

Sr. Thea: Her Own Story

With your group discuss each question below. Then, taking the best insights from the group, craft one well-written sentence that conveys the essential message your group derived from the video.

- In your opinion, what is most memorable about the life of Sr. Thea Bowman, based on what you saw in the film?
- How did Sister Thea's upbringing and education influence her vocation?
- Sister Thea belonged to a branch of the Franciscan religious order whose special **charism** is the vow of poverty that all followers of Saint Francis of Assisi embrace. In which ways did Sister Thea's dedication to living the vow of poverty make a difference for others?
- Can you describe ways in which each of the three evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience helped to free Sister Thea for service to the People of God?



- Can you find examples of ways Sister Thea ***lived*** the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, in her life's work?
- Hearing Sister Thea speak resolutely and compellingly to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops shortly before her death amazes and even shocks some people. What stands out most for you in her address to the bishops? What do you think she wanted the bishops to most remember?
- In which ways did Sr. Thea Bowman's life story change or augment your notion of religious life?
- Name several ways Sister Thea's life can inspire you to live as a better Christian.

