

The Mother Teresa Institute (MTI) was established to preserve, protect, promote, and develop the authentic legacy of Saint Teresa of Calcutta to the Church and to the world. The MTI provides resources to students, scholars, and researchers who are interested in her life, charism, and message. This summer we are preparing for the fourth annual MTI Colloquium and planning a variety of activities to help promote scholarship and research focused on Mother Teresa. These programs include an ongoing Book Reading Partnership with the first group from a parish in Pennsylvania (USA), planning for a student academic symposium, presentations on Mother Teresa's spirituality and the work of the Missionaries of Charity at academic conferences, and making edits to an unpublished text on Mother Teresa. More information about these projects will be offered in forthcoming issues of the newsletter.

Message from the Director

Quarterly message from Fr. Brian, MC

St. Teresa had a great devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus. On the 3rd of July 1978, she exhorted her Sisters in her general letter for that month: "This being the month of the Precious Blood, try to increase your love for Holy Mass and the Passion of Christ by accepting with joy all the little sacrifices that come daily. Do not bypass the small gifts, for they are precious for yourself and for others. During this month, we shall often pray this prayer: 'In union with all the Masses being offered throughout the world, I offer Thee my heart. Make it meek and humble like your heart.'"

Like her patron saint, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Mother Teresa emphasized the importance of "doing little things with great love." These little things include the small sacrifices that come our way each day. She encourages us "to grab the chance" (MT) and unite them to the Sacrifice of Jesus in each Mass for our benefit and that of others.

Have a blessed summer, and God bless each of you and your families.

2025 Event Schedule

JUL-SEP	Reading Partnership with Holy Spirit Parish, Palmyra, PA
SEP 5-6	Annual Colloquium (MTI/CUA – Washington, DC)

Publication Review

Kolodiejchuk, Brian, MC, Editor. *Mother Teresa's General Letters to Her Sisters*. San Diego, CA: Mother Teresa Center, 2024.

This compilation of the letters Mother Teresa wrote to members of her congregation offers a spiritual treasure for anyone interested in Mother Teresa and her legacy, as well as for sound and practical spirituality. The text includes all letters from 1959 to 1997 and appendices with other handwritten notes and general information.

Other Recent Publications

Kolodiejchuk, Brian, MC, Editor. *Mother Teresa: Just a Pencil in God's Hand – Reflections in Honor of a Saint*. Washington, DC: Mother Teresa Institute, 2024.

Evans, Joseph. "Interreligious Peacebuilding in South Asia: Mother Teresa as a Model of Remaining Faithful While Crossing Boundaries." *Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*. Vol. 48, No. 1 (Fall 2024): 102-118.

Please forward information for published articles or materials to mti@mtinstitute.org.

Words from Mother Teresa

Christ has said so often, "Love one another as I have loved you." And we know how He loved us. He gave all for love of us that we may be able, like Him, to love others, especially the people who have nothing, who have nobody... There are many people who suffer from different poverty, spiritual poverty. Being... left alone, unwanted, unloved, uncared for. And I think you and I, who have been created to love and to be loved, we have been... created for greater things. We are not just a number in the world. A child of God. And that person is my brother, my sister. And therefore, that's why Jesus insisted so much on that love for one another. ~ *Mother Teresa's message at Narita Airport, April 22, 1981*

MOTHER TERESA INSTITUTE ANNUAL COLLOQUIUM

September 5-6, 2025

The Catholic University of America

CONNECTING MOTHER TERESA'S SPIRITUAL DARKNESS TO THE THIRST OF JESUS

Join us in a solemn commemoration and celebration of the liturgical feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta for the fourth annual Mother Teresa Institute Colloquium and Keynote Address. This two-day event will feature a series of presentations that explore Mother Teresa's spirituality and life of service to the poor and marginalized.

General Schedule

Friday September 5

Academic Sessions, CUA

Introductory exposition by Cardinal Marc Ouellet, pss, and other presentations related to the Christological roots of Mother Teresa's spiritual darkness and inspiration from St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Saturday September 6

9:00 am: Holy Mass in Crypt Church, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Della Ratta Aud., Maloney Hall, CUA

Presentations on Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity, showing of film, and discussion groups.



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