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Dear Friends,

On May the 4th we celebrated the Solemnity of the Tyburn Martyrs and,

as in past years, had a special commemoration of the Carthusian martyrs from the former London

Charterhouse – the Ceremony of the Roses. During the ceremony accounts are read from ‘The Passion of the Carthusian Martyrs’ (from the account of Dom Maurice Chauncey) The Prior, St John Houghton, (protomartyr of Tyburn) with his monks were aware that they would likely be killed for remaining loyal to the Catholic faith. Thus, their Prior advised them to prepare for death: *“Wherefore, my beloved, if you accept my counsel, we will strive through humble and true confession privately to reconcile ourselves first of all to God whom we have offended all of us in many things.”* Then they proceeded to be reconciled to one another since: *“without charity, life, however praiseworthy otherwise, and even death itself, is nothing worth...”*

Finally, to obtain the grace of God they celebrated a solemn Mass of the Holy Spirit. *“That the gracious Comforter himself, our God and Lord, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, without whom we cannot do or even think aught that is good, may vouchsafe so to console, strengthen and direct our hearts that in us and through us his holy will may find fulfilment to his eternal praise.”*

This Holy Mass was greatly blessed with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Dom Maurice records that: *“When the holy consecration was just over, suddenly there came from heaven –*

all of us heard and wondered – a pleasant sound like the voice of a gentle breeze, charming our outward ears as with a sweet breath, and gently striking them with a softly whispered murmur, but by some irresistible power appealing still more sweetly and more strongly to the inward ears. The celebrant, our Prior, steeped in the abundance of this divine sweetness, was so deeply affected that he had for some time to suspend the solemn Mass already begun. This grace of spiritual unction granted by God’s mercy was not received by the monks only nor confined within the limits of the choir, but the sound went forth to the whole building. Passing from end to end of the church it reached the converse brothers, softly charming hearts and ears. All whom that sound reached gladdened.... “

In the Martyrs Crypt is a painting recalling this event. It is a consoling reminder that the Holy Spirit, the “Comforter” is always present and ready to assist us to overcome our fears, to be courageous, to have fortitude in suffering and to bring us comfort. And that finally, He is our advocate and will plead for us on the day of judgement.

MONASTERIO DEL PARACLITO DIVINO, GUATAPE, COLOMBIA.



The Sisters of this monastery are rejoicing in the arrival of Mother M.Colmcille to help them for some months. M.Colmcille is from Scotland originally. She has some knowledge of the Spanish language and is learning the rest in the most effective way – by full immersion! The Prioress of this monastery expresses her confidence that the Holy Spirit will assist the new Mother by teaching her the language “poco a poco”! (little by little) Seeing this monastery for the first time M.Colmcille writes: *It is very beautiful and peaceful here, rich in birdsong and insects, fresh fruit and flowers. And the big bell still rings out over the valley and the blue hills disappearing into the horizon. We had quite a few guests for Lent and the*



Paschal Triduum. They were very helpful with the preparation for Easter, may the Risen Lord bless them abundantly.... Thank you, Lord. for this beautiful sanctuary full of light and peace, high above the world, close to you.... Parts of Colombia are experiencing a drought and lack of water at this time so many prayers are being offered for the precious gift of rain.



M.M.Socorro (left) with newly baked bread and R.M.M.Teresa (below) with jam made for selling



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



It is very different in France where they have severe Winters and usually quite a lot of snow. This year, as R.M.Prioress writes, *“there was a freak storm in a village next door to us – St Loup , so there was a delay in our roof repair as the storm had completely destroyed the roofs of half the village of arc-en-Barrois. Many houses had to make do with plastic tarpaulin roofs to protect their houses from snow and rain. We did not mind waiting a bit as their plight was more urgent than ours. Our roof is still being upheld by the metal beams, Deo Gratias!”* A builder will hopefully come to look at this roof, and the damaged one of our Marie Adele House, in late summer. R.M.



Sr Margarite Marie prepares the garden for spring planting

Seraphim continues *“Maintenance of these two properties is challenging but we are supported by so many kind friends and benefactors whom we pray for each day! We wish to thank each one of you for your generosity and help for this Community in France! Be assured of all our prayers, invoking all the many French Saints, and last but not least- Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of La Salette, Our Lady of Pontmain, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal ...the list goes on! Merci beaucoup”* The Community

Damaged roof in Monastery



continue to receive many visitors

and interest in Mother Foundress, who although she was French, is not

well known yet. They also continue to learn about the fascinating history of this country, once so Catholic and the land of so many Saints. One Mother writes of a book on St Margaret Mary being read in the refectory: *It is a VERY interesting read with much historical background, one such interesting fact is the influence of Jansenism in France.*



The Jansenists concealed all beautiful crucifixes on which the Figure of Christ has His arms wide open on the Cross with eyes tenderly lowered, and replaced them with "hideous little images, the hands of the Saviour fastened perpendicularly above His Head, to enclose within them as few souls as possible, and His eyes raised towards heaven as no longer to behold the earth." Reading this was quite sad and yet at the same time it helped us to identify such Jansenist crucifixes that we have seen here in France. Now we know why we have so many different types of crucifixes here! On further reading of this book the volatile political landscape is painted for the reader just before the French Revolution. One can see clearly why Our Lord chose a

humble little Visitation Nun to reveal His Love for the world in order to save the world! So now our prayer is more fervent - that the reign of the Sacred Heart may be a beacon of light and hope for all the world once again!



