



Mother Teresa with a sick child



Lead To Serve



Helping the homeless



Mother Teresa accepting the Nobel Peace Prize.

### Mother Teresa

<b>Born</b>	26 August 1910
<b>Father</b>	Nikollë Bojaxhiu, may have been from Prizren, Kosovo
<b>Mother</b>	Dranafite Bojaxhiu
<b>Schools Attended</b>	She went to the Loreto Abbey in Rathfarnham, Ireland, to learn English, the language the Sisters of Loreto used to teach school children in India

### About Teresa

The Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, M.C., commonly known as Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic Religious Sister and missionary of Albanian origin who lived most of her life in India of which, since 1948, she was a citizen. She left home at age 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto as a missionary. She never again saw her mother or sister.

Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious congregation, which in 2012 consisted of over 4,500 sisters and is active in 133 countries. They run hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis; soup kitchens; dispensaries and mobile clinics; children's and family counseling programmes; orphanages; and schools. Members of the order must adhere to the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, and the fourth vow, to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor".

Mother Teresa was the recipient of numerous honours including the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. In late 2003, she was beatified, the third step toward possible sainthood, giving her the title "Blessed Teresa of Calcutta". A second miracle credited to her intercession is required before she can be recognised as a saint by the Catholic Church.

A controversial figure both during her life and after her death, Mother Teresa was widely admired by many for her charitable works, but also widely criticised, particularly for her campaigns against contraception and for substandard conditions in the hospices for which she was responsible.

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