Life with Mother Teresa: My Thirty-Year Friendship with the Mother of the Poor

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It is not success that is important but our faithfulness. Mother Teresa, From Part One

For thirty years, Fr. Sebastian Vazhakala worked closely with Mother Teresa, co-founding with her the Missionaries of Charity Contemplative and founding the Lay Missionaries of Charity. At her funeral, he was one of only six people given the honor of riding on the catafalque that carried her body. She has always been a mother to me, he has said, we always remained very close. In this book, Fr. Sebastian tells not only the stories of the founding of the Contemplative and the Lay Missionaries, but also provides fresh insight into Mother Teresa who was timid and very sensitive by nature, according to the author, but who surrendered everything to God in order to serve him in the poor.

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