St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

BACKGROUND

Born/Died: ____________  Canonized: ______  Feast Day: ____________

Order of sisters she started: _______________________________________

DVD NOTES

1 Mother Teresa’s original name was ______________. When she was _____ years old she felt the first stirrings of a being called to be a religious sister, even though she had never seen a ________ before. She joined the Irish Loreto Sisters in __________ when she was _____.

2 She took the name St. Mary Teresa of the Child Jesus after ________________________.

3 After teaching geography and English at a nice school, Sister Teresa switched to a different grade school where she came face to face with dreadful ______________. At this new school, Sister Teresa worked so hard that she had a sort of ___________. She was sent on a train to another town to recuperate. While on this dusty train she experienced a call to be a “___________________ of ____________”.

4 When Sister Teresa went back to Calcutta she persistently asked to start a new order of sisters that would serve the __________ of the _______. Many of the first Missionaries of Charity were her ________________________.

5 All the first sisters could possess were: a cotton, _______ and _______ sari (habit/robe), pair of ________, crucifix, a ____________, a metal bucket for washing, and a very thin mattress that served as a bed. The sisters had to ________ for their food.

6 The sisters would wake up at ____________, brush their teeth with ash from the stove, scrub their bodies with a small bar of soap that had been divided into _____ pieces, and then meditate, ________, and attend Mass for an hour and a half before eating a small breakfast and heading out to care for the poor in the slums.

7 The Missionaries of Charity began in Calcutta, ____________, but now there are over ____ communities on _____ continents. Mother Teresa has famously said, “If there are poor on the ____________, we will go there too.”

8 In 1979 Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize. She surprised a lot of people when she used her acceptance speech as an occasion to courageously speak out against ______________ and call it the greatest enemy of peace.
For much of her adult life (about a ____-year period!), Mother Teresa did not experience the presence and love of ______ in her heart. She came to see her sufferings in connection with ______________ own abandonment from the Father.

Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997. When her body was displayed she was wearing her blue and white sari, but was also was ____________, showing her gnarled feet, which spoke most eloquently of her service to the poorest of the poor.

MATTHEW 25

A passage of the Bible that Mother Teresa often quoted comes from ____________, during which Jesus says, “When I was hungry, you gave me _______. When I was thirsty, you gave me __________. When I was a stranger, you __________. When I was naked, you ___________. When I was ill or in prison, you __________.” Jesus followers ask, “But when did we see you hungry, thirsty, as a stranger, naked, ill, or in prison?” To which Jesus responds, “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine ________________.” Mother Teresa lived her life as if every person she encountered were ______________。

TRUE POVERTY

Mother Teresa often said ________________ was the poorest country in the world because it suffers most from the poverty of ________________.

THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL

Mother Teresa experienced what many saints refer to as “The _______________ of the ___________”, during which she did not feel the love and presence of ______ anywhere in her life.

Question: By why would God allow this to happen???
Answer: God oftentimes draws us close to Him by allowing us to experience all kinds of wonderful feelings of joy and excitement (i.e. Christian camps, __________, etc.). But sometimes God allows these amazing feelings to partially or completely fade away. God does this so that we learn not to fall in love with the good ________________, but with ____________.

This experience is common within _______________ and _______________. It helps us remember that we are called to love other ________________, not just the good ________________ we get from them.

Since many people in our culture don’t understand this (either in regards to God, a dating/marriage relationship, or friendship), they think when the feelings start to fade away, _______ is also fading away. This why it is SO important to remember the true definition of love: That it is primarily a ________________, not just a ________________.