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Mother Teresa was a person of intense prayer who followed her call to be a disciple. She was a

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- 1) *Pray to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment, for discernment of His Divine Will and guidance.*
- 2) *Observe and follow the Lord's commands.*
- 3) *Go forth, proclaim the Gospel to all.*

With technological advancement to propagate the faith, the Eucharistic Love Community adheres to the evangelization effort of the Roman Catholic Church. Its global presence shall become the cornerstone of the individual calling of all servants. All for God's glory!

As zealous friends of the Lord,  
the Eucharistic Love Community  
promotes and shares God's healing  
presence through the Holy Eucharist  
with strong Marian Devotion.

# Spiritual Journey

**H**ow can we embrace poverty as a way to God when everyone around us wants to become rich? Poverty has many forms. We have to ask ourselves: “What is my poverty?” Is it lack of money, lack of emotional stability,

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witness and a teacher. Her life inspires all of us to do the same.

### The call within the call

St. Teresa of Calcutta listened to her life. When she left home to join the Sisters of Loreto she was responding to a call to service, a life of prayer and commitment to the Gospel. She became a teacher and principal in a Catholic school for girls.

During this time her mother reminded her of the primary reason she left home to pursue this call. It was to serve the poor. As she struggled with the obvious poverty outside the walls of the school she heard God's call in a very real way. She heard God call her to "go out" to the poor, to live among them and to be Christ for them. She identified this as a "call within a call."

In Baptism we are immersed in the very life of God. This Sacrament drenches us in life in a community of faith. Our response to Baptism is a primary call to live a new life in Jesus Christ. All of us also have a "call within a call" as Mother Teresa did. We respond in faith to the Spirit of God in our lives and the daily dying and risings we experience. Catechists respond to this "call within a call" as parents, grandparents, friends, ordinary people witnessing in an extraordinary way to the challenging message of Jesus Christ.

*"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."* – St. Teresa of Calcutta

### A person of prayer

St. Teresa of Calcutta models to us the importance of faithfulness and perseverance in prayer. A relationship with God requires the

same as a relationship with another person. Prayer takes time, listening and honest communication. While Mother Teresa heard God loud and clear in the depths of her heart to move out and live with the poor, there were times when she did not experience this presence as profoundly. As in any relationship as we become closer to a person the communication can take the form of silence. Sometimes this feels as if the person is absent even when they are not.

Catechists are called to be people of prayer. There will be times in the midst of life's struggles, craziness and mind boggling time constraints that this will be difficult.

The theme of Catechetical Sunday this year is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." In essence the goal of all catechesis is communion with Jesus Christ. The way to achieve this communion is to know Jesus Christ. We do this in prayer. The Catholic Church offers us a rich heritage of prayer providing this avenue to God. Liturgy, Scripture, the Communion of Saints, Lectio Divina, contemplative prayer, silence, music and service are, to name just a few, accessible to all.

*"My secret is simple. I pray."* – St. Teresa of Calcutta

### A disciple

St. Teresa kept Jesus before her even in the darkest moments. She responded in faith to a call to serve the poor in the poorest of conditions. She was intentional in her response to the Gospel to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bury the dead. She was not immune to criticism. She was firm in her conviction of service to the poor.

When Mother Teresa heard and read the words of the Gospel she heard the message in the midst of a suffering people. We are called to do the same. Jesus' teachings challenge

us to respond with our lives and hearts. Discipleship requires careful listening, faithful prayer and authentic living. This Year of Mercy has reminded us over and over that like, St. Teresa of Calcutta, we must be Mercy in Action.

This year 10 parishes were awarded small grants to sow the seed of mercy through service to others. You will find these stories shared on page 8 as a part of our diocesan Catechetical Sunday reflection.

Learning about Jesus is not enough. We must become Jesus for others. We are called to be Mercy in Action. Thank you, St. Teresa of Calcutta, for your extraordinary witness as catechist, person of prayer and disciple. We pray in thanksgiving for all Catechists who faithfully proclaim the living Word of God.

*"Faith in action is love—and love in action is service."* – St. Teresa of Calcutta

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lack of a loving partner, lack of security, lack of safety, lack of self-confidence? Each human being has a place of poverty. That's the place where God wants to dwell! "How blessed are the poor," Jesus says (Matthew 5:3). This means that our blessing is hidden in our poverty.

We are so inclined to cover up our poverty and ignore it that we often miss the opportunity to discover God, who dwells in it. Let's dare to see our poverty as the land where our treasure is hidden.

When we are not afraid to confess our own poverty, we

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will be able to be with other people in theirs. The Christ who lives in our own poverty recognises the Christ who lives in other people's. Just as we are inclined to ignore our own poverty, we are inclined to ignore others'. We prefer not to see people who are destitute, we do not like to look at people who are deformed or disabled, we avoid talking about people's pains and sorrows, we stay away from brokenness, helplessness, and neediness.

