

## Acceptance (March 2018)

*Mary-Lou Collins*

Mother Rosalie,

How many times did life blindside you with twists and turns? The untimely death of your beloved husband; the loss of your home; the suffering of poverty as you struggled to support your family alone.

You teach me, by your example, that I have a choice, whatever my twists and turns such as the sudden death of a loved one, the loss of a job because of downsizing, or the debilitating effects of a chronic condition.

You show me that any loss or suffering can transform me. You could detach yourself from your old reality, through faith and trust, and accept the new one. Facing this new reality, you discovered new things about yourself. You deepened your conversion with God, and found new meaning in your life. Then life moved forward for you, in the joy of hope.

Mother Rosalie, help me to accept my suffering and loss, so that I too may be transformed, and experience new fertility and meaning in my life.