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Cover photos: (Top L-R) St. Teresa of Calcutta with hands folded, gazing to right, Anyang City, S.Korea, Jan.1985, by DvJM. The Sparrow’s Strength, Goodyear store fence-top, La Crosse, WI, ca. 2005, by DvJM. (Bottom L-R) Vinson and mom Mai, Cameron Park Farmers’ Market vendors, La Crosse, WI, 8-13-16, by DvJM. (Middle R) Chuluma and his dog, Tootsie, with Police Office J. Randall, La Crosse, WI, 8-15-16, by DvJM. (Bottom L) Two Madonnas and children, St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, La Crosse, WI, ca. 2004, by DvJM.

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Preface by David Joseph Marcou:

The “Spirit of America” series began ca. 9/11/01 with a national award-winning group anthology I directed-edited. Two more group books followed, also led by me; then 27 SA volumes I’ve authored alone, but with assists from good sponsors, designers, printers, publicists, and archivists. All 114 of my books, including this series, are self-published, with bills always paid on-time. Due to my name, I recall King David, first a shepherd, poet/musician, and physically small. Yet, he slew an “invincible” giant, Goliath, with a simple sling-shot. The sparrow can be strong.

All photos in SA30 were taken by me, David J. Marcou, except ID-portrait of me with Mayor Rudy Giuliani, by his security guard; the Marcou family portrait (nine plus tiny Henry), by Joy Marcou on Mom and Dad’s 65th Valentine Anniversary (2015); the portrait of me wearing UW jersey in Logan’s Rangers Gym, and portrait of me near the historic Marcous’ Market building my family and I lived above when I was born in 1950, both by Steve Kiedrowski; the portrait of my son, Matt, and me near the White House in 2000, by Tom and Joy Marcou; portraits of the New Pioneers Lunch Club by Joe Kotnour (showing the rest of our then 5-some including former Mayor John Medinger) and by passerby Julie (showing our 6-some, also with John); the portrait of Sheila Hardy and Charles Keeble waving near London’s Bert Hardy Darkroom, by Martin Reed; and the portrait of me at Chicago’s Loop in April 2000, by Matt A. Marcou. Many of the photos were taken in La Crosse, and some in Britain; South Korea; Philippines; Washington, DC (including a 2000 photo I took of the Pentagon Navajo Code-Talkers display; plus Juan Williams); Pittsburgh; New York; Amtrak; Missouri; Iowa; Minnesota; and other Wis. sites, including Madison, Adams-Friendship (where I photographed a girl with her calf Bucky), Milwaukee (where I photographed my idea of the Holy Spirit), and Green Bay. It’s good I photographed riverboat “America” in La Crosse, plus Haley and Glenn; Holocaust Survivor Cipora Katz; marquee messages at La Crosse’s First Church of Christ; and Chinese students Jack and Kathy.

God aids people who pray and work hard, as St. Teresa of Calcutta let me know. God bless us everyone, then, and enjoy “SA30: The Sparrow Can Be Strong.”
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