



*The Superior-General writes...*

## Council-General Meeting



At the Council-General in June this year, there was a unanimous decision to discern what the future of the CBS might be and what should be our membership. It is a discussion which we adjourned, and the Council-General will reconvene once the wider membership has been consulted, during which time elections of District Superiors are suspended. Implicit in this decision is the suspension of the admission of new associates until after the next meeting of the Council-General.

*Our constitution says: Membership of the Confraternity shall be open to communicant members of the Church of England, and of such other Churches as the Council-General shall from time to time determine, who also support the Objects, accept the catholic faith and observe the practices of the catholic*

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*religion.* It is a common misconception that CBS is only open to members of the Church of England! And we should not treat any less lightly the section referring to 'accept the catholic faith and observe the practices of the catholic religion'. The discussion will address, among other matters, the question of whether membership should continue for those in the Church of Sweden, The Anglican Church in North America, the Ordinariate "...who also support the Objects, accept the catholic faith and observe the practices of the catholic religion".

Our future is also something we must consider, especially in the light of developments which are afoot in the General Synod. Our constitution, our Catholic heritage and our acceptance of the FiF agreement statement on communion demand that we face this very challenging question; not to do so will leave our Confraternity to the same fate as has happened with CBS in North

America. It is better that we decide positively what our future is, than to let it be decided by apathy and default. At the present time our belief in the male apostolic succession is protected by Ordination of Women Measure which gives the possibility to accept "...the rightness or otherwise" of the ordination of women. This will be superseded with the acceptance of women bishops. In other words our legal protection will go. And once women bishops start ordaining priests, it may be that the only possible solution for Catholics is to form a Society; to have an autonomous provision; or some

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independent structure. We would do well to look at the TEC or the Church of Sweden to see our own future. We need to be aware that despite the 'when/if' argument, according to the Diocesan Synod voting (at the time of writing) 83.5% are voting in favour of women bishops, and no provision for Catholics. The immediate concern for us is this: how achievable are our aims and objects sacramentally in the modern Church of

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England? In our 150 history we have maintained a Catholic devotion and maintained Catholic Faith and Order, how will it continue? So the Council-General want to have an informed discussion.

The Council-General elected me Superior-General to steer the Confraternity through this process and asked me to call together an advisory group from the District-Superiors to formulate some options and parameters which will form the basis for discussion. In due course there will be meetings in each of the Districts which are open to CBS associates, priests and lay. Should associates not be able to attend such a meeting all will be invited to write, email or telephone me with their thoughts once the consultation process is under way.

The other topic which came up was the grant we have made to the Ordinariate of m. During my time as Superior-General, I have tried to raise both the membership and activity of the CBS, but more importantly a lively interest in our work in promoting devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. We could never have imagined being an item on the BBC Radio 4 Sunday programme! Would that the article was more about the Blessed Sacrament than the grant, it would have

indeed been an answer to prayer. But the fact is that many people have expressed an opinion about the grant to the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. There has been strong feeling for and against; thank you to those who have written emailed or 'phoned. I have answered all those who contacted me. For those who were seeking them, I hope that their questions and worries have been answered. I am saddened to tell you that several letters were far from polite, and it's not a little shocking that Christians could write such things. And it's not a little disappointing that there are those who are not

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members of CBS and have not shown any interest, despite my visits to many parts of the country to encourage membership and activity – but who now show an interest in this grant. You will understand my doubts about motivation!

As far as our grant making is concerned, it is business as usual. The Trustees meet regularly to discuss application for vessels, vestments and tabernacles, as well as those other causes which fit within our objects. Please contact Fr Lindlar, our Secretary-General.

I am pleased to tell you that