



Mother Teresa of Calcutta 1910-1997

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Mother Teresa's relics will be on view at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

(St. Paul, MN) A visiting Mother Superior from the Missionary Sisters of Charity will be bringing Mother Teresa of Calcutta's rosary and sandals to the Cathedral of Saint Paul, Monday, July 19th for a brief stop on a larger North American Tour. The Cathedral is located at 239 Selby Avenue, at the corner of Summit Avenue overlooking downtown Saint Paul.

A one-hour veneration is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Cathedral followed by a Mass at 7 p.m. to be celebrated by the Most Reverend Lee Piché, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The visiting Mother Superior Sister Marcella of the order's headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, will also attend the service. The public is welcome to view these special relics and visit with the Missionary Sisters of Charity who are still carrying on Mother Teresa's work in the United States and in 132 other countries throughout the world.

"If you ask Mother Teresa what guided her life, she would say prayer first and hard work second," said the Very Reverend Joseph R. Johnson, Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Paul. "We will be seeing the very items which supported those goals – her rosary which she used in daily prayer, and her sandals which carried her little feet as she ministered to the poorest of the poor."

Fr. Johnson said Aug. 26th would have been Mother Teresa's 100th birthday. While a celebration is still planned for this date, the chance to view these items worn and used by Mother Teresa's is an additional opportunity to honor the venerable missionary's work.

Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious order in 1950 in Calcutta, India. Today, the order consists of 4,500 sisters including a community in living in south Minneapolis' Phillip's neighborhood. Their missionary care serves refugees, ex-prostitutes,

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AIDS victims, the mentally ill, abandoned children and anyone in need. In 2003, Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Teresa, the first step to becoming a canonized saint.

Beginning with the festive laying of its cornerstone in 1907, the present Cathedral of Saint Paul serves as an important part of the civic community. It is a popular destination for local students and artists as well as for tourists from around the world. In 2009, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops designated the Cathedral as a National Shrine of the Apostle Paul. It is included on the National Register of Historic Buildings and draws tens of thousands of visitors each year. The architectural engineering and heroic labors it took to build the Cathedral make it an important piece of our region's history. It is a worthy successor to the simple log chapel of 1841 that gave the city its name.

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