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Dear friends of the Shrine,

During the General Chapter of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, we received our new appointments for the year 2018-2019: Canon Parant has been appointed by Msgr Wach to Béziers and as a chaplain of our School in Montpellier, whilst Father Gribbin will join our community at Ss PPP soon. We are all very grateful to Canon Parant for his excellent work for our family of Ss PPP and we assure him of all our prayers for his new mission.



*First Saturday of the month:
Fatima Day for families. Talk for
children by Canon Montjean.*

We are also very grateful to God's Providence, since our church was again granted £72,000 for preparation works and surveys, in order to restore the last part of the building, i.e. the dome and the sanctuary, which are both in great need of reparation.

This year, three men from the United Kingdom will join our Seminary of Gricigliano (Italy), and begin their formation to the priesthood: in these days of darkness, these vocations are both an answer to our daily prayers, our sacrifices, and a sign of hope. Please keep praying for Lee, Gary and Joseph! More candidates will join our house of discernment in Preston in November, where they will learn French, community life and spirituality of the Institute of Christ the King.

Finally, we have the great joy to announce the foundation of a new apostolate of the ICKSP in Shrewsbury Diocese: Bishop Mark Davies has invited a Canon of the Institute to reside permanently in his episcopal city (Shrewsbury), where our priest (and a seminarian) will live the canonical life (according to the Constitution of the ICKSP) and celebrate daily Mass. The mission will resume in October, more details to come. Thank you again for your prayers to support this new foundation!

Our activities at the Shrine will resume throughout the month of September: Sunday Catechism classes, monthly Faith formation (on the Blessed Sacrament for the Year of the Eucharist), Domus Christiani, Youth group, first Saturdays for families, etc...

To continue our restoration work of our beautiful Shrine, we beg your help again. We need to find £ 5,000 matchfunding in order to go ahead with our HLF 4 project (see page 4).



*Canon Poucin and the Youth
Group: a lot of fun with
laserquest and bowling.*



Each year in September, we also need to pay our building & car insurances, which amounts to £ 5,000. We trust in your generosity. However, the most important thing for us is your support and your prayer. If you want to help us, please use the enclosed donation form.

Each morning, after the canonical office of Lauds, we say St Joseph's litanies for the intentions of our spiritual & financial benefactors.

In these difficult and challenging times for the Church, we would like to recall the wise words of our Patron Saint, saint Francis de Sales on holy indifference:

“Take notice, I pray you, Theotimus, how the life of the Apostles was filled with afflictions: in the body by wounds, in the heart by anguish, according to the world by infamy and prisons, and in all these, O God! What indifference they had!

Their sorrow is joyous, their poverty rich, their death life-giving, their dishonour honourable, that is, they are joyful for being sad, content to be poor, strengthened with life amid the dangers of death, and glorious in being made vile, because such was the will of God. And whereas the will of God was more recognized in sufferings than in the actions of virtues, he ranks the exercise of patience first, saying: But in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses: and then, towards the end, in chastity, in knowledge, in long-suffering” (Treatise of the Love of God, Book IX, chapter V, “That holy indifference extends to all things”).

Thank you for your precious help!

With all our blessings, for you and your families,

God bless you,



Canon Montjean



Canon Poucin de Wouilt



Father Gribbin
affiliated Priest

Time flies: life at the Dome



“Oh Mary we crown Thee...”
Marian procession for the 13th May.



Corpus Christi procession.



Canon Piaggio's priestly ordination last 5th July (*left*) and his 1st Solemn High Mass, 2nd September (*right*).
He spent his last year of Seminary with us at the Dome.

Your Canons at work!



A massive restoration job done by your Canons: the working sacristy was repainted by Canon Parant during the summer...



... and Canon Poucin put his carpentry skills to the service of the Dome to build new shelves and worktop in this storage room for worship objects.



Final result.



Canon Montjean at work in the garden.

HLF Project: 4th part is coming!

Restoration of the sanctuary & the dome

Seven years ago, Ss Peter & Paul and St Philomena's Church was closed, leaking and full of rubbish. Today, two thirds of the roofs have been restored with a fourth restoration project funded by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) about to start; and the community is growing.



Bishop Davies' vision was for a Shrine Church for the whole diocese, based on the traditional Mass and daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which he entrusted to the Institute of Christ the King.

Canon Montjean puts the success down to God's grace. He comments, "Once daily Adoration had been established, everything else seemed to fall into place. Not that it's been easy...but many people have helped."

The church, has had three successful restoration projects under HLF Grants for Places of Worship, with match-funding from National Churches Trust and Latin Mass Society. Projects have developed 'Activities' to broaden public access, beginning modestly in 2013 with a volunteer-led Heritage Tour and a Guide book and culminating in a national award-winning Audio Tour as part of a Primary Education Pack.

Canon Montjean added, "All the Activities highlight the building as a Place of Worship but have welcomed everyone with charity, as St Francis de Sales, our patron, advises."

With the closure of the HLF Grants for Places of Worship in 2017, Canon Montjean's team decided to apply for a larger Heritage Grant, in order to complete the restoration of the main sanctuary and the dome roofs. Preparation for this next project began over a year ago, Canon Montjean was delighted to be awarded a First Round Pass for £ 72,000, despite stiff competition. This amount will be used to develop the project and prepare for second round application. Thirteen projects applied at First Round, with only three successful, The Dome being one of them.

HLF require successive projects to engage more people and different audiences. The new project proposes a variety of Activities such as collecting memories for a dementia-friendly, Interactive Photo Album, to digitise significant life events such as Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Weddings; an intergenerational event to help children discover grandparents' personal heritage; Scaffolding Tours for architects, surveyors and students; a Sector Learning conference event aimed at churches interested in submitting grant applications and a 'Big-Choir Community Heritage Hymn Sing'.

There is massive competition for Heritage Grant Second Round funding with museums and local councils in the race. We will need experienced new staff to prepare that application and raise the necessary match-funding before November 2019 for a £362,900 Grant. For more details on those job opportunities, email Canon Montjean on newbrighton@icrsp.org.