

## **PORTRAIT OF THE DAUGHTER OF ST. JOSEPH**

*Here is how I imagine the Sister of St. Joseph Looked*

*eyes open to the world both miserable and sinful,  
but a world worked on by the Holy Spirit;*

*eyes open and ears attentive to the sufferings  
of the world like St. Paul to the pleas  
of the Macedonian (Acts 16:9)*

*eyes open, ears attentive and spirit alert, never  
settled down, always in a holy disquietude,  
searching. . .in order to understand,  
to divine what God and the dear neighbor await  
from her today, now, for the body and for the soul;*

*eyes open, ears attentive, spirit alert. . .sleeves  
rolled up for ministry, without excluding  
the more humble, the less pleasing,  
the less noticeable;*

*finally, in her face the reflection of virtue  
“proper to our Congregation,” –continual  
joy of spirit. (M61) This is the  
quiet inner glow of the Sister whose life  
in the service of Jesus Christ has been successful.*

--Marius Nepper, S.J.