

# WORLD & NATION

## Mother Teresa lauded as a woman of faith, vision

CALCUTTA, India (CNS) — Mother Teresa of Calcutta was laid to rest following a state funeral attended by international leaders and many of the poor that the late nun made her family.

In Calcutta Sept. 13, thousands of people lined the seven-mile funeral route along which the body of the world's most revered nun was borne on the same black gun carriage that took Mahatma Gandhi's body on its final journey 49 years ago.

UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand, said six high-ranking Indian army officers had carried Mother Teresa's body some 100 yards to the waiting carriage from St. Thomas Church, where it had been taken for public viewing Sept. 7, two days after she died.

The funeral procession wound its way through Calcutta's streets, first to Netaji Indoor Stadium, where the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, special legate of Pope John Paul II, led the funeral Mass, and then to the Missionaries of Charity headquarters for a private burial.

The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, said Pope John Paul joined spiritually in Mother Teresa's funeral by celebrating Mass in her memory in his private chapel at Castel Gandolfo.

In the homily at the funeral, Cardinal Sodano said Pope John Paul saw in Mother Teresa a "woman of unshakable faith: her extraordinary spiritual vision, her attentive and self-sacrificing love of God in each person she met, her absolute respect for the value of every human life and her courage in facing so many challenges."

The pope, he continued, wanted Mother Teresa's funeral to be "a great prayer of gratitude to God for having given her to the church and to the world."

Concelebrants besides Cardinal Sodano included four cardinals, about 30 bishops



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Visiting cardinals and bishops pay homage to Mother Teresa during her funeral Mass in Calcutta Sept. 13. World dignitaries and church officials attended the celebration for the nun who served the poor and destitute almost all her life.

and 170 priests from at least 14 countries.

Among them were Indian Cardinals Simon Pimenta, retired archbishop of Bombay, and Simon Lourdasamy, former prefect of the Vatican congregations for Eastern-Rite Churches and for the Evangelization of Peoples; the apostolic pronuncio to India, Archbishop Giorgio Zur; Archbishop Henry d'Souza of Calcutta; Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte of Montreal; and U.S. Archbishop John R. Roach, a former president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The only blood relatives of Mother Teresa who attended the services were her niece, Agi Golda Dauro, 50, and Dauro's son, who live in Italy, UCA News reported.

Mother Teresa died of cardiac arrest

Sept. 5 at the Calcutta motherhouse of the Missionaries of Charity, which she founded.

She was buried in the motherhouse where she had lived for 47 years.

Observing that "Mother never expressed any specific wish for the place of her burial," the Calcutta vicar general, Msgr. Francis Gomes, declared that "it is the nuns who have decided that she be buried in the motherhouse."

The funeral, a highly structured event as required by protocol, did not capture the "kind of warmth that she lived," Archbishop Roach said, but it was still "an impressive ceremony (that) gave you a sense of the breadth of her ministry."

It "expressed her love for God in the eu-

charistic adoration" but represented her interaction with other religions "that was so much a part of her life," he said.

Archbishop Roach traveled to the funeral as part of the official U.S. delegation, which included Bishop William G. Curlin of Charlotte, N.C., and Ken Hackett, executive director of Catholic Relief Services.

Hackett said that during the funeral Mass he was struck by the offertory procession. It included Mother Teresa's successor, Sister Nirmala Joshi, who was suffering from an attack of malaria.

Among those who brought up the gifts were an orphaned girl who had been found in the streets, a person with leprosy and a handicapped boy.

Bishop Curlin said the emotion of the people in the streets outside the stadium "was tangible, the grief in those people, you could almost touch it."

As the bishops and priests walked the last block or two to the burial site, Bishop Curlin said, "people were touching us. ... I was very touched by that myself, very moved by that moment. They were trying to reach to someone for comfort."

Later, inside the order's headquarters, as Mother Teresa's casket was lowered into the ground, "there was an audible sound of grief among the sisters," Bishop Curlin said. "That's when it suddenly hit them that she's gone now."

Archbishop Roach remarked that from his vantage point on the stage, he had a clear view of Mother Teresa's open casket. He said he was struck by how small it was, like the size used for a child.

"I kept thinking how could someone with that little body be that powerful?" he said. But, he added, her work and her legacy were "so uncomplicated. (It's) a mission of God's love and ... it's going to last."

## CALENDAR

### Chemung Schuyler

#### Fundraisers

■ **FRI, SEP. 19** — Spaghetti supper: sponsored by senior class; Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Ave., Elmira; 5-7 p.m.; football game to follow.

#### Religious Activities

■ **FRI, SEP. 26** — Healing service: St. Mary Our Mother Church, Broad St. & Washington Rd., Horseheads; 7 p.m.; Fr. Thomas Watts.

■ **SEP. 27, 28** — Pre-Cana class: Eastside Catholic Parish, 161 High St., Elmira; Sat. 7-10 p.m., Sun. 2-6 p.m.; for reservations, call 607/734-1890.

### Livingston County

#### Fundraiser

■ **SEP. 19, 20** — Flea market: St. Thomas/St. Lucy Parish Community, St. Thomas Hall, Main St., Leicester; Fri. 4-8 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-noon.

