



# Mother Teresa Institute

## 2026 Student Research Symposium

### Call for Papers

Date: Friday, June 26, 2026

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

**Deadline for Paper Submissions: Monday, June 8, 2026**

#### Event Description

The Mother Teresa Institute announces the first annual student symposium. Saint Teresa of Calcutta was an Albanian nun, originally a Sister of Loretto, who – after receiving a call from Jesus to serve the poorest of the poor – then founded the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, where she served the poor and marginalized for almost fifty years. The symposium aims to feature research from both undergraduate and graduate students related to the life, work, and writing of Mother Teresa. We encourage proposals from any discipline, department, and institution and welcome participation from students to this no-cost\* symposium. The event will include a mentored pre-symposium workshop to facilitate interconnected panel discussions and presentation techniques. Students may utilize any writing (to include original research, course papers, journal articles, dissertation chapters, etc.) as the basis for their proposals.

This one-day virtual (zoom) event is an opportunity for students at colleges and universities from around the world to present and showcase their research related to the life, work, and impact of St. Teresa of Calcutta. The symposium will consist of a plenary session followed by panel presentations from the selected students. In each panel session, students will provide a fifteen-minute presentation on their respective research project. The symposium will conclude with a keynote presentation from the director of the Mother Teresa Institute.

#### Suggested Topic Areas (only suggestions, not exhaustive):

- Mother Teresa's Love of Jesus
- Mother Teresa's Spirituality
- Mother Teresa and Promoting Peace
- Missionaries of Charity Work with the Poor
- Mother Teresa's Marian Devotion
- Quenching Jesus's Thirst
- Suffering and Spiritual Darkness
- Understanding Mt. 25:40 "You Did it to Me"

*Papers intended for consideration in this symposium should be 2000-8000 words. Selected students will be allocated 15 minutes for presenting their research as part of a panel with other student presenters.*

*\* There is no registration fee for this symposium.*

#### Submission Information

Papers should be 2000-8000 words on a topic that is focused on or related to St. Teresa of Calcutta. All references should be cited using Chicago or APA style. No bibliography is required. Students name and institution must appear on the first page, above the title of the paper.

For questions, contact [MTI@mtinstitute.org](mailto:MTI@mtinstitute.org). Please submit your proposal by June 8, 2026

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