

## Prayer to Our Patron, the Virgin Mother of Good Counsel

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We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Thou art the Help of Christians, the Seat of Wisdom and the Mother of Good Counsel. Vouchsafe to shed upon us the light of thy countenance and direct and sanctify all our undertakings.

Thou knowest, Most Holy Virgin, how much we need thy all-powerful aid. Put an end, Sweet Mother, to the evils that afflict us, heal up our wounds and relieve our wants and miseries.

Obtain for us strength and courage to struggle against the assaults of the enemy and to detect his snares and, through thy intercession, to persevere until death in the holy fear and love of God. Amen.

*The Key of Heaven – A manual of prayer for the use of the faithful.* Burns, Oates and Washbourne Ltd, London, c1924

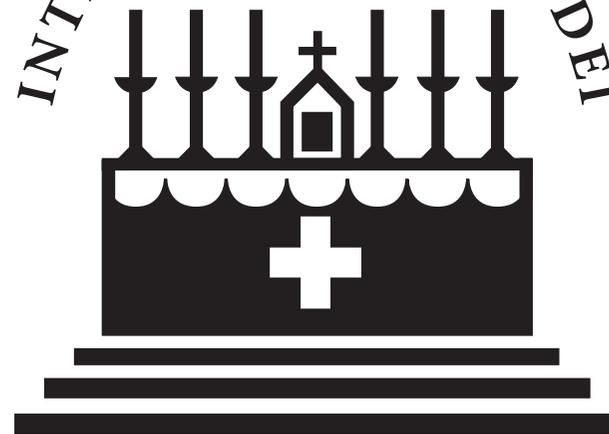


We would like to thank all those who have shown interest in and supported the TPST during its first year.

We also wish you a happy and holy 2007.

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Traditional Priests' Support Trust

**NEWSLETTER**

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## ***What have we done so far?***

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- Every month since February we have been helping three young and highly active priests who say public Masses daily. We have also helped two elderly priests occasionally. All are based in the south of England and say monthly Masses for benefactors. By the end of December, we will have paid out £2,600.
- We advertised in the *Catholic Herald* from May to August and have just taken a year's subscription to its web resources page. We have also had 500 leaflets containing donation forms printed, which the priests are helping us to distribute. (100 per cent of each donation goes directly to the priests. The trustees offer their services voluntarily and have also borne advertising costs so far.)

## ***What do we want to do?***

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- As soon as is practicable, we would like to register the trust with the Charity Commission. To do this, we need to have a minimum income of £1,000 per year.
- We would also like to advertise not only in the mainstream Catholic press, but also in the traditional one. We hope the Latin Mass Society will soon agree to carry our advertisements in its quarterly magazine *Mass of Ages*.
- We aim to produce this newsletter three times a year to keep both our supporters and the priests we help in touch with what we are doing.
- We would like the trust to play an active part in encouraging and supporting a nationwide network of priests who wish to say the Old Rite Mass exclusively, whether the present restrictions on it are lifted or not.
- We would also actively support any initiative to re-establish traditional religious orders in this country, as has been done in Europe.

- In the long term, we hope to revive devotion to the miraculous image of our patron, Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel, so dear to the anti-liberal popes of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Our aim would be, over time, for it to become as closely associated with the traditional movement as that of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.
- Our next issue will carry a feature on Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel.

## ***More about our current financial status***

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- The TPST is recognized by the Inland Revenue as having charitable status (Ref no XR87762). This entitles it to exactly the same benefits as a registered charity, ie it can operate a Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) account on which interest is paid gross, donations can be gift-aided and, if its charity code (FAS32VG), is entered into Box 19A.3 on self-assessment tax returns, it can receive any refunds due.
- If you are a taxpayer, please consider gift-aiding your donations. Even if you are only in the 10 per cent band, the TPST can still claim an extra 28p for every pound you donate. Please also consider setting up a standing order. Even £10 per month makes all the difference!

## ***News of traditional priests***

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fr Ronald De Poe Silk and Fr Michael Crowdy.

Fr Silk said Mass in Cambridge for many years and died on 26 November.

Our own much loved Fr Crowdy said Mass at the Oxford Mass Centre for fourteen years. He died on Friday 8 December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 3pm.

We will have Masses said for them both by priests we are helping.  
*Requiescant in pace.*