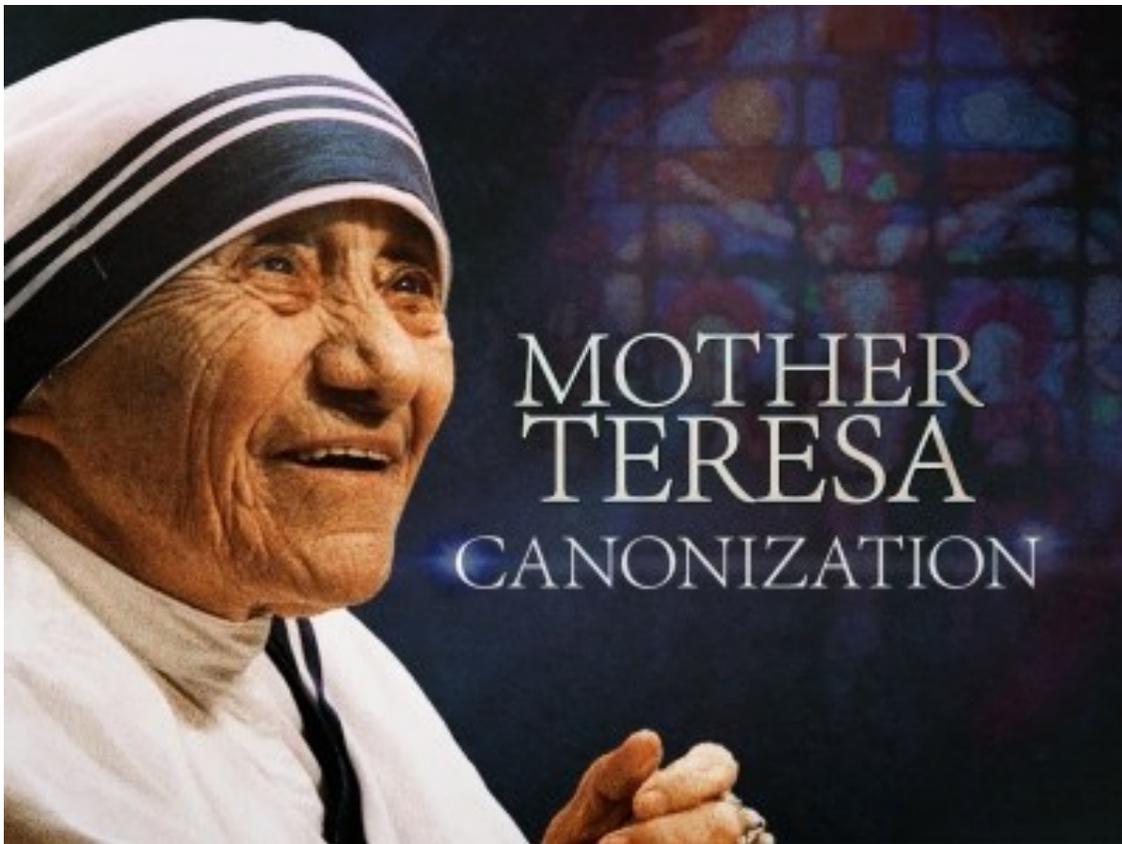


BASILICA AND PARISH CHURCH OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
A Franciscan Community where all are welcome

CELEBRATION OF THE CANONIZATION OF
BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA, MC



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Procession to the Statue:

Litany of Saints

Response: Pray for us.

Reading:

Words of Mother Teresa, found written on the wall of her bedroom

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.



Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen.

Concluding Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, merciful Face of the Father, you came to give us the Good News of the Father's mercy and tenderness.

We thank you for the gift of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. You chose her to be your presence, your love and compassion to the broken-hearted, the unwanted, the abandoned and the dying. She responded wholeheartedly to your cry, 'I Thirst,' by the holiness of her life and humble works of love to the poorest of the poor.

We pray, through her intercession, for the grace to experience your tender and merciful love and share it in our own families, communities and with all our suffering brothers and sisters. Help us to give our "hearts to love and hands to serve" after the example of Mother Teresa.

Lord Jesus, bless every member of our family, our parish, our diocese, our community, and our country, especially those most in need, so that we all may be transformed by your merciful love,

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

THE SERVANT SONG

Richard Gillard



- 1, Will you let me be your ser-vant, Let me be as
2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney, We are trav-'lers
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; When you laugh I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav-en We shall find such



- 1, Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to
2. on the road; We are here to help each oth-er
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor-row
5. har-mo-ny, Born of all we've known to-geth-er



1. Let you be my ser-vant, too.
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. 'Til we've seen this jour-ney through.
5. Of Christ's love and ag-o-ny.

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