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**The Life of St. Gianna**

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Read “Spiritual Retreat”

1. What were two of Gianna’s resolutions during this retreat?
2. Gianna learned to converse intimately with God. What is one desire that she expressed to him in her writings?

Read “Catholic Action”

1. What did Gianna do during her college years to help strengthen the faith of the younger girls?
2. Gianna was a shining example to the younger girls of what two things?

Read “Medical School”

1. What made it difficult for Gianna to complete her studies?
2. How did she revive herself during these troubled times?

Read “Doctor”

1. Why did Gianna choose to study pediatrics?
2. What did Gianna do for the mothers?
3. How was the work of a doctor a spiritual experience for Gianna?

Read “Vocational Search”

1. Since her childhood, what did Gianna have a desire to become?
2. What are some things that Gianna did to discern her call?
3. In Gianna’s writing, how does she describe a vocation? What is the “end” of all the Lord’s ways?

Read “Lover of Life”

1. What were Gianna’s favorite sports? What other interests did she have?
2. “A sad saint is a sorry saint.” What makes it evident that Gianna is a very different kind of saint than a ‘sad’ saint?
3. Give one example that show’s Gianna’s respect for the gift of life.

Read “Pietro”

1. Who is Pietro Molla? How did he meet Gianna?

Read “Marriage Proposal”

1. What is Gianna’s desire for her relationship with Pietro?
2. How does Pietro feel about Gianna?
3. Why did Gianna choose the most beautiful material for her wedding dress?

Read “Wedding”

1. With Gianna, what is Pietro sure of?

Read “Children”

1. By collaborating with God, what did Gianna hope to do?
2. What are the names of their first three children?

Read “Family Life”

1. What roles did Gianna balance in her life?
2. What did Gianna do to help develop the children’s spiritual life?

Read “Gianna Emmanuela is Born”

1. What did Gianna plead with the surgeon?
2. A few days before the baby was born, what did she insist on?

Read “Gianna’s Calvary”

1. In addition to the physical suffering, what other suffering was Gianna enduring? Why would this be referred to as her “Calvary”?
2. On Wednesday morning, what did Gianna see?

Read “Gianna’s Funeral”

1. Shortly after Gianna’s death, what did Pietro do for the new baby? Why was she given those two names?
2. Why were so many people moved to go to Confession?