



**St. Teresa of Avila
Doctor of the Church**

St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582, is the patron of headache sufferers. Her symbol is a heart, an arrow, and a book. She was canonized in 1622. Her book, The Interior Castle, tells of her own spiritual journey. In it, she writes of the 7 dwelling places of the soul. She speaks of man having a spiritual self with seven dwelling places where God can be found. The “gateway of entry is prayer.” The first three levels are achieved with one’s effort and God’s grace. The remaining four levels describe the mystical elements of the inner journey towards God, with each step getting closer and closer to God. In honor of St. Teresa’s writings, in particular “The Inner Castle”, our **third sacred space on campus**, funded by generous parent donations, will be the seven steps, or the dwellings of the “interior castle” leading us all to a closer relationship to God.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe: Grotto, 2006

St. Philip Neri: Meditation Circle with Benches, 2008

St. Teresa of Avila: The Inner Castle, A Journey to God, 2008

Future Sacred Spaces sponsored by the President’s Office of Development and Advancement

The Giving Tree, For Their Tomorrow’s

Stations of the Cross

Sacred Heart of Jesus

St. Thomas Aquinas

Parents or Friends of the Oratory wishing to sponsor one of our future sacred spaces, may do so by contacting the Development Office at: 956.781.3056 Ext 601.