MOTHER TERESA IS CANONIZED

The Catholic Church has a new Saint—St. Mother Teresa. We reprint this report on her canonization for the information and inspiration of future Paulinians.

Vatican City (CNN)

Mother Teresa, a Catholic nun who devoted her life to helping India's poor, has been declared a Saint in a Canonization Mass held by Pope Francis in the Vatican.

Pope Francis delivered the formula for the canonization of the Albanian-born nun—known as the "saint of the gutters"—before huge crowds of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City on Sunday morning.

Applause broke out before he completed the formula of canonization, in which he declared "Blessed Teresa of Calcutta to be a saint."

India renamed the city of Calcutta to Kolkata in 2001 to match the Bengali pronunciation. But the Church uses the spelling of Calcutta in its references to Mother Teresa.

Speaking in Latin, Francis said that "after due deliberation and frequent prayer for divine assistance, and having sought the counsel of many of our brother bishops, we declare and define Blessed Teresa of Calcutta to be a saint, and we enroll her among the saints, decreeing that she is to be venerated as such by the whole Church."

Catholics—including hundreds of blue-and-white-robed nuns from the Missionaries of Charity sisterhood founded by Mother Teresa—had gathered from around the world to attend the canonization of the church's newest saint, just 19 years after her death.
A huge portrait of Mother Teresa, whom the Church credits with having performed two miraculous cures of the sick, hung from St. Peter's Basilica during the colorful ceremony.

An image of Mother Teresa hangs from the facade of St. Peter's in the Vatican.

Pope Francis then delivered a homily, in which he praised Mother Teresa—"this emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life"—for her charitable work.

"Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded," he said.

"She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity. She made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognize their guilt for the crime of poverty they created."

Pope Francis praised Mother Teresa as a model of compassion to Catholics worldwide.

For the newly-sainted Teresa, he said, "mercy was the salt which gave flavor to her work, it was the light which shone in the darkness of the many who no longer had tears to shed for their poverty and suffering."

She was an example to volunteers around the world, he said. "May she be your model of holiness."

In a departure from his scripted remarks, he noted that people "may struggle" to refer to her as "Saint Teresa." "With great spontaneity, I think we will continue to call her Mother Teresa," he said.

Prayers were then delivered in a number of languages, including Albanian, Mother Teresa's native tongue, and Bengali, the language of Kolkata, where a special Mass was celebrated at the Missionaries of Charity Sunday. A prayer was delivered in Chinese for persecuted Christians around the world.
Following the lead of the SPC Sisters...

ALUMNAE TO GO ON HOLY DOORS PILGRIMAGE

Inspired by the lead of the SPC Sisters in the Malate community, the St. Paul Manila Alumnae Foundation, Inc. (SPMAFI) has organized a pilgrimage to the jubilee churches in Metro-Manila.

The invitation from Sherry Lara-Alingod, SPMAFI President, reads:

"Enter the Holy Doors, celebrate the jubilee of mercy, and receive jubilee plenary indulgence!"

Pope Francis

The SPMAFI is inviting you to join us in this pilgrimage to the five jubilee churches in Metro Manila on September 12, Monday. The day celebrates the Most Holy name of Mary. The five churches are: Our Lady of Sorrows on F.B. Harrison, Pasay City, the Manila Cathedral in Intramuros, the Sanctuario de Santo Cristo in Blumentritt, San Juan, the Divine Mercy Shrine in Mandaluyong, and the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Makati.

We are hiring the Saint Paul bus that seats 70. We start the day by attending the Mass at the Our Lady of Sorrows at 7:00 a.m. That means we have to leave St. Paul Manila at 5:45 a.m. This is to ensure we get there in time for the Mass. From there, we proceed to the Manila Cathedral and then to the Santo Cristo church. Lunch will follow at any restaurant agreed by all. After lunch, we proceed to the Divine Mercy and we end at the Sacred Heart Shrine.

Every church we visit, we are given a Pilgrim’s Passport, which will be stamped. When we get to the last church, we are given a certificate signed by Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle.

We should be back in St. Paul by 5:00-5:30 p.m. The fee is five hundred pesos (P 500.00) each.

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Holy Doors of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an opportunity for Catholics to obtain a plenary indulgence during the Year of Mercy by passing through a designated Holy Door during the Year of Mercy, or performing one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy; and fulfilling the usual conditions of having the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, receiving sacramental Confession and the Holy Eucharist, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy commenced when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica on December 8, 2015 and on December 13, 2015 all the Holy Doors in Cathedrals and designated churches throughout the world opened to pilgrims.
SR. JOSELINE INSTALLED AS SPU DUMAGUETE PRESIDENT

Sr. Joseline R. Lasala, SPC was installed as the 3rd President of St. Paul University, Dumaguete.

Sr. Joseline’s assignment previous to this one was as VP for Administrative Services of SPU Manila.

She will be remembered for her environmental advocacy and projects, such as the mushroom culture facility and the garden.

The Presidents of the universities in the St. Paul University System attended the investiture ceremony.

Sr. Lilia Thérèse Tolentino, SPC, Provincial Superior, presides over the installation.

Sr. Joseline gives her inaugural speech.

After Sr. Joseline’s installation, a visit to the marker of the landing of the first Sisters
ALUMNAE GATHERINGS

High School 1966
Birthday Lunch of Letty Ongsip
Four Seasons
30 August 2016
Riqui Hizon, Agnes Devanadera,
Mayda Angsico, Rosario Magsino, Mina Dilag,
Medy Amor, Roree Sta. Romana, Sherry Alingod
and the celebrant, Letty Uy.

High School 1980
Joy Cubelo-Castillo, Fedeliz Villarica,
Mimi Arce-Luna, Nica Bertol,
and Malich Pacia.

St. Paul College of Manila Nursing
Reunion in Seattle, Washington
9-12 August 2016

... and a souvenir photo beside the marker