florida. We were able to share some ways in which Sr. Clare has inspired us in our vocation, learn more about their order, and ask questions about Sr. Clare to some Sisters who knew her personally.

Sr. Clare is undeniably befriending seminarians and challenging us to truly imitate and conform our hearts to Christ's Sacred Heart, as she did in her own life. One of the three main missions of the Home of the Mother community is the defense of the Eucharist. Sr. Clare continues her mission to defend the Eucharist in the way she continues to pursue her brothers, like me, whom someday, God-willing, will make the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present at the altar. I am immensely grateful for the ways in which Sr. Clare has drawn not just my brother seminarians, but those around me, closer to the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Each day, my brother seminarians and I turn to her as a sister and friend and ask her to pray for us so that we, like her, can give everything to Jesus. ✚



Michael and Jax pose with an image of Sr. Clare Crockett drawn by seminarian Joe Lux, College III – St. Louis, in the residential hallway dedicated in her name. As seminarians pass her image, they are reminded that Jesus is everything and that they are called, like Sr. Clare, to give “all or nothing.”