

St Teresa of Calcutta

**Born: 26 August 1910,
Macedonia**

**Died: 5 September 1997,
India**

Beatified: 19 October 2003

Feast: 5 September



Mary Teresa Bojaxhiu, commonly known as Mother Teresa and honoured in the Roman Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, was an Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun and missionary

In 1950, Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious congregation that had over 4,500 nuns and was active in 133 countries in 2012. The congregation manages homes for people who are dying of HIV / AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis

A controversial figure during her life and after her death, Teresa was admired by many for her charitable work.

Francis canonised her at a ceremony on 4 September 2016 in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. Tens of thousands of people witnessed the ceremony, including 15 government delegations and 1,500 homeless people from across Italy