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Saint of the Day:
St. Teresa of Calcutta



Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia in 1910. Her family was of Albanian descent. As a child, she sensed a call to religious life and joined the Sisters of Loreto, a missionary order based in Ireland, at the age of 18. From 1931 to 1948 she taught at St. Mary's High School in Calcutta, India. In 1946, she received what she referred to as a "call within a call" from Jesus to quench his thirst by serving the poorest of the poor in Calcutta. She was granted permission to leave her order to follow this call and, after a few years serving the poor on her own, she founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950. She was recognized internationally for her service to and even received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She was a powerful witness to the world on behalf of people who were otherwise forgotten. With the voice of a prophet, she was not afraid to bring up the topic of abortion in her Nobel Prize acceptance speech. Pope Francis canonised her in 2016.

What are the next steps?

Confirmation Prep, Session 8

March 20/March 24, 2018

Opening Discussion...

- Is confirmation the beginning or end of your faith life? Why?
- What are some next steps you can take?
- What are ways to grow in your faith?
- Are you called to sainthood? What might that look like in your life? Today – Next Year - Beyond?

Topic of the Day...

Concrete steps for living out discipleship:

- What are your gifts?
- What is God calling you to do?
- What are the resources you need?



Silent Prayer/Big Questions...

- Have I ever felt God asking me to do something? What?
- Have I been afraid to say yes? Why/why not?
- What would it take for me to be able to say to the Lord, "I give you my life completely."
- What does it mean to me now to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
- Do I choose to be His disciple and, if so, in what ways do I want to live out my discipleship right now?
- Lord, what do YOU want my discipleship to look like?

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Scripture Reflection

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matthew 25:31-45

[Jesus said to them] "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' "

At the Confirmation Mass...

Renewal of Baptismal Promises: The bishop invites the candidates and all present to renew their Baptismal promises. He will ask the candidates to stand. Please respond with an enthusiastic "I do" to each of the promises.

The Laying on of Hands: The bishop prays over the candidates with hands outstretched.

The Anointing with Chrism: The candidates come forward, accompanied by their sponsors, and stand before the bishop. The sponsor places his/her right hand on the right shoulder of the candidate. Once you are standing in front of the Bishop you will say:

Candidate: *My name is N., and I wish to be confirmed.* [say your first name along with your chosen confirmation name]

Bishop dips his right thumb in the Chrism and makes sign of cross on forehead of the candidate.

Bishop: *N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Newly confirmed: *Amen.*

Bishop: *Peace be with you.* (the bishop will extend his hand for a hand shake)

Newly confirmed: *And with your spirit.*