

Thanks from Mother Georgianne Segner

And now, in 1976, the time has finally come when we can proudly present to the School Sisters of Notre Dame an opportunity to know the real Mother Theresa. Mother Theresa comes alive to us today through her own personal letters written between 1822 and 1879. In an era when once again religious women feel called to more responsible leadership in the Church, it is an appropriate and important time in our history for Mother Theresa to speak to each of us, her daughters, through her own words and example. Her deep faith, her vision, her courage, her suffering, her total gift of self are revealed through the 5,337 letters and documents submitted for the cause of her beatification. These letters are now available to us in five large volumes, and soon a separate index volume will accompany them. We are greatly indebted to all our Sisters who have assisted in numerous ways in the completion of this gigantic work. Through our reading of the letters, as well as through reflection, prayer, study and research on them, the person of Mother Theresa can become better known to all of us.

Our special gratitude is extended to Sister Mary Hester Valentine of Mount Mary College, Mequon Province, who has been responsible for editing all the letters. Because of Mother's many letters, Sister Mary Hester conceived the idea of publishing three small volumes of selected letters which would be more accessible to the sisters for their own personal use. Now is the time of reaping and a time of thanksgiving.

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