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Saint of the Day: St. Teresa of Avila

***Worth 15 points**

INSTRUCTIONS: Each month (September – March, with the exception of December) you are required to undertake a Christian examination of something from popular culture (examples listed below). Your goal is to highlight the deeper messages (good or bad) within the element from pop culture you chose and figure out what kind of action a trying-to-be-a-saint Christian should take.

***Important Note:** This does **NOT** give you free license to do anything your parents would not normally want you doing (Examples: watching bad TV shows, buying bad magazines/songs/music videos, etc.). For this assignment you should not have to go looking in deep and dark places. Rather, just keep your eyes and ears open as you go about your daily life.

A. Element from Pop Culture (1 pt.)

Did you choose an Advertisement? Book? Celebrity? Fashion trend? Magazine? Movie? Music video? News story? Phone app? Internet site/story/picture/video/trend? Video game? OTHER?

I choose an Instagram account

B. Element Specifics (1 pt.)

Give the specifics of the element of pop culture that you chose.

**Example answer: I chose the song and music video "Wrecking Ball" by Miley Cyrus. This song is currently the #1 song and #2 music video in the world according to iTunes.*

I choose an Instagram account called catholic_teen_post and this account is my favorite account I have ever followed. It's surprising how many people are following it this account and I was so excited when I found it.

C. CHRISTIAN EXAMINATION (10 pts)

- What kind of messages does your element give? (Good/bad/both?) Explain to support your answer.
- How do these messages compare to Christian teaching? WWJT? (What Would Jesus Think of this element?)

A very very good element. I think its amazing and it is runned by three people. Its my favorite account because they post pictures everyday reminding us about Catholics. What I really like about them is that each post is so holy and I really like how they aren't afraid to show their beliefs. Sometimes they would post pictures that people wouldn't understand and if you would tagg them they would answer your question. Also, its catholic teen posts, like it's helping us teens become these Big-Time Saints. This really compares to our catholic teaching because they would posts our beliefs and what us catholics should most likely think. They also post a ton of prayers and perspective views of us catholics. I think Jesus would really love the account and think they are leaning towards his path. He would be very proud of these three people for following his path and

showing others the way of happiness. I really would recommend this account and it's really a life changer.

D. TAKE ACTION! (3 pts)

Based on my examination of this element from pop culture I, a trying-to-be-a-saint Christian, believe that I should... spread the news! Many teens have Instagram latley and maybe I should inspire others to follow them. I have commented to them how amazing their account is and how I truly respect them for that. I really liked how they responded back in such a kind way. I may give them a shout out one day(take a picture of their profile, post that picture, and tell them to follow this account)and just thank them.