

## 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 five years.

Pray for the return to tradition!

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### Traditional Priests' Support Trust

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## ***An update on our work***

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- During the four years since our first newsletter, a delay for which we apologize, the trustees have recorded two house moves and two new babies! Please note our new contact details. Although our initial aim was to produce three newsletters annually, one is probably sufficient given the nature of our activity.
- Since 2006 we have helped eight priests in the south of England. Six have active public apostolates and two are elderly. We aim to send regular monthly donations but our funds have only permitted payments for six to ten months of the year. Since October 2008 we have also had to reduce the amount by 25 per cent. Advertising in the *Catholic Herald* proved expensive and produced little income, so we have discontinued it and have yet to find other effective outlets. Our donor base is small and guarantees us only £540 per year in standing orders, with an additional £200 – £300 from gift aid. Nevertheless, we paid the priests £1,775 in 2007, £2,080 in 2008 and £1,700 in 2009. All say monthly Masses for benefactors. Our gift aid to April 2009 totalled £1,263 and helped greatly. We will feel the loss when it drops from 28p to 25p per pound in April 2011. Please consider setting up a standing order or increasing your present one and enhancing your donation by gift aid if you are a taxpayer.

## ***Our charitable status***

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- In our first issue we spoke of making the TPST a registered charity, but the minimal annual income for this has now been raised to £5,000, so we do not qualify. However, HMRC recognizes the charitable status of small charities like the TPST by awarding reference numbers (ours is XR87762) and granting us the same benefits as larger registered charities. We can run a Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) account with gross interest; we can receive gift aid and refunds due on self-assessment tax returns (enter our code FAS32VG in the relevant box) and we can also receive legacies free of inheritance tax. Please consider remembering the trust in your will.

## ***Our first legacy***

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- Thanks to the good offices of a priest we help, we have just been notified of a £2,000 bequest left to the TPST by a member of his congregation. The solicitor's letter came on 16 July, feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, after prayers for the trust before the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, champion of priests, in September 2009.

## ***Seminarians in need***

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- We have now received requests for help from two prospective seminarians. Training for the priesthood normally lasts seven years, with the first focusing on spirituality and the correct discernment of a vocation. As it is during this year that most drop out, the TPST would only offer support from the second year, subject to interview and approval. We must always prioritize ordained priests but if our funds permitted, we could help seminarians too.

## ***Our Lady of Good Counsel***

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- We continue to have Mass said by one of our priests for our patron's feast day, 26 April. Due to lack of space, we have put the feature on her, promised in our first issue, on the website instead. If you do not have internet access, please ask someone who does to print it out for you.

## ***The future post-motu proprio***

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*I think the number of priests committed exclusively to the Old Rite will slowly grow. One factor will be priests cast out of their parishes because of wanting to say the Old Rite alongside the New but being moved or harassed. They may well react by deciding not to say the New Rite any more. I would not like to start again with another New Rite parish. I shall continue introducing my parishioners to the Old Rite and accept the penance of having to say the New Rite as well but I would be more than happy if I never had to say it again.*

Fr F, 25 Nov 2008