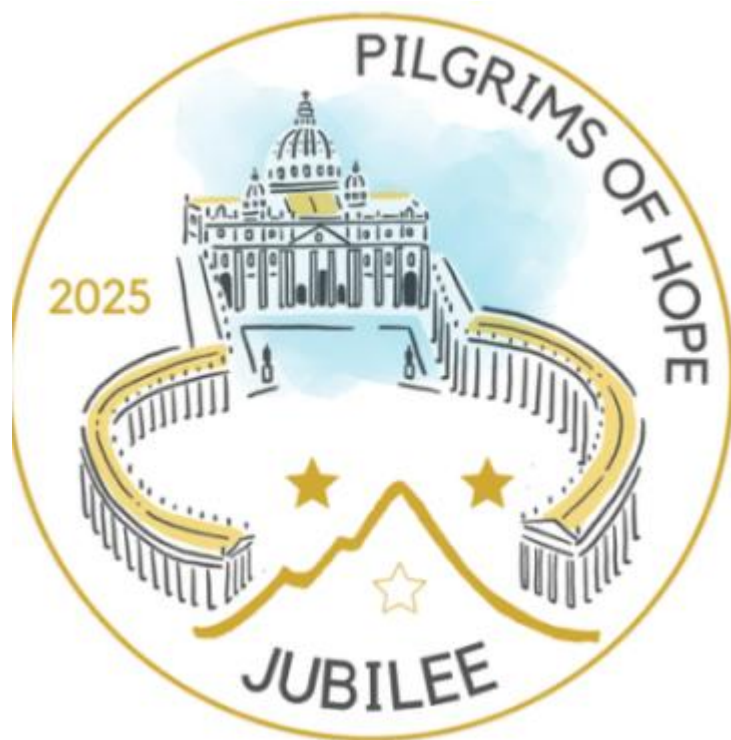




TYBURN MISSION NEWSLETTER

Jubilee Year 2025

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JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Dear Friends,

This year is one of Hope, something greatly needed in the current world. For those of us who place our faith in Jesus Christ, there is always reason to hope, especially during this season when we celebrate His Resurrection from the dead. And it seems more people are indeed turning to Christ, for there were

17,800 entering the Church in France alone this year! Our own Motto for the year, inspired by the Jubilee, is Jesus our Hope. With joy we have welcomed the election of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as we continue our lives of prayer above all for the Holy Father and the Church.

The apostle of the Sacred Heart, St Claude de la Colombiere, has written beautifully about the virtue of Hope: *"...No one, no one who has hoped in the Lord has been confounded! I am sure, therefore, that I shall be eternally happy, since I firmly hope to be, and because it is from You, O GOD, that I hope for it. I know, alas! I know only too well, that I am weak and unstable. I know*

what temptation can do against the strongest virtue. I have seen the stars of heaven fall, and the pillars of the firmament; but that cannot frighten me. So long as I continue to hope, I shall be sheltered from all misfortune; and I am sure of hoping always, since I hope also for this unwavering hopefulness! Finally, I am sure that I cannot hope too much in You, and that I cannot receive less than I have hoped for from You. So, I hope that You will hold me safe on the steepest slopes, that You will sustain me against the most furious assaults, and that You will make my weaknesses triumph over my most fearful enemies. I hope that You will love me always, and that I too shall love You without ceasing. To carry my hope once and for all as far as it can go, I hope from You to possess You, O my Creator, in time and in eternity. AMEN.

NEWS FROM OUR MISSION FOUNDATIONS

As you would remember from the last Mission newsletter, our



monastery in Sechura, for many reasons, is being transferred to a site further away from town. Though the transfer is not yet

accomplished, one sign of hope for the future of our Peruvian house was the admission of a postulant in Sechura, Sr Flor de Maria Quinde Cruz. Please pray for her perseverance.

At the Motherhouse here, we recently celebrated the Diamond

Jubilee of Profession of Mother Nicholas Owen who was in Peru for 40 years, and the Prioress for many of those years. We thank God for her fidelity to her vocation and the generosity with which she formed those who entered. With Mother Xavier and Mother Cyril, (the 3 are pictured below) she was one of the foundation stones of this monastery.



Monasterio del Paraclito Divino, **Guatape, Colombia**



For our Monastery in Colombia, which contains a shrine for our Lady of Pontmain, otherwise called Our Lady of Hope, the 17th of January was a special day. They celebrated this feast, in the year of Hope, with a procession to the shrine, accompanied by guests and visitors who are never lacking in this scenic and peaceful guesthouse.



The manmade lakes of Guatape are a special part of the scenery. Last year these were threatened with a drought causing the waters to be at their lowest ever level. This year there have been excessive rains to make up for it, and the lake is once again almost full. The rain caused extensive landslides throughout the area and, in our own monastery, flooding of the entire ground floor of the monastery. The Sisters worked hard to clear the water and debris, commenting that one good thing was that the monastery got a thorough cleaning in the process! The repaired roofs



have remained firm and kept out the rain from above at least, so thanks be to God and to all our benefactors!

We continue to pray for peace in Colombia, following the sad news of the attempted assassination of a good Presidential candidate, Miguel Uribe Turbay. Let us pray for his recovery and for a strong Catholic presence in their government.

**Tyburn Monastere du Coeur
Eucharistique de Jesus, St Loup,
France**



As always, the new liturgical year starts with advent, and shortly after, on the 7th of December our community in France put up their Christmas decorations early, partly

to celebrate the re-opening of the Notre Dame cathedral which they say looks



brighter and more beautiful than before. That was fittingly followed by all our communities celebrating the Holy Hour on 8th December with Our Lady Rosa Mystica. Our Mothers in France remarked that the devotion is not well known and yet the message is so powerful. The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked Her for during this Hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the will of the Eternal Father....

The community is blessed with the friendship and support of the local Bishop Rev. Joseph de Metz who came to visit as usual on the 31st of January. These meals are always carefully planned, in order to live up to the high standard of French cuisine. One Mother writes: "It was decided that escargots – snails –



would be on the menu! Some of us were not quite sure how to eat them with the proper etiquette – especially in front of the Bishop, so we borrowed 8 snail pincers from our friend Christine and had a practice with them the night before at supper time! It was interesting to say the least...Mother S was adamant to observe us and not partake of this challenge. ...I noticed that our English sister was very quiet during the entrée...The Bishop noticed too and then made a remark that next time we should try Frogs legs!" These snails are not the common garden snails but can found on our property at France.

On the 2nd of February they hosted the annual celebration of the day for religious and welcomed all the religious, male and female of the diocese. The Bishop spoke to them of the signs of hope in his Diocese. He has noted a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith and to gain a deeper understanding of it, which thus awakens new vocations. He thinks the cause of this revival is twofold. Thanks to the Covid virus, the population is looking for a meaning to their earthly life, and thanks to the Muslim religion, the population is being stimulated to practice their Catholic faith. Let us thank the Lord who arranges all things for the good of souls, even when, at the time, we cannot see it, as in the collapse of their wall near the grotto of our Lady!



As mentioned in the last newsletter, the anti-clerical laws of 1901 in France, which sent Mother Adele Garnier and her new community into exile to London, are still being felt today. All religious are required by law to purchase health insurance, which is not a bad thing but it is such a large expense that many communities struggle to cover the cost. There is a true story of an Abbot who rejoiced at receiving an influx of about 20 new vocations. But in the evening he sat down to calculate the cost of the insurance – called Cavimac – and was unable to sleep that night! Our community in France tries to keep costs down, such as wearing 8 jumpers each in winter to save on heating costs! As well as selling crafts and baking to raise funds. However, they are never able to afford this quarterly bill of approx. 10,000 euros. So for these payments, our Congregation always assists them



Sr. Marguerite-Marie

but this year is struggling to find the required funds. Any help material or spiritual, will be most gratefully received.

On a happier note, our French novice, Sr Marguerite-Marie, has been accepted for temporary profession and the ceremony will be in July. Please pray for more good French vocations (but perhaps not 20!)

Monasterio Puerta del Cielo **Vicabamba, Ecuador**



Signs of hope are also to be seen in Ecuador where the Catholic population had been anxiously making a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the presidential elections. They are thankful that the Catholic, Daniel Noboa was re-elected and hope that he will have more success in fighting the crime rate which remains stubbornly high in the once peaceful country.



The Sisters recount other blessings in their monastery: "The entrance to the monastery, the Cross and a part of the chapel where the crucifix is, has also been renovated.



Now water no longer enters through the ceilings, it only enters the cells because there are leaks, but they will soon be fixed too.

We have harvested quite a few vegetables such as parsley, spinach, chard, etc. The rains are beginning and thank God the plants are

returning to their natural color, all the people including us asked in our prayers for the rain to come



because you could see that in the fields there was not much grass anymore. We hope to have a beautiful green landscape soon and we hope that the animals have grass to eat.



We also now have a very beautiful road to the monastery, and it is already finished. I remember very well when we arrived at this place, this road was ugly, very difficult to walk, there were many stones. Now everything is asphalted... After many years everything has

changed, we have electricity, telephone, internet, home gas service, home garbage service (2 times a week), drinking water and well water. Deo Gratias!!”

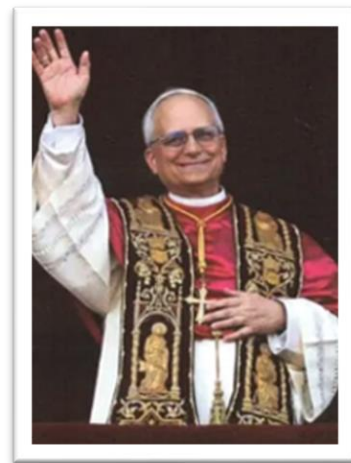
“In this month of February, we had the joy of celebrating consecrated life. Many religious came, we had the Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Father Jorge Montagna and 3 other priests. It was a great joy to meet many of them. Afterwards there was a gathering and shared meal. “



THANKYOU once again for your generous support of these mission monasteries! May the good Lord reward you a hundredfold and bless your families and loved ones also. You and your intentions are remembered in the daily prayers of these monasteries, and a monthly Mass is celebrated for the souls of all our departed benefactors.

With our affectionate greetings,
The Tyburn Nuns

Let us keep our new Holy Father Pope Leo XIV in our prayers!



Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

*O God, shepherd and ruler
of all the faithful,
look favourably on your
servant Leo XIV,
whom you have set
at the head of your Church
as her shepherd;
grant, we pray,
that by word and example
he may be of service
to those over whom he
presides
so that, together with the
flock
entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting
life.
Through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and
ever. Amen.*