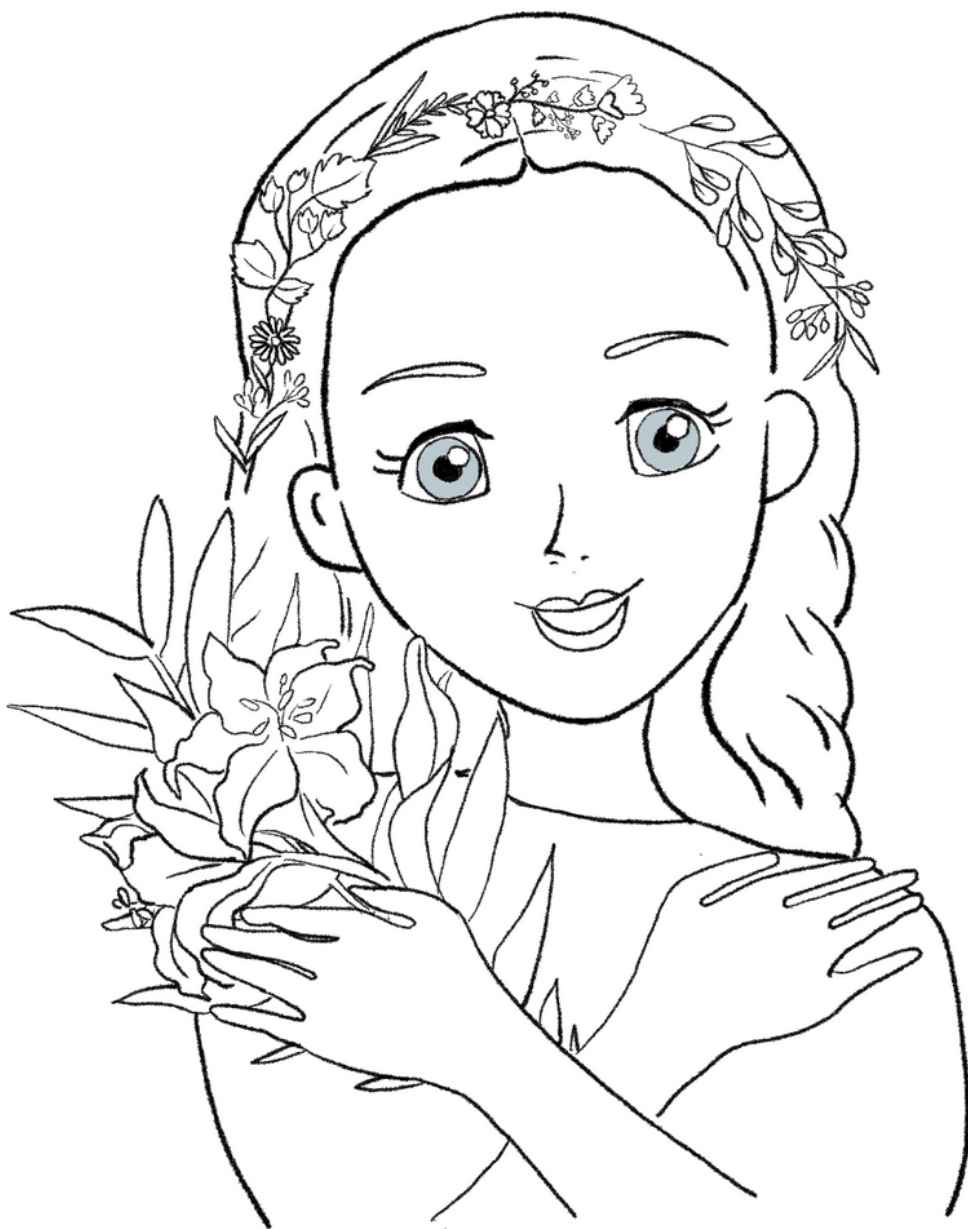


# St Maria Goretti

"He loves. He hopes. He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant." ~ Maria Goretti

Feast: July 6  
Patronage:  
purity, rape  
victims, young  
women, and  
youth in general



Maria Goretti was born a poor peasant child in Italy in 1890, the third of six children. When she was nine, her family's situation grew even worse, when her father died of malaria. Maria's mother dutifully took her husband's place in the fields, while little Maria took her mother's role in caring for her siblings.