By this avoidance we might lose touch with the people through whom God is manifested to us. But when we have discovered God in our own poverty, we will lose our fear of the poor and go to them to meet God.

## Intercessory Prayers

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humility and dependence to you, Almighty God! On this feast day, we honor her as the Queen of all hearts, so that through her, all hearts would be cleansed and likened to her Immaculate Heart, so worthy of union with God. At your right hand, O Lord, the queen stands, finely arrayed in gold. We give glory, praise and thanks to God!

Dear Lord, we lift up all the petitions and prayers for physical and emotional healing--for the sick and the gravely-ill, for resolution

of marital and family conflicts, for those with financial burdens, for the unemployed and those with school issues and problems, also our personal intentions and other miscellaneous worries. We also pray for our dearly departed friends and loved ones. We thank you, Lord for the many answered prayers. We pray in Jesus' Name with the powerful intercession of Mary, the Queen of heaven and earth, who allows easy passage of all God's children to enter into His Kingdom. Amen.

## Eucharistic Prayers

**L**oving, adorable Triune Godhead---Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three Divine Persons in One, we praise and bless your holy Name! You are the Rock of refuge, our fortress and stronghold who gives us safety and you are our deliverer from the hand of the wicked. You are our eternal hope, our strength and salvation against the enemies that threatens us. Bread of Angels and Saints, rescue us from the pit, never put us to shame, incline your ear and hear our petitions and save your people against the pundits and sages of today's society who do not know your majesty, glory and power. O Holy Redeemer, dwell in everyone's hearts and allow them to ponder on the great mysteries of your Kingdom. Bread of life, Lord Jesus, be with us in all our efforts to proclaim your Word and messages not with sublimity or persuasive words of wisdom but with your Divine, Mighty

Spirit, O God! Father, Son and Spirit, we welcome you with joyful anticipation, take away all our fears.

Come Holy Spirit, eternal Spirit of love, Dove of Peace and Bond of Unity in the Blessed Trinity, bind us all together as a family and community of Faith, Love, Charity, prayer and mutual service. Make us all one heart and one soul joined together for your greater glory. Assist us to foster unity, peace and fortify our efforts and goal to propagate the Eucharistic mission you have bestowed upon us all. Direct us constantly and uphold us in the path of virtue. Illumine our minds to love and obey your commands, teach and inspire us to meditate and contemplate on your Word so we may become the light of the world and salt of the earth conforming and living our lives to our faith. Divine Spirit, all of us--- God's children are an edifice built on the foundation with our Lord Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone. We are all closely fitted together by your Spirit to become His holy temple consecrated in the Lord. Sanctify our souls, grant us the grace to hold on to what is good, and restrain anything that doesn't belong to you. Divine Author of grace, transform and mold us all in the path of holiness. May every part of our being, body and soul, be preserved blameless for the day when our Lord Jesus shall come. Pour forth that grace into our hearts in rich abundance. Come, Divine Spirit breathe into us the breath of life, anoint us with your cleansing fire. Amen.



## Servant's Prayer

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and incline our ear to your living word.

Jesus, present and alive in the Sacrament of Love, you said to your apostles; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons and strengthen the weak. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

You are my hands, my heart, my voice and my feet.

Go forth and become fishers of men.

Offer your time, talent and treasure to those in need.

Spread my word and proclaim my Eucharistic Kingdom.

Abide in my love and remain in my word so you will have eternal life ...

Here we are O Lord, ready to do your will. Amen.



## Prayer Requests

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28)*

**L**ord, we lift up to you all prayer intentions of our brothers and sisters who need your healing love and presence, especially those petitions we received through

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and individual forms submitted during our community services.

## Intercessory Prayers

**I**n Mt. 23:13-14, Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter."

Loving Jesus, we thank and praise you for giving us Mother Mary as our model of faithful obedience,

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**Dear Lord, we  
thank you for all  
the blessings you  
showered upon us  
and all  
answered prayers.**

## HEALING THROUGH THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ACTIVITY	WHEN	VENUE
Healing Service with Eucharistic Celebration	Every First Monday of the month 8:00 PM	St. Anthony
Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration	All other Mondays with no Holy Hour 8:00 PM	St. Anthony
2000 Hail Mary's with Eucharistic Celebration	Frequently Scheduled (Pls check eucharisticlove.org)	St. Mary
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration	Every second Monday of the month 8:00 PM Every Monday before last Saturday 8:00 PM	St. Anthony
Catholicism Study Group	Every second Saturday of the month 11:00 AM	To be announced

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