

SISTERS ADORERS OF THE ROYAL HEART OF JESUS SOVEREIGN PRIEST



ST. AUGUSTINE'S CONVENT

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Weekly adoration at St. Walburge's

Dear friends and
benefactors,

In this holy season
of Lent, during which we
commemorated the sufferings
of our Saviour, we have not
failed to pray for you and to
bring your prayer intentions
to the suffering Heart of Jesus.
Saint Francis de Sales reminds

us that "it is good sometimes that we should be afflicted in order for us to be consoled, and also to be deprived of the things that we love in order to find those things that we ought to love." This grace-filled season has called us back to what is essential: the Only True Love Which is Our Lord Jesus Christ. And the coming Paschaltide with all its joys gives us an opportunity to share some news with you.

Last October, on the occasion of the Feast Day of our patroness Saint Margaret-Mary, some of the Sisters were blessed with a trip to Naples to attend the vestition of five postulants in our formation house. As part of this touching ceremony, the sister-to-be enters the sanctuary in a wedding gown before she asks for the "habit of holy conversion". The latter is a reminder of our vocation to contemplation: the scapular we



*The new novices, on the day of their
vestition, with Cardinal Mamberti,
prefect of the Apostolic Signatura,
and Msgr. Wach*



Close-up upon our habit: round edge of the scapular and the belt, with the coat of arms of the Institute; Rosary beads

wear has round edges at the bottom, which is different to the ones which the Carmelite or Benedictine nuns wear, and represents the chasuble the priests wear, thus reminding us of our own vocation of prayer for the priesthood.

The headband hiding the forehead – which is similar to the one worn by the Visitation Sisters with whom we share the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales – symbolises submission of self-judgement; the black-coloured belt is modelled

after the one which is worn by priests and bears the arms of the Institute of Christ the King. Rosary beads hang from the belt, which are adorned with a medal showing the Immaculate Conception and the Sacred Heart. The blue choir habit, which we put on during the times of liturgical prayer and for the adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament covers us with the love and virtues of the Most Holy Virgin before we appear in front of her Divine Son.

Among these young ladies of various nationalities was our first African vocation: born in Niger, she was led by Divine Providence to our



missions in Gabon in order to prepare herself for the religious life and enter the noviciate.

In March we rejoiced in the profession of four novices who received the black veil and the cross of Saint Francis de Sales. What an abundance of graces for our community! And

Visit to Ladywell Shrine, where is kept the altar upon which St. Edmund Campion celebrated Holy Mass



Solemn Vespers at St. Walburge's

for Holy Church, whose children we are and whom we want to serve with humility. We thank you deeply for your prayers and sacrifices, the fruits of which these vocations are without any doubt. Once again thank you.

Here in Preston, we have now offered regularly since last November an opportunity for some young ladies to spend an afternoon with us at our house of Saint Augustine: recitation of the rosary with the Sisters, pieces of work, both liturgical and artistic, and spiritual conferences are part of these afternoons in which the young ladies are able to make friends and have a glimpse of the religious life. After a well-deserved snack, they are invited to attend sung Vespers which bring the afternoon to a close.



Dear friends, in this Paschal Time, we ask the Eucharistic Jesus to console you in your trials and to strengthen you in your fights. Blessed Pope Pius IX said that “devotion to Saint Joseph was the remedy to all evils in modern society”:



Ora et labora: Ladies' afternoon at the Convent

may the great Saint Joseph support you as he supports the Church and each and every Christian to whom he wants to be a father and benefactor.

May Immaculate Mary be our heavenly star always.

In Corde Regis,

Your Sister Adorers



A great thank you for your support!

Dear friends,

Having taken the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, we do not receive any income and rely entirely on our benefactors' support. So, many thanks for your generous response to last summer's letter.

Your kind donations help us pay annual bills such as: heating and electricity bills (£10,000); house insurance (£1,500); and council tax (£1,600).

Each donation is a great help to us and regular offerings by monthly standing order, however small are much appreciated. We assure you of a profound gratitude and our fervent prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.

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