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Reading Text

Mother Teresa (Taken from A book by Catherine Podijil)

In 1979 Mother Teresa (Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhia) won the Nobel Prize for Peace. This book tells about her life-long work with poor people and how she finally was famous.

The story starts with her childhood in Yugoslavia, her native country. She was born in 1910. At the age of 18 she decided to become a nun. Her family was Catholic even if the majority of Albanian were Muslim. The most important part of religion for her, however, was helping the poor. She specially wanted to help the people in India.

She went to Calcutta in India and worked as a school teacher but after some time left the school. That's when she really started her real life work. She walked the streets in Indian cities looking for people who needed help. She gave them food, clothing and medicines.

After a while other nuns joined to help her. She built hospitals and schools for the poor. She also founded the Order of the Missionaries of Charity. They worked with poor people "the poorest of the poor "in many countries around the world. People gave her money and other valuable things for her work. Everything went to the poor. She lived very simply and worked very hard.

The Nobel Prize included a lot of money. She used the money to continue her noble actions.

She died in September 1997.

Nowadays there are hundreds of sisters all over the world, including Chile, serving the poor thanks to Mother Teresa's initiative.