

Answers to Requirements

- 1) Mother Teresa was born August 26, 1910 in what is now Skopje, North Macedonia. Her baptismal name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu.
- 2) 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) Although she was suffering severe health issues, Mother Teresa 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 on Sept. 4, 2016 by Pope Francis.

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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 program and may a Scout receive a religious knot after completing this activity?

No. This activity is considered a Religious Activity, not a Religious Emblem program. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for completing this activity.

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.

Whom do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Modern Saint Series



Saint Teresa of Calcutta Activity Patch



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Modern Saint Series Activities

The Modern Saint Series honors 20th and 21st century men and women who have had a profound impact on many people around the globe. The goal of each activity in this series is to share the lives of these great men and women so that young people might relate to what they have done and look to them as role models. 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.

Requirements for Saint Teresa of Calcutta Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find information at www.motherteresa.org. 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

Requirements:

- 1) When and where was Mother Teresa born and what was her given name?
- 2) What Religious Order did Mother Teresa originally enter, and how old was she?
- 3) Where was Mother Teresa's first 'assignment' and what did she do?
- 4) On Sept 10, 1946 life changed for Mother Teresa – what happened?
- 5) What order did Mother Teresa start – what is their mission?
- 6) When did Mother Teresa die?
- 7) When was Mother Teresa canonized?

Activities:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Respect Life event. Share your experience with your family or group.
- 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.
- 5) Mother Teresa said: “We will never know how much good just a simple smile can do.” Spend a day remembering to smile at all people you come in contact with. Share with your family or group how that made you feel and any comments you received.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist the youth with this Modern Saint Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this Modern Saint.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm their accuracy and to ensure his/her understanding.
- 4) Complete the order form for this Modern Saint Activity and submit it with payment for the patch to NCCS.

For more information about this saint, check out the websites below.

- www.catholic.org
- www.catholicism.about.org
- www.americancatholic.org
- www.saintsresource.com