



Tyburn Association of Adoration

The Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre, O.S.B. are a Contemplative Congregation founded by Mother Mary of St Peter (Marie Adele Garnier) in 1898 at Montmartre. She brought her religious family to England in 1901, and settled at Tyburn Convent in 1903. Consecrated to the Sacred Heart, the Congregation is entirely dedicated to Divine Worship in the liturgy and in the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Eucharist.

“The special purpose of the Congregation is to consecrate itself to the Worship and Praise of the Adorable Trinity through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and in union with Him to surround the Divine Heart with the continual homage of Love and Reparation, especially in the Perpetual Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, and to draw down most plentiful blessings upon the whole world, and in a very particular way upon the Sovereign Pontiff, Holy Church and the Country; and finally to work for the extension of the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart, and in this way to foster the salvation and sanctification of souls.”

- Mother Marie Adèle Garnier 1900



**Mother Mary of St Peter
(Marie Adèle Garnier)
1838 – 1924**

Foundress of the
Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of
Montmartre O.S.B.

Mother Garnier's great desire was that each house of the Congregation should be a centre of prayer, attracting many people to the Eucharist. From the beginning she envisaged lay people sharing in the Perpetual Adoration. In 1901 she writes of this apostolate: *“to make the Heart of Jesus known and loved – to give hospitality to women and young girls desiring to share in the Perpetual Night Adoration in the Sisters' chapel”*.

THE TYBURN ASSOCIATION OF ADORATION brings this desire to fruition. It was founded in 1964 in conjunction with the late Hon. Henrietta Bower to give the opportunity to those drawn to the Eucharist to share in the apostolate of prayer and penance of the Congregation. The Association received the official approval of Cardinal Heenan in 1966 and since that date its members have been responsible for the night watching at Tyburn on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of each week.

TYBURN ASSOCIATION OF ADORATION STATUTES

1. Title

The Tyburn Association of Adoration.

2. Aims and Rules

To give religious and lay people the opportunity of sharing in the apostolate of prayer and penance of the community at Tyburn Convent by taking part in the Perpetual Adoration on a regular basis.

Each member will take her turn, watching normally once a month, in the rota for night adoration at Tyburn. If anyone is legitimately prevented from making the vigil at Tyburn, she should make at least one hour's prayer, in some other church or at home.

During her vigils, each member will include in her prayer the intentions of the Tyburn community.

Members are expected to attend the general meetings held at Tyburn.

On Saturday after the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the Act of Consecration will be renewed by the whole group at Tyburn. Any member unable to be present will renew the Act privately in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

3. Admission to Membership

The members of the Association are those who have been admitted by Mother Prioress of Tyburn Convent.

Candidates are put on probation for one year to study the spirit of the Association.

After this year, the candidate makes the Act of Consecration and is admitted to full membership, and will then be inscribed in the Book of the Association of Tyburn Convent.

A day of Retreat will be arranged each year, preferably in June. In addition there will be regular meetings during the year.

4. Privileges

The members of the Association will be included in the daily Prayers of Intercession at Vespers at Tyburn.

On the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart Mass will be offered for all members.

In November, Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased members.

On the death of a member, Mass will be offered at Tyburn, and the name will be entered in the community Necrology.

5. Government

All matters concerning functioning of the Association are under the presidency of Mother Prioress of Tyburn Convent in conjunction with the Committee of the Association.

The Committee will consist of four members appointed by the Prioress after consultation with the Association. A

Treasurer and Secretary will be chosen from this committee. Each year one member will be replaced by a new member, each member thus serving for four years. If a committee member is unable to continue in office, notice of resignation will be given in writing to Mother Prioress who will appoint a replacement.

The committee will meet at least three times a year at Tyburn Convent.

**Approved: + John Cardinal Heenan
Archbishop of Westminster
27 September 1966**

Something of the experience of watching at Tyburn is described by one of the early members, Miss Eva Jennings, quoted in the Hon. Mrs Henrietta Bower's book, 'Challenge to Godlessness'. She writes: "*To spend two hours watching before the Blessed Sacrament at Tyburn, in the quiet of the night, is a tremendously moving spiritual experience. Those who*

take their turn at regular intervals know that there are times when it is hard to pray even in this Holy place and in such ideal conditions. The flesh is weak and one can feel tired, sleepy or just plain restless. Sometimes it is the incessant noise of the traffic that seems to take all one's attention. But I think it is the universal experience that some time during the night there is that feeling of closeness with Our Divine Lord – an almost physical consciousness of the Real Presence, a feeling of being happy with God – a small foretaste of Paradise.

Gradually through this continuous night of adoration, when there is so much time to pray for one's own intentions, one's family, one's relatives, friends, the Holy Father, the needs of the Church – one seems to see life and all earthly things from a supernatural viewpoint, and in the way that you think they look in the eyes of a loving Saviour, anxious for the souls of men. One becomes truly part of the Universal Church.”

“Communion only reaches its true depths when it is supported and surrounded by adoration.”

- Pope Benedict XVI

A FEW DETAILS ABOUT NIGHT ADORATION

Watchers should arrive at Tyburn by 9.00 pm. If Vigilants are unable to come on their appointed day, they should notify the nun in charge of the Vigilants as soon as possible.

Watchers divide into two groups, each group watching for 2 x 2 hour periods with a two hour rest in between. The first watch will begin with the ringing of the bell at 9.30 pm. If the numbers present allow, discretion may be used in allowing some watchers to do only two hours, provided there is a continual watch before the Blessed Sacrament and the rest period of others is not disturbed. As this is a night of prayer and penance, everyone should respect the need for quiet and recollection.

Watchers are free to leave at 5.30 am, and no one should leave during the night. Mass is at 7.30 am from Monday to Friday, 10.00 am on Saturday, Sunday, Public and Bank holidays.

DAY ADORATION

If you wish to become a member of the Tyburn Association of Adoration but are unable to share in the night vigils, contact Mother Prioress, and we will arrange for you to share in the adoration by day.



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CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Mother Marie-Adèle Garnier

I adore you, Holy Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
I empty myself before Your Majesty.
I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You,
my God so good.
I thank you for all the graces
which you have lavished on me
and I implore from your mercy
pardon for my sins and my ingratitude.

Adorable Trinity, one only God in three persons,
anew I give myself wholly to You
through the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In union with the intentions
for which the Divine Victim offers Himself
in the sacrifice on the altar,
I renew the offering of myself to you
as a victim of adoration, love and praise,
thanksgiving, atonement and entreaty,
for the Holy Father, the Church
and for the worldwide fulfilment
of the plans of the Heart of Jesus,
so full of love and mercy.

I make a special offering to You,
through the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
of the prayer, work and suffering
of this day,
for these intentions (and particularly for ...)

Upheld by your grace, my God,
I will try to glorify You in all things
and I abandon myself with all my heart
to Your Holy Will. AMEN.





“All my desires go out in petition, asking for Adorers in spirit and in truth, whom the Father seeks, and whom His Son Jesus draws to Him by means of the Holy Eucharist.”

- Mother Marie Adèle Garnier, 1887