### Monroe County

#### Fundraisers

■ **SAT, SEP. 27** —

**Autograph auction:** to benefit Hope Hall, 1612 Buffalo Rd., Rochester; preview at noon, auction at 2 p.m.; 716/544-1859 or 716/436-7592.

#### Meetings

■ **SUN, SEP. 21** — Meeting: Catholic Golden Age, St. John Fisher College, Basil Hall, Rochester; 2 p.m.; speaker, Irene Coveny, director "Elder Care," Catholic Family Center; 716/467-3398.

■ **WED, SEP. 24** — Workshop: "Financial Fitness Strategies for Women"; Assumption Church, 20 East Ave., Fairport; 7-8:30 p.m.; Denise Rudy and Colleen Murphy, CPA; call 716/475-8447 to reserve space.

■ **WED, SEP. 24** — Program: "The New York State Constitution: Time for a Convention?"; Downtown Community Forum, Dugan Center at St. Mary's Church, 15 St. Mary's Pl., Rochester; 7:30-9:30 p.m.; 716/232-7140.

#### Religious Activities

■ **FRI, SEP. 19** — Renewal: in the Spirit and Secular Franciscans; St. Charles Borromeo Church, Borromeo Prayer Center, 3011 Dewey Ave., Rochester; sponsored by St. Patrick's Fraternity — Secular Franciscan Order; 716/225-4134.

■ **SEP. 20-29** — Display: the Geneseo Crucifix, St. Anthony's Church, 60 Lorimer St., Rochester; Mass

hours or on request; artist talk, Sept. 21, noon; 716/243-0324 or 716/458-1180.

■ **MON, SEP. 22** — Registration deadline: for Sept. 26 presentation "St. Therese of Lisieux (Little Flower)"; Borromeo Prayer Center, 3011 Dewey Ave., Rochester; 7:30-9 p.m., also Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m.-noon; to register, call 716/663-5856.

■ **TUE, SEP. 23** — Registration deadline: for Sept. 27-28 "24 Hours of Men's Spirituality"; Borromeo Prayer Center, 3011 Dewey Ave., Rochester; Fr. Ed Palumbos and Fr. Ted Auble, leaders; to register call 716/663-5856.

■ **TUE, SEP. 23** — Registration deadline: for Sept. 30-Oct. 2 Mini-Retreat, "Seeking God Through the Psalms"; SSJ Spirituality Center, 402 Rogers Pky., Rochester; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 716/336-4370.

■ **WED, SEP. 24** — Registration deadline: for Oct. 1 program "Healthy Living in Senior Years"; SSJ Spirituality Center, 402 Rogers Pky., Rochester; 9:30-11:30 a.m.; also Oct. 15, Nov. 5, 19; 716/336-4370.

■ **WED, SEP. 24** — Healing Mass: Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, 20 East Ave., Fairport; 7:30 p.m.; Fr. Paul Walsh, celebrant.

#### Social Activities

■ **SEP. 19-21** — Parish festival: St. Jude Church, 4100

Lyll Rd., Gates; fish fry, Fri. 4-8 p.m.; lasagna, Sun. 1-7 p.m., auction, games and more.

■ **FRI, SEP. 19** — Reservation deadline: for Sept. 20 dinner night with St. Thomas More Singles Club; Runt's on the Ridge (Ridgemont Plaza), Rochester; 6:30 p.m.; 716/482-5656.

■ **SUN, SEP. 21** — SeptemberFest: sponsored by Sacred Heart Cathedral; Longhouse Pavilion, Seneca Park, Rochester; noon-5 p.m.; food, fun, festivities, prizes.

### Seneca Cayuga

#### Religious Activity

■ **SUN, SEP. 21** — Annual blessing: of the graves; St. Bernard's Cemetery, Scipio Center; following 10:30 Mass in St. Bernard's Church; Fr. John Gagnier, celebrant, assisted by Deacon Gregory Kiley.

### Steuben County

#### Fundraiser

■ **SUN, SEP. 21** — Pancake breakfast: to benefit social ministry of St. Joseph, St. Pius & Sacred Heart Churches; Perkinsville Fire

Hall; 8-11 a.m.; prices \$2-3.75.

#### Religious Activity

■ **THU, SEP. 18** — Reservation deadline: for Sept. 27 Memorial Mass and luncheon hosted by Catholic Daughters, Past Regents Club; St. Ann's Church, 31 Erie Ave., Hornell; noon; Bishop Matthew Clark, celebrant; call 607/324-5838.

### Tompkin Tioga

#### Religious Activity

■ **SAT, SEP. 27** — Pre-Cana class: St. James Church, 17 Whig St., Trumansburg; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; to register call Jane and Jim Doolittle, 607/564-9296.

### Yates Ontario Wayne

#### Religious Activity

■ **WED, SEP. 24** — Registration deadline: for Oct. 1 in-service, "Parents and Reconciliation Preparation"; for catechetical leaders; St. Francis DeSales Church, 130 Exchange St., Geneva; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; call Jeannje Raisbeck, 800/388-7177, ext. 279.