Answers to Requirements

1) Mother Teresa was born August 26, 1910 in Skopje, Macedonia. Her baptismal name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhui.

2) Originally Mother Teresa entered the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland at the age of 18. She took the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux.

3) After making her First Perpetual Vows, in May 1931, she was assigned to Loreto Entally community in Calcutta, India. Sister Teresa was a teacher at the St. Mary’s School for girls.

4) During a train ride to Darjeeling for her annual retreat on Sept 10, 1946, Sister Teresa heard a “call within a call”. Sister Teresa said that Jesus told her that “I was to leave the convent and work with the poor, living among them. It was an order. I knew where I belonged but I did not know how to get there.”

5) On August 17, 1948 Mother Teresa received permission to begin the Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to service the poorest of the poor. They worked in the slums educating and rendering medical treatment to those who were not accepted in the hospitals or treatment centers.

6) Mother Teresa although suffering severe health issues worked incessantly until she died on September 5, 1997. She was given a state funeral by the Government of India. She is buried at the Motherhouse at the Missionaries of Charity.

7) Mother Teresa was canonized Sept 4, 2016 by Pope Francis.

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?
Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?
No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?
Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?
Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?
Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?
No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The Order Form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Who do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?
Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Visit www.nccs-bsa.org for information on how to order patches for any of our religious activities.
**Modern Saint Series Activities**

This activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, deeds, and devotion to prayer and sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the U.S. church calendar, some have the rank of “saint” and are venerated by the universal church. Some have the rank of “blessed” and are venerated by the local church. Some have the rank of “venerable” and, while on the way to becoming a “saint”, may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in either North or South America. Many lived in what is now the United States. Others never set foot there; however their lives and work had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

**Requirements for Mother Teresa Activity Patch**

All – Read about this saint. You can find information at [www.motherteresa.org](http://www.motherteresa.org), [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com). Feel free to use other sources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 activities.  
6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 activities.

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<td>1) When and where was Mother Teresa born and what was her given name?</td>
<td>1) Mother Teresa loved and took care of the poor. She said: “When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed.” Participate in a food drive or work in a soup kitchen to serve the poor of your community.</td>
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<td>2) What Religious Order did Mother Teresa originally enter, and how old was she?</td>
<td>2) Our Lady spoke to Mother Teresa and said: “Teach them to say the Rosary, the family Rosary, and all will be well.” Pray the Rosary with your family.</td>
<td>1) Assist the youth with this Modern Saint Activity.</td>
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<td>3) Where was Mother Teresa’s first ‘assignment’ and what did she do?</td>
<td>3) Mother Teresa said: “Let us bring peace into the world by love and compassion, by respecting life, the most beautiful gift of God.” Participate in a Right for Life event. Share your experience with your family or group.</td>
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<td>4) On Sept 10, 1946 life changed for Mother Teresa – what happened?</td>
<td>4) Mother Teresa loved the poorest of the poor. Think of someone in your school, church or community who is poor in spirit – alone. Spend some time with them and share God’s love with them.</td>
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<td>5) What order did Mother Teresa start – what is their mission?</td>
<td>5) Mother Teresa said: “We will never know how much good just a simple smile can do.” Spend a day remembering to smile to all you come in contact with. Share with your family or group how that made you feel and any comments you received.</td>
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<td>6) When did Mother Teresa die?</td>
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<td>2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this Modern Saint.</td>
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<td>7) When was Mother Teresa canonized?</td>
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<td>3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm his accuracy and to insure his understanding.</td>
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**For more information about this saint, check out the websites below.**

- [www.Catholic.org](http://www.Catholic.org)
- [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)
- [www.catholicism.about.com](http://www.catholicism.about.com)
- [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)
- [www.saintsresource.com](http://www.saintsresource.com)