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# Mother Teresa: Mystic of the Thirst of Jesus

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Introduction given by Peter Kilpatrick, President, the Catholic University of America

**Mother Teresa's life of prayer, her service to the poor, and her instructions in the spiritual life only make sense as a response to the divinely revealed mystery of the thirst of Jesus. The purpose of this talk is to sketch the beginnings of a theological account of that mystery. The account touches on agape and eros in God, the symbolic names of God, and the proper motivation of works of mercy. The point is to understand better the prayer, service, and teachings of Mother Teresa in light of the revelation of God's love for her, for the poor, and for us all.**

Fr. James Dominic Brent, O.P. is a member of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He completed his doctorate in Philosophy at Saint Louis University on the epistemic status of Christian beliefs according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, and earned his S.T.L. from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception where he currently teaches philosophy and theology. He has articles in the Oxford Handbook of Thomas Aquinas on "God's Knowledge and Will," in the Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology on "Thomas Aquinas," and in Marian Studies on the contemplative life of the Virgin Mary. He frequently lectures for the Thomistic Institute. He has served with the Missionaries of Charity for decades, leads retreats for the Sisters, and serves on the board of advisors of the Mother Teresa Institute.



*The Mother Teresa Exhibition can be viewed @ the John Paul II Shrine August 19 - Novemeber 11*