



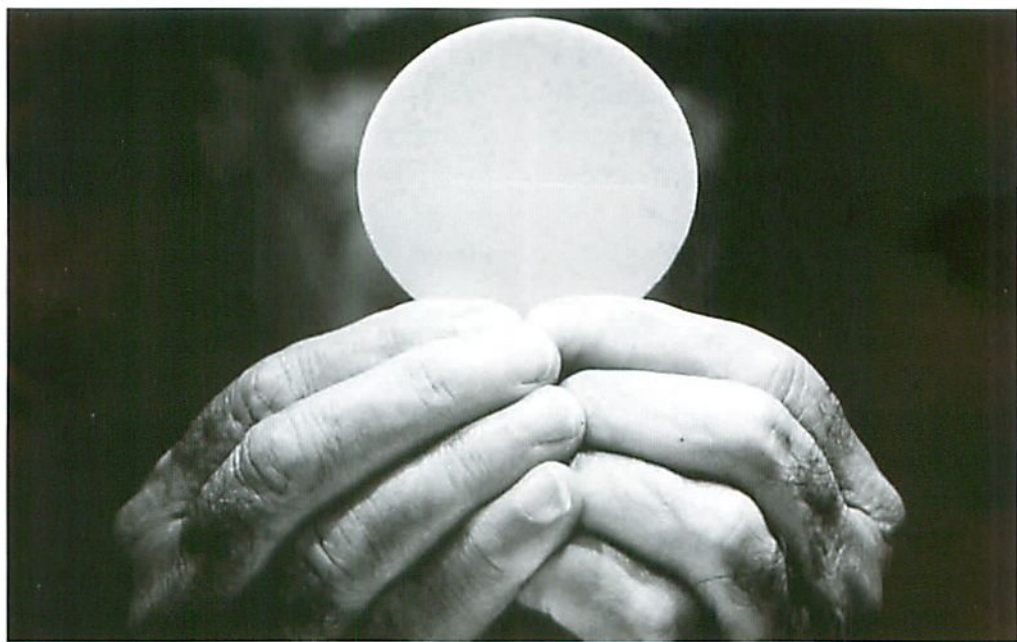
CBS

THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



DEC 2011-FEB 2012

The Superior-General writes...



**O thou, who at thy Eucharist did pray
That all thy church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

Prayer of Unity

The prayer and work for the unity of the Church cannot be an optional extra for those who like that kind-of-thing: for every Christian with a Catholic heart it has to be a first-order-issue. It was part of the High-Priestly Prayer of Jesus, 'that they may be one' and that longing is beautifully expressed in this wonderful Eucharistic hymn by William Turton. For many who claimed the title Catholic, it has become something which can be put on-hold as other things take precedence.

During Advent, with the waiting and watching on the Lord as we look with joyful expectations, we can all too-easily become used to waiting so that we make the temporary stop-over permanent and the ghetto becomes a home. When the time arrives, we are so busy looking forward and getting ready, the opportunity is

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missed and we prefer the getting ready for the event rather than the event itself.

As Catholics in the CofE we are/were very defensive of our Catholic identity maintaining that we are 'real' Catholics (which is true).

However, answering the question "Are you Catholic?" with a 'yes' knowing they mean *Roman Catholic*, whilst we mean *Anglo-Catholic*, rightly points to the longing in our hearts: that we may be one. And that one-ness is centred on the Rock which is Peter, because Peter is the one on which Jesus built his Church. But even more than that, the prayer of Jesus is that we may be one not for our own sake, but so that the world might believe.

You should have received by now an invitation to a meeting in your District to consider the future and membership of CBS. If you haven't yet, you soon will once your District-Superior has

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organized a date and place. The discussions are going well, and there are strong opinions on all sides, and some more sensible with a balanced outlook for the future and membership of CBS. What is surprising, is the fact that there are so many who do not want, or who have changed their mind on the call for unity

