

Mother Teresa

- Most people do not know about her younger life, but it is when her ministry first started
 - Born “Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu” on August 26, 1910 in Albania
 - At age 12, she felt called to a religious and missionary life
 - At age 17, she answered her first call to be a Roman Catholic Missionary in Calcutta
 - Became a nun after that first call
 - Chose “Teresa” after Saint Terese of Lisieux
 - On this call, she taught geography, history and catechism at St. Mary’s High School and then later became the principal of this school. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with TB and was sent to Darjeeling for some good ol’ R&R.
- Does she ever rest?
 - On her way to Darjeeling, she received her second call, her “call within a call” to work among the poor, meaning that she would have to leave the convent that she had lived in for the majority of her life.
 - In 1948, she received permission from the Vatican to leave her order and venture off on her own, under the Archbishop of Calcutta.
 - She started a school for the impoverished children of the area. She also became a “travelling nurse” of sorts, where, after learning basic medicine, she would go to people’s homes and attempt to cure their various ailments.
 - Two years later the Missionaries of Charity, which is what she is most famous for, were formed. She and many of her pupils rented a space to use as a make-shift hospital, and found people on the streets that the official hospitals would not take in. They tended these people the best that they could, all for the glory of God!
 - She won the Nobel Peace Price in 1979
- Good quotes
 - “Give God permission. Let God touch other people through you.”
 - “Works of Love are works of Peace”
 - “We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love”
 - “I know God will not give me anything I can’t handle. I just wish that He didn’t trust me so much”
 - “If you judge people, you will have no time to love them”
 - “Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls”
- <http://www.ewtn.com/motherteresa/life.htm>

