

ABOUT SAINT BENEDICT'S

A Catholic Education

Saint Benedict's will be a Catholic school under the umbrella of the Institute of Christ King Sovereign Priest. The spirit of the school will be rooted in the teaching and tradition of the Catholic Church. St. Benedict's will form children through the teaching of the Church and the pursuit of truth, goodness and beauty. All the supernatural and human values of Christian civilization will be promoted, highlighting the harmony between Culture and Christianity.

How will this be done?

- Intellectual formation based on traditional and classical pedagogy.
- Spiritual formation rooted in the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and nourished by the celebration of the Sacraments in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite
- Moral values will be cultivated in a healthy, honest and joyful atmosphere. Pupils will be encouraged to take on responsibilities
- Our patrons will be the patrons of the Institute: St. Benedict for the spiritual life and Sacraments, St. Thomas Aquinas for our studies and St. Francis de Sales for friendship and Charity.

Why Saint Benedict?

St. Benedict founded the roots of Europe so his patronage will help us to establish an oasis of Culture and Faith for the children of our school and their families.

In order to get to the Benedictine notion of community we have to step back in time to the 5th Century in southern Italy, when a man, whom we might nowadays describe as a college drop-out, gathered around himself a group of young men interested in seeking God together. Some of them may have been well educated but they didn't intend to start a college. What they wanted was a school of the Lord's service and their teacher was to be the man who had discontinued his studies in Rome because its worldly environment was not what he sought. His name was Benedict.

The Rule he wrote for his monks is generally credited with playing a major role in preserving the learning of the past and creating a social fabric that would provide security and stability for new growth in Christian Europe.

The monasteries that he founded and the Rule that governed them are stamped with his deep respect for the person and his unerring sense of proportion. The Rule of Benedict has been used by countless generations of monks and nuns, and has also served as a model for many other civic and social bodies. it has helped to form the very fabric of Christian Culture in Europe.



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"Ora et Labora"



Dear Friends and Benefactors,

We all know how vital it is for the future of the Church that our children are thoroughly formed in our Catholic faith. At St Walburge's in Preston, in the last century, there was a thriving school in the convent and library buildings just next to the shrine. Now we are going to give new life to that school and bring back the sound of children's voices to its walls. St Benedict's School will provide a solid, traditional education and Catholic formation for its pupils, under the spiritual care of the Canons of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. We know that many families are seeking just such a formation for their children.

Imagine a school where the pupils have catechism classes from a priest, where the 'school Mass' is celebrated with the traditional liturgy and children's voices sing the timeless Gregorian chant of the Church! A school where a classical-style education is united with character training in the spirit of St Francis de Sales. This is the work of forming tomorrow's Catholic adults - what could be more important?

This is an exciting opportunity and we have been blessed by providence, but we are in need of your spiritual and financial support. Families have moved to Preston to be part of this initiative and a group of "little pioneers" can't wait for their lessons to start! But much needs to be done to prepare the buildings to make them ready for the school and to buy the necessary resources. Overleaf you can see some of the work that must be done to make classrooms, playgrounds, a refectory etc.

In the meantime though, our little pioneers aren't going to hang around! **On 21st November 2017 lessons will be starting next to the new Shrine Church of the English Martyrs.** (The Canons of the Institute received from our bishop the care of this beautiful Pugin church on 24th September and it is now a shrine of the Lancaster Diocese, dedicated to the English martyrs). The church has some rooms that we will use temporarily as classrooms but we need help towards staff and resources.

Yours in Christ,

Canon Cristofoli, *Chaplain*

M. McCowen BSc (Hons) MSc PGCE, *Senior Master*



Liturgy at the school will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite

VERITATEM FACIENTES IN CARITATE

Phase 1: Opening at English Martyrs' on 21st November 2017

We will open on 21st November 2017, initially in the buildings next to our new Shrine Church of Saint Thomas of Canterbury & the English Martyrs (see left). Later on, with your support, we wish to move to the larger buildings next to Saint Walburge's, which were formerly a school (see right).



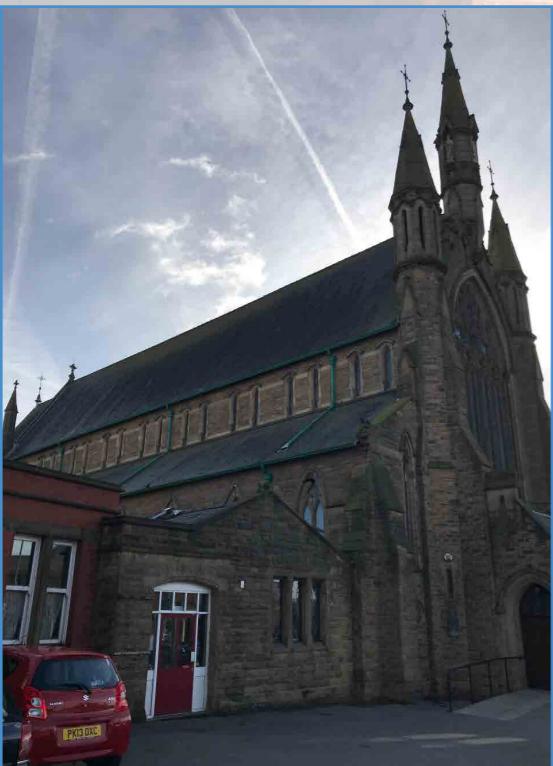
Brussels International Catholic School



Some of the Institute's schools around the world:

- Brussels International Catholic School (above)
 - Our Lady of Fatima (Lille, France)
 - Saint Philomena (Rennes, France)
- Our Lady of Fatima (Montpellier, France)
- Scuola del Bambino Gesù (Sieci, Italy)
- Saint Francis de Sales (Mouila, Gabon)

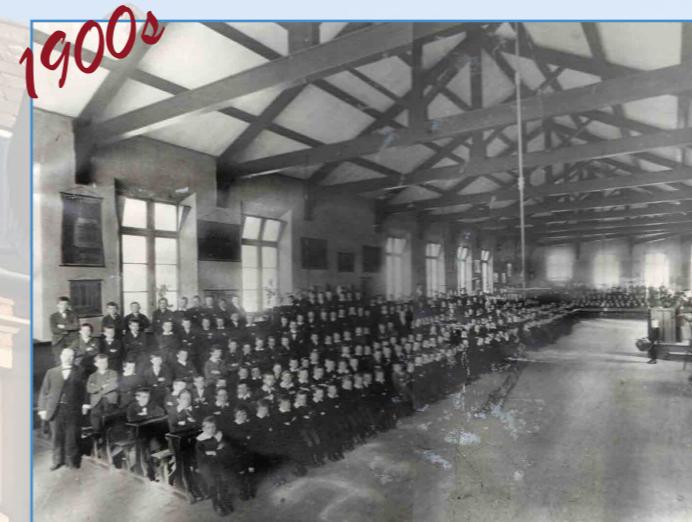
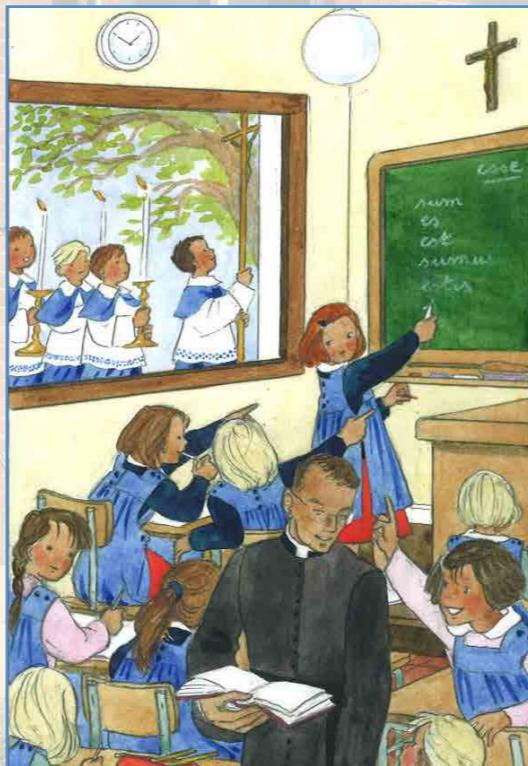
Some of our staff and pupils ready for the opening of their new school next month.
And of course 'Guiness' the labrador.



The hall and rooms we will use initially, next to English Martyrs' Church.

English Martyrs' has some rooms that are being prepared for the start of teaching in November.

We hope to raise £5,000 for furniture, books and resources.



The old Talbot Library:
the future refectory

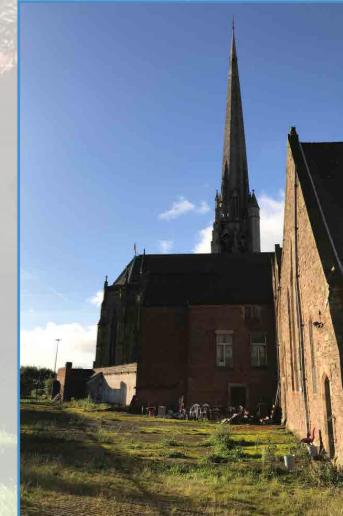


Left: 1st floor: We plan to have three classrooms here, where the sisters would have originally taught.

Right: Just behind the convent, in the shade of the church and its famous Spire, is the future playground in need of resurfacing and drainage.



2nd floor: We plan to have two classrooms here, but there is much to do: floor, walls, ceiling, electrics...



Initial launch costs for Phase 1: £5,000

Estimated cost for Phase 2: £250,000