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In April 1858 when Zélie Guérin was crossing the Saint Léonard bridge she met a young man whose appearance made an impact on her.... It was Louis Martin, a watchmaker. Three months later they were married.

Her love for her husband is expressed in her letters: “Your wife who loves you more than her life”, “I kiss you as I love you!”. These are not just words: their joy was to be together and to share their daily life in the sight of God.

Between 1860 and 1873 nine children were born to the Martin household, of whom four died early. Zélie experienced both joy and heartache with these births and deaths. Her correspondence tells us: “I love the children so much, I was born to have children...”

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