

interviews, and some may have returned to their partners, presenting an additional barrier to follow up for a second interview.

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Catherine of Racconigi

Supper's late again – mother fled –
in the olives Jesus hid her
to keep father's fists from her head.
No wonder a saint's life I led;
no man will drag me to his bed.
I've starved my face into a cur.
No supper again – mother, flee –
hide in the sacred grove with me.

Catherine of Racconigi, Dominican Mystic, lived from 1486-1547 (though one source cites 1487 as the year of her birth). She was born of working-class parents in Piedmont. Apparently, the Dominican Friars in her hometown did not believe in her. She sought refuge in Racconigi. Her penitential role included counseling poor and rich alike, as well as praying for peace and the well-being of soldiers.

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