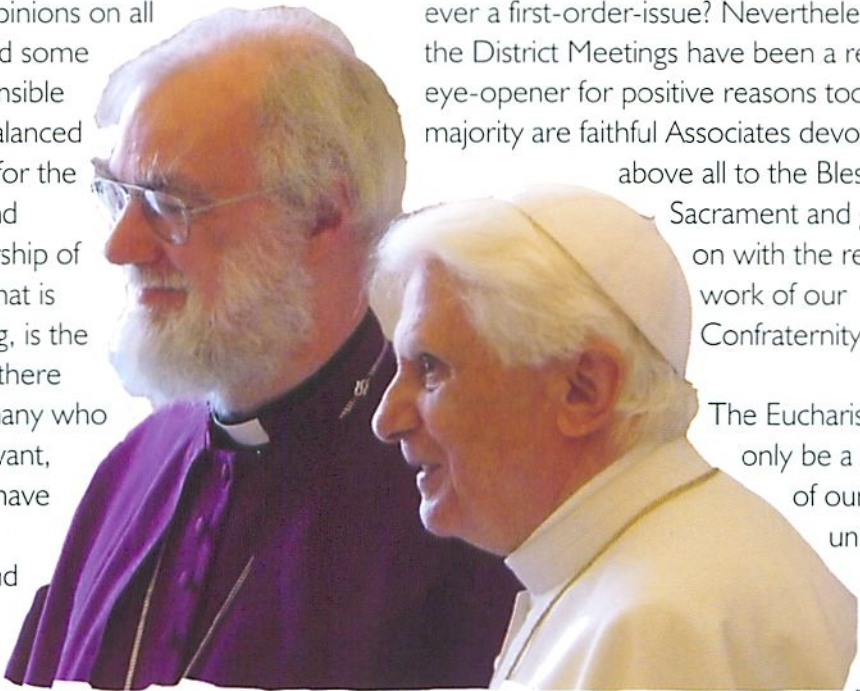
and moved away from the 'vision for Unity and Truth'. What has happened to make it anything other than a first-order-issue? What could compromise that which we have worked, prayed and asked for? Leaving comfort, security and

status might be too much; or maybe we want unity, but on our terms; or was it ever a first-order-issue? Nevertheless, the District Meetings have been a real eye-opener for positive reasons too: the majority are faithful Associates devoted above all to the Blessed Sacrament and get on with the real work of our Confraternity.

The Eucharist can only be a *sign* of our unity and

never

a *means* of it. Our inability to share Holy Communion is not a judgement or statement of each other's Sacraments but a simple fact of where we are. We must face those painful difficulties, not covering them up or using them as



Prayer of Unity *continued*

weapons for accusations, but turn them to gold and silver looking for unity for which Jesus prayed with a greater sense of urgency.

There will be some theological gymnastics going on in the weeks and months ahead. But the question remains: are we really forward in faith, with a vision for unity and truth?

The time has passed when many, although not all, Anglo-Catholics would use the Roman Missal, because it was a sign of our desire for unity and moving forward in faith towards the time visible Christian unity could be achieved. CBS associates in the Ordinariate will be using the new English translation of the Roman Missal; others in the CofE will need to consider what to do. To continue to use the previous translation



is to claim it has an authority it no longer possesses; to use the new translation whilst not working towards unity is bizarre. There will be some theological gymnastics going on in the weeks and months ahead. But the question remains: are we really forward in faith, with a vision for unity and truth?

Christopher Geese

50th International Eucharistic Congress 10–17 June 2012



I am pleased to say that the Trustees have agreed bursaries for any Associates who wish to attend. Registration can be made online for the whole seven days or for any three days of the Congress.

Accommodation will need to be booked individually, as will travel arrangements.

The Bureau in Dublin will help. The week is packed with seminars, lectures and workshops, including some cultural and tourist activities.

The culmination of the week is the final Mass at the Congress which is the *Satio Orbis* (Station of the World) at which, hopefully, the Holy Father will be present.

For more information

www.iec2012.ie

For more information on bursaries please contact:
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INTERCESSIONS

DECEMBER 2011

- 1 The Ward of The Little Flower, Longton
- 2 The Ward of Our Lady & S Andrew, Newcastle-under-Lyme
- 3 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 4 **ADVENT 2**
Prepare a way for the Lord, take him to your heart
- 5 The Ward of SS Mary & Dominic, Wednesbury
- 6 Fr David Waller our Treasurer-General
- 7 The Ward of the Holy Grail, Wolverhampton
- 8 **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
The Society of Mary
- 9 The Ward of S Magnus, City of London
- 10 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 11 **ADVENT 3**
Celebrate the joy of Christ's redeeming work among us
- 12 The Ward of the Sacred Heart with S Andrew, East Finchley
- 13 Fr Christopher Lindlar, our Secretary-General
- 14 The Ward of the Sacred Heart, Lincoln Diocese
- 15 The Adoremus Ward, Hanworth
- 16 The Federation of Catholic Priests
- 17 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 18 **ADVENT 4**
We praise the mystery of is love now revealed
- 19 O RADIX: The Alexander Mackonichie Ward, Holborn
- 20 O CRAVIS: The Corpus Christi Ward, Kenton
- 21 O ORIENS: The CBS Council-General
- 22 O REX: The Ward of Our Lady & S George, Winchmore Hill
- 23 O EMMANUEL: The Ward of S Giles, Reading
- 24 Christmas Eve: My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Thanksgiving for the Incarnation
- 26 S Stephen — Boldness in witnessing to Christ
- 27 S John — All whom we love
- 28 The Holy Innocents — That evil plans may be thwarted
- 29 S Thomas Becket — The Church of England
- 30 The Love of Jesus Ward, Wantage
- 31 My Ward — its Superior and Members

THE CONFRATERNITY'S DAILY PRAYER

Almighty God, look, we pray, on the face of your beloved Son, and for the sake of his merits mercifully hear the prayers which throughout our Confraternity we continually offer to you; and grant us unity, a true faith, and a life agreeable to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

R.I.P.