El Monasterio del Sagrado Corazon, Sechura, Peru



M.M.Nicola with the Mayor of Sechura

From the beginning of this foundation made in 1976, Mother M.Nicola has been an important part of its upbuilding. Born in England and entering the convent at Tyburn at the young age of 16yrs, she volunteered to go with the pioneers to begin a foundation at Piura, Peru. From small beginnings, the monastery eventually took shape in the desert of Sechura and our Sisters

were very much a part of this small fishing town which has since grown quite large. Mother Nicola became Prioress and Novice Mistress in 1985 and has remained happily in Peru for 44 years. So her departure this year was a big event and was fittingly marked by a public ceremony and the presentation of a certificate and medal from the mayor. This was to commemorate her many years of prayer and service of God and the people of Sechura and Peru.

The violent protests in Peru caught the headlines last year, but it appears that the state of unrest continues. One Mother writes: *“God willing, in the month of May we will try to have night adoration with the people in order to pray for the difficult situation*

through which Peru is going : assaults, robberies, violent deaths, unemployment. The situation in Peru is difficult and also in Sechura. Today they buried a young man killed violently by shooting. We can only say ‘Come Lord Jesus, do not delay!!!!’”



Harvesting dates from the orchard, they are also picking many guanabanas, guavas and lemons at this time.

Monasterio Puerta del Cielo, **Vilcabamba, Ecuador.**

In Ecuador it is raining now so the community thank God as they have sufficient grass for the animals. They have been able to complete a wall along one side of the monastery both to stabilize the steep slope and for safety.



M.M.Nicola wearing her medal and holding certificate



fathers and two of the Incarnate Word, there were quite a few religious. After the Mass there was a sharing by everyone. The second day of the triduum focused on the Poor Clares



“Thanks to the generous help we received, the mesh and cement fence could be made. Mr. Ramiro Parras did the work and has done it very well with the cement and stone plinths. The municipality and the engineers from the highway construction kindly helped us with the concrete for a 20-meter wall in the fence, where there was the greatest danger of collapsing. Now everything is finished. It is looking very good and now we are safer.

and was held in the center of Loja with the Conceptas Sisters and Monsignor Walter Heras, the Bishop of Loja. The third day of the triduum was with the Carmelites.

Being still a very Catholic country, by the mercy of God, there is a big celebration for religious life around February 2nd. We read “On January 30 we had the beginning of the triduum of consecrated life that was celebrated in our monastery. The Mass was concelebrated by two Vocationist

The community continue to pray for an end to the gang violence which is



an ongoing problem in the country and causing fear among the people.

Mother Marie Adele Garnier



On the **17th of June, at 11am**, we will joyfully celebrate the Passover of our Mother Foundress with a special Holy Mass celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, a Procession and then lunch to which all are invited. We remember the holy way in which she died, after long sufferings endured with great patience and love. Her habit of thinking of others remained with her to the end, and at her death she spread around her a wonderful atmosphere of peace and joy. Everyone felt she was a Saint. Cardinal Mercier wrote *"She was a Saint, in all the strength and meaning of the term, that Mother whom you have had the grief to lose...From the height of Heaven, she will watch over you, and be your advocate..."*

Pere Lemius, her spiritual director for many years was no less emphatic: *"The characteristic of the Mother is that she had reached the very highest possible state of union with God. She was absolutely filled with the divinity, absorbed in it, she was one with God."*

Blessed Columba Marmion, a later spiritual director, had said *"Mother St Peter is one of the greatest saints that one can ever see. Ever since I began to direct her, I have remained lost in admiration before this eminent work of the Holy Ghost."*

And Abbe Charles Sauve testified: *"... I never remember to have seen her fail in the smallest degree, in the theological and moral virtues. Among her virtues, I think that supernatural abandonment to the Will of God, and charity... are the most remarkable features of her perfection."*

THANK YOU for your continued prayer and generous support for our Mission Foundations.

We wish you every grace and heavenly blessing on the great Solemnity of Pentecost. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray that all hearts may be filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and receive the joy of His comfort and guidance.

The Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

With affectionate greetings for a grace-filled Pentecost and assurance of our continued prayer for all your needs and intentions.

The Tyburn Nuns