

Irma Grivot was born at Beaune, 28th April 1866, to a family in moderate circumstances, and her girlish piety caused between her and her own a separation which time widened more and more, and which though bravely borne, was nevertheless keenly felt by her.

Her first communion was marked by an ardent preparation, and by many a pious promise, made together with a little friend in charming simplicity to the Infant Jesus. Indeed she always held faithfully to this special devotion only afterwards expanding it into the love for Jesus the Infant, Jesus the crucified, Jesus Eucharist.

Irma entered as postulant of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, in their convent at Vanves, near Paris, and her companions of that time relate how at recreation they once found her busily working upon a garment for a troublesome probationer. One of the sisters queried: "Why do you make such a pretty tricot for that naughty girl who gives you so much pain?" "I do not think of that," returned Irma, "I see God in the child, and I do it for love of Him. If I go to China some