We commend to God the souls of all Departed Associates of the Confraternity, especially the following who have died recently.

Priest Associates

Father Sonny Brown

The Reverend Canon Peter Keightly

The Very Reverend Jeremy Winston

Associates

Mrs Muriel Welch

Mr Joe Moss

Mr C Prendergast

Miss Constance Young

Miss Evelyn Saward

Mr G D Phillips

INTERCESSIONS

JANUARY 2012

- 1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
That all may honour his saving Name
- 2 SS Basil & Gregory — All theologians
- 3 The Ward of S Francis, Derby
- 4 The CBS Trustees
- 5 The Ward of S Lawrence, Long Eaton
- 6 The Ward of All Saints, Collingham
- 7 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 8 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
That all nations may acknowledge Christ
- 9 The Society of S Wilfrid & S Hilda
- 10 The Ward of the Holy Cross, Nottingham
- 11 The Ward of S Martin, Salisbury
- 12 Isolated Associates on the Secretary-General's List
- 13 The Ward of S Michael, Croydon
- 14 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 15 2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Epiphany 2)
The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 16 The Ward of S Agnes, Kennington
- 17 S Anthony of Egypt — Monks of the Eastern Church
- 18 The Ward of Corpus et Sanguis Christi, Plumstead
- 19 The Ward of S Peter, Streatham
- 20 The Ward of the Sacred Heart, Bude
- 21 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 22 3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Epiphany 3)
The Lord who teaches us his ways
- 23 The Guild of All Souls
- 24 S Francis de Sales — Spiritual Directors
- 25 The Conversion of S Paul — Missionaries
- 26 SS Timothy and Titus — Our friends and colleagues
- 27 The Ward of S Mary, Star of the Sea, Penzance
- 28 S Thomas Aquinas — Christian Teachers
- 29 4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Epiphany 4)
He teaches with authority
- 30 The Ward of S Martin, Roath
- 31 S John Bosco — Children in care

FEBRUARY 2012

- 1 The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
- 2 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST
That we may offer ourselves for God's service
- 3 The Ward of The Good Shepherd, Guildford
- 4 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 5 5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (3 before Lent)
Christ who makes us free to serve
- 6 The Corpus Christi Ward, Portsmouth
- 7 The Ward of The Stigmata, Bournemouth
- 8 The Ward of S Michel du Valle, Guernsey
- 9 The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 10 S Scholastica — Benedictine nuns
- 11 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 12 6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (2 before Lent)
We say yes to the Lord who comes to forgive our sins
- 13 The Ward of S Lucien Tapoedi, Maryborough
- 14 SS Cyril & Methodius — Christians in Europe
- 15 The Ward of Bl Mary McKillop & S Benedict, Melbourne
- 16 The Ward of S Mary, Melbourne
- 17 The Ward of S Margaret, Montreal
- 18 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 19 7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (1 before Lent)
The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins
- 20 The Ward of S Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg
- 21 The Ward of S Brigid, Sweden
- 22 ASH WEDNESDAY
Be reconciled with God
- 23 The Provincial Episcopal Visitors
- 24 The Ward of S Michael, Bath
- 25 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 26 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
The kingdom of God is close at hand
- 27 The Ward of All Saints with S Saviour, Weston-super-Mare
- 28 The Ward of S Gregory & S Augustine, Bristol
- 29 The Ward of The Holy Family, Swindon

Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

THE OBJECTS

The Confraternity exists for the advancement of the catholic faith in the Anglican Tradition and in particular to promote:

- *The honour due to Jesus Christ our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of his Body and Blood,*
- *Prayer for one another at the Eucharist, Careful preparation for and reception of Holy Communion, including the Eucharistic fast,*
- *The reverent and dignified celebration of the Eucharist and the reservation and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament,*

- *The continuance of the catholic priesthood, and*
- *Catholic theological teaching, learning and development.*

THE RULES

- *To take part in the celebration of the Eucharist on all Sundays, greater festivals and holy days whenever possible;*
- *To promote the reverent celebration of the Eucharist as the Church's daily offering;*
- *To make special intercessions as set out in the Quarterly.*

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Perhaps you would like to contribute to the Quarterly with news of events or articles relating to what is happening in your Ward?

We also welcome photographs of any recent CBS related activities – please send all contributions to the Secretary-General at the address left.

Material for the next edition must be received by 23 January 2012