

SISTERS ADORERS OF THE ROYAL HEART OF JESUS SOVEREIGN PRIEST



ST AUGUSTINE'S CONVENT

WINTER 2019

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

At the start of the New Year, we are happy to share some news with you as well as our hope that the New Year will bring many graces from Heaven for each of you.

Our summer months were filled by the organisation and management of holiday camps, retreats and family days in Ireland and Italy. For these occasions we looked after the children: it is always a great joy for us to assist the canons and to work to inspire in the children a greater awareness of God's presence through the singing of the liturgy and the beauty of the worship of Our Lord (Mass, Adoration, sung offices).

At the end of the summer we had the joy of taking part in the annual chapter of our canons in Gricigliano, meeting our Reverend Mother again, a number of our sisters from other houses, and our spiritual family including all the canons.

A second sister has started teaching at the St. Benedict Academy in Preston: French lessons, Gregorian chant singing and catechism are taught three days a week. The sisters also sing the Holy Mass every Friday at noon in the Church of the English Martyrs, during which the children practice the various Kyrie.

In September, Monsignor Wach and our Reverend Mother Caroline-Marie of the Holy Trinity came to visit the apostolate and our house in Preston, encouraging and advising us.

On the 17th of October, feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, one of our patron saints, we went on a visit of the beautiful medieval city of Shrewsbury.

Then, as the time came to prepare for Christmas, we took part in the day retreat before Advent, given by the canons to the congregation. Talks on our Lady and St. Joseph, the Rosary, as well as Adoration in the Church of the English Martyrs which has been entrusted to our care.

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Summer holiday camps in Ireland and Italy



Visit of Msgr Wach and Reverend Mother Caroline-Marie of the Holy Trinity



Craft activities with children



Community visit to Shrewsbury

Ora et Labora - life at the Convent



Daily Adoration at St. Walburge's



Gregorian teaching at St. Benedict's Academy



Christmas decorations



Gregorian Chant during Sunday High Mass



Housekeeping: gardening and cooking



Rehearsals of Gregorian chant (for Sunday masses and great feasts, the Carolingian acclamations for the feast of Christ the King, Matins and Christmas; polyphony), sewing sessions for the Church of the English Martyrs (tabernacle veil for the main altar and the Winter chapel, Altar-covers...), and housekeeping chores rhythm our daily life, which itself is marked by Holy Mass each morning, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrement, and the sung offices of Vespers and Compline each evening with the community of canons.

In the time before Christmas, we went caroling with the St. Walburge Choir in the city-centre.

We are reminded by this family life of our bond with other houses of the Insitute and of our common wish to work for the glory of God, there where He has placed us.

Dear friends, thank you so much for your spiritual and financial support. Please do not hesitate to give us your prayer intentions: we will be delighted to bring them to the Royal Heart of Our Lord, during Adoration.

Be assured of our daily prayers for you and your families,

May God bless you and Our Lady of Walsingham protect you!

Your Sisters Adorers

Your Sisters need your help!

For the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls, we have taken up a life of poverty as part of our vocation. Having no income from our contemplative life, we rely solely on the generosity and charity of our friends to pay for our necessary expenditures. We would be most grateful if you could help us financially.

We thank you for your aid after our previous appeal, but we are still in great financial need. Our main concern is the payment of our annual heating bill (£2000 approx.), our house insurance (£1500 approx.), and council tax (£1500 approx.), car insurance, in addition to our daily needs (food, petrol, and maintenance of the house). If you could set up a monthly donation, however small it may be, this would be a great help and would enable us to more fully dedicate ourselves to Adoration and prayer for all of you.

Thank you in advance for your support, and please be assured of our special prayers for our benefactors.