



## Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre OSB

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*Newsletter for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart 2017.*

### Titular Feast of the Congregation.



Dear Friends,

“ In the Heart of the Divine Master, we will draw without ceasing love from its source. ....The image ( *of the Sacred Heart*) for Marie Adele is the Eucharist, Christ Himself who renews the gift of life:..... The paschal memorial welcomes the invitation of the Master: “Abide in me, as I abide in you.... (Jn. 15:4).

Adele abides in the highest moment of Christ’s self-donation - in which God’s love unites the offering of His death and resurrection - certain that this manifests the finest fruitfulness for those who “adore God in spirit and in truth” (Jn. 4:23) : the salvation of the world.” (*The Path of Mother Adele Garnier by Gianmario Piga.*)

As we conclude the glorious season of Easter and approach the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart we cannot but draw our minds, thoughts, hearts and attention towards our Mother Foundress and her charism and of her devotion to the Sacred Heart, which, “is not only the perennial fount of His inexhaustible love from which arise unceasing supplications to His Father; but also the source of that love which His Spirit pours forth upon all the members of His Mystical Body.” (“ *Statement on the Charism of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre OSB.*”)

We wish to share with you some of the blessings that this Divine Heart has showered upon us, both as a congregation and here as a community. First and foremost, as a congregation, the greatest blessing since we last communicated with you through this letter has been the official canonical opening of the cause for beatification of our Mother Foundress, “*The Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier.*” which took place in our monastery, St. Loup, France, on Saturday 3rd December 2016. The main celebrant was the Most Rev. Joseph de Metz Noblat, Bishop of the diocese, several other priests from around the diocese concelebrated with him and many religious and lay faithful were also present at the ceremony. On this same day our Mother General was informed that the house where our Mother Foundress was born was for sale, and through the generosity of our friends and benefactors our congregation has, by God’s mercy and providence been able to purchase it. Since then there has been unexpected fervent international interest in her



and her Eucharistic spirituality. Rev. Mother Xavier McMonagle, the Assistant General of our congregation has been interviewed on a programme on EWTN with Rev. Fr. Mitch Pacwa SJ. The programme would air on 5th July. Here in our monastery the monthly study day on her life and spirituality continues to be held on the last Saturday of the month. However, for the month of June it will be on the 17th, the 93rd anniversary of her death. The day itself begins about 9am. For more information and bookings, please contact Mother Prioress. Many favours are being received through our Mother’s intercession, including that of a married couple who were unable to have a baby for 4 years,

but 2 weeks. after praying at Marie Adele’s tomb, they were expecting their first child. Thanks be to God and Mother Foundress a healthy baby girl, Anna Grace Adele was born on 9th January 2017. Here in our monastery we had a very interesting talk on the 6th March, 2017 on “*The Benedictine Influence in the West of Scotland*” by Rev. Deacon Dr. Harry Schnitker, whom I’m sure some of you

know writes a series of articles consisting of a page each week on different topics of church history in the Scottish Catholic Observer.

Our Christian Heritage museum here in our monastery is also another item of interest not only from a Benedictine point of view, but also from a Scottish historical point of view. Guided tours are also available, for more information and bookings please contact Mother Prioress. The tearoom is also open here at the monastery. We have also extended our monastery shop. While we continue to provide a variety of devotional and spiritual reading books for sale we also have a variety of hand made cards (by the sisters) for various occasions and gifts which we can send out to you, or you can come to the monastery and see them for yourself - whichever is most convenient. We have also begun a lending library here at the monastery, and any donations of books and (unwanted used greeting cards for recycling) would be very much appreciated.

Now that the weather is improving for the summer, Largs itself is getting busier, which increases the number of visitors and guests to our retreat centre and cottage. We provide facilities for private retreats and the cottage is usually booked for the use of groups and families, the latter being very popular. Advanced booking are essential. For more information and bookings please contact Mother Prioress. The chapel is also open all day with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and all are welcome to join us for Holy Mass and the liturgy and/or make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to have a set time of adoration or would like to organise a group of 4 or more for a vigil of all night adoration (ladies group and mens group separate) please contact Mother Prioress.

Thanks to the generosity of all our friends and benefactors the very urgent roof repairs have all been successfully completed. Our next project will be the skylight in the chapel and the replacement of a large number of windows throughout the building, any assistance you are able to give us would be very much appreciated. As a token of our gratitude for your generosity all of you are remembered in our daily prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered monthly for you and yours and indeed all your intentions, this month Holy Mass will be offered for you on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart which comes up on 23 June. On this day there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration with Benediction from 3.00 - 4.00pm and all are invited.

On 27th. June there will be a talk entitled "Missionary Discipleship" by Rev. Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM at 3pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Our annual strawberry tea will be held in the tearoom on August 26 and all are most welcome.

We wish all our friends and benefactors every grace and blessing for the solemnity of the Sacred Heart. May God bless you all abundantly.

Mother Prioress and community.



ANNA GRACE ADELE on her christening day on Palm Sunday, 2017