



The Crusader Chronicle

Mother Teresa



Agnes Bojaxhiu, the girl who was to become Mother Teresa, was born on August 26, 1910, to an Albanian family in Spokje, Macedonia. Even as a child, young Agnes heard God's call. She longed to spread God's love to people around the world as a missionary, and, from a very young age she planned to follow the call of Christ and become a religious sister. When she was eighteen years old, she joined the Sisters of Loreto and moved to Ireland to begin her religious training. In 1929, Agnes moved to India to begin her work teaching children and sharing the Good News, and, in 1931, she took her initial vows as a nun. It was at this time that she chose the name "Teresa;" she was so inspired by the life and works of St. Theresa the Little Flower that she wanted to carry that name with her as a reminder of God's call to do His good works.

For the next eighteen years, Sister Teresa taught at St. Mary's High

School in Calcutta, but the suffering and poverty she saw outside the convent walls made a deep impression on her. She received a call from God to leave the convent and "help the poor while living among them." In 1948, Teresa left the convent of Loreto and went out into the streets of the city, determined to carry out God's will. Although she struggled to find supplies, housing, and even food, Teresa did not give up; she knew that God was with her, and she relied on him for strength. She was soon joined by volunteers who wanted to help do God's work, and together they were able to start an open-air school for the poorest children in Calcutta.

In 1950, Teresa received permission from the Vatican to become the Mother Superior of her own order, which she called "The Missionaries of Charity." Mother Teresa wrote that the work of her new order was to care for "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society." The order had only thirteen members at first, but, by 1997, The Missionaries of Charity had over 4,000

sisters and an organization for religious brothers and priests. The Missionaries of Charity run schools, group homes, hospice centers, and children's homes, helping to alleviate the pain of everything from poverty to leprosy to AIDS. In 1979, Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize for her work to help the poor and sick, and she asked that the prize money be donated to the poor in India.

Today, the legacy of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta lives on in the work of the Missionaries of Charity, which has become an international religious organization devoted to helping the poor and sick just as Mother Teresa did. Catholics and others all over the world honor her for her courage, caring, and devotion to carrying out God's plans on earth. Mother Teresa's love for children and her desire to help them towards a better future is inspiring to people around the world, and we at Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School are blessed to carry on her legacy of love and education.

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We are Crusaders

Our school will not move to a new location in August, 2015. However, our name will change to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School in 2014. As we change the name, we will also be changing the uniforms. The new P.E. uniforms are super light-weight, so they will be great for school sports. Our new P.E. clothes are keeping the Crusader on the shirt, but it will be grey instead of white. The P.E. shorts are also changing color.

They will now be blue instead of red. The new uniform will allow us to move a whole lot faster, and they will be a lot more comfortable. This will make us better at the school sports, and the other teams will have no idea what hit them. Go Crusaders!

Jake P. & Gabby F. 6th Grade



“Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.”
Mother Teresa

Going into Sixth Grade

Fifth grade has been a great year, but we can't wait to go to sixth grade. We are excited to have three teachers and switch classes. We can't wait to wear skirts. I am glad we won't have to take the time to zip up our jumpers. It will be fun to learn all the new concepts and do the projects. We are excited that we can try out for all the sport teams. We are all sad that we must leave the comfort of elementary school, but also excited for the new adventures that middle school has to offer.

Kylie F.
Sophie H.
Katie B.

Summer Plans

This summer I want to do a lot of things. Some of these are to practice soccer, go to North Carolina to see my grandparents, and do many other random activities such as going on slip and slides. If I could do all these my summer would be amazing.

One of the things I want to do this summer is practice soccer so that when I come back to school next year, I will be ready to try out for the Mother Teresa Crusaders soccer team. When I practice soccer, I will break it down week by week. By this I mean I will practice a new thing (shooting or passing)

every week. This will take a lot of time and effort which I am willing to give.

The next thing I want to do this summer is visit my grandparents in North Carolina. Last summer I visited them and I might do it again. We do many things there such as playing outside and shooting at the gun range.

The main reason I like going there is because there is a river not too far away from where they live. This river has tons of fish swimming down it. Last time I even caught a crab. Going there will be so much fun.



The last thing that I would like to do this summer is to do tons of random things. Some of these are playing on slip and slides, swimming, fishing, and watching movies. But I have one thing that will make my summer the best. That is drinking slurpees. This would make my summer super cool.

If I could do all of these together this summer that would make my summer a dream come true.

Jaden C. 7th Grade

First Communion Celebration

Tuesday, May 20th, was a special day for the second graders. It was our First Communion Celebration. We all came to school dressed in our Communion clothes. The boys wore nice suits and ties. Every girl wore a beautiful,

unique white dress. Father Joseph said the Mass, and the second graders did the readings and carried up the offertory gifts. We received Holy Communion, and Jesus came into our hearts. After Mass we had a group

picture, and then we went to the reception with our parents and grandparents. We had donuts, fruit, quiche, and punch. There was also a delicious Communion cake that was decorated with a cross on the top. After the reception, we went into the classrooms and changed back into our uniforms for the rest of the school day. The First Communion Celebration was a really special time!

Second Grade Class



First Grade Gives Bubble Day Thumbs Up!

On Tuesday the first grade class walked out to PE and was treated to Bubble Day, an entire PE class dedicated to all things bubbles. Rett said he was "very surprised about Bubble Day because I love to pop bubbles." Agreeing, AJ said that he enjoys "chasing the bubbles and popping" them too.

The first graders moved through four stations to create different sized bubbles with various tools. Emily liked how "we used different items like kitchen tools, cookie cutters, and plastic hangers and

whiffle balls to make different size bubbles." Allie commented that she enjoyed bubble day so much, "cause it was fun to make huge bubbles" and would like to "do it at her house all summer, every day."

The most popular station consisted of a blue plastic baby pool filled with bubble solution and plastic hangers. The hangers were the perfect tool to create giant bubbles and were hands down a favorite among the class. Keeyen especially enjoyed using the plastic hangers to make "the biggest bubbles (he) has ever seen!"

To make Bubble Day effective, several graduates from the 8th grade class returned to assist the first graders with their bubble skills. With the help of these fine graduates, the first graders were able to overcome bubbles' greatest enemy, the wind. Despite the elements, Bubble Day was such a success that the first graders are hopeful for a return of Bubble Day next year.



Mother Teresa Acrostic

Most
Of
The other schools
Have
Education unlike ours
Reading, math and much more

There is a school with
Education
Running out to play
Excited about children
Sitting in the sun
At a school named Mother
 Teresa of Calcutta

Our children have lots more
Fun!

Catholic faith is all
Around
Laughing
Children
Uought
To know
Teresa's school is an
A+ school so shout Hooray!

Sarah M. 4th Grade