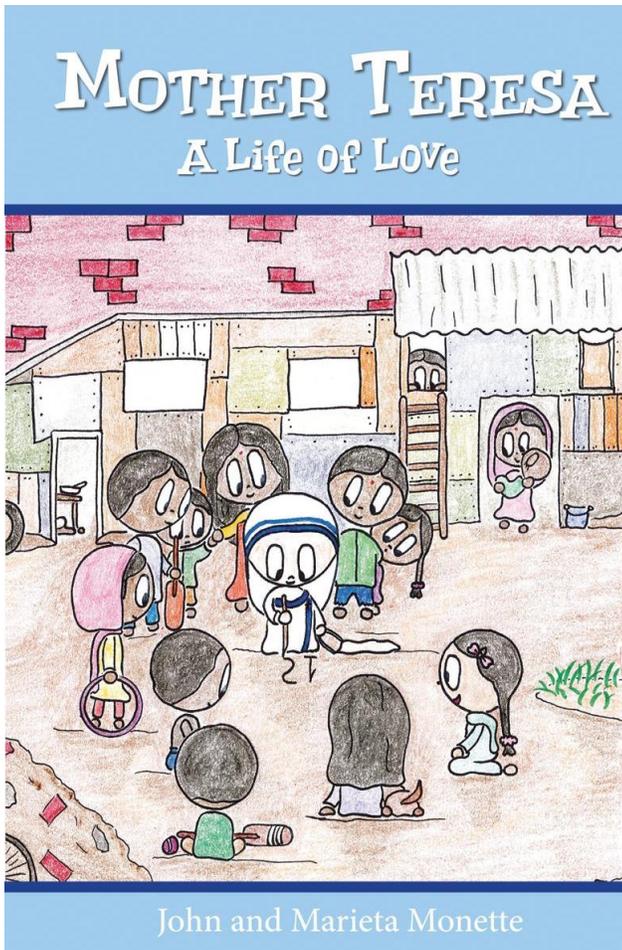


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Children Learn How We Can All Become Holy People with Whimsically Illustrated Biography of Saint Teresa



Mother Teresa: A Life of Love (Liguori, 2016), by award-winning authors [John Monette and his wife Marieta Monette](#), is a captivating, fully illustrated biography of Mother Teresa that helps teachers and parents nurture a faith dialogue with children. While learning about how Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu grew up to be Mother Teresa, children will see how everyone can grow up to be holy.

For teachers and parents who seek contemporary models of holiness for children, the book is “certainly one to add to a child’s library,” said [Barb Gilman](#), a third-grade teacher at St. Margaret Mary School, Omaha, NE, and a 2014 NCEA Distinguished Teacher.

Gilman and other educators praise the book’s capacity for enabling faith conversations with children. “While reading the book with children, you can easily bring about a conversation with each page. This book piques the interest of older children, too, and is a springboard to reading more about Mother Teresa. As a classroom teacher, I’m adding it to my faith library for my third-grade students.”

There are suggestions in the back of the book to help parents continue the faith conversation at home.

[John Monette](#) said the book teaches a simple formula for holiness, prayer and service, which he and his wife practice with their own three sons. “Mother Teresa grew up on daily Mass, time with Jesus, and on serving others with her mom. ... She continually lived in Jesus’ presence.”

The book follows Mother Teresa from her home in Eastern Europe, helping the poor with her mother and sister, to India, where God gave her the courage to start her own religious order. Writing for the *National Catholic Register*, author and blogger [Sarah Reinhard](#) said, “The book even explains the ‘call

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within a call' — what has become such a famous part of Mother Teresa's story in the last few years — in a way that I found easy and accurate," said Reinhard.

She said, "The book's illustrations help make this saintly woman more accessible to children and parents." The Monettes used this distinctive art style in their award-winning first book, [Francis, the Pope for Kids](#).

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[Sample pages](#) at Liguori.org

About the Monettes



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Their first book, *Francis, the Pope for Kids*, is a 2016 finalist in the Association of Catholic Publishers Excellence in Publishing Awards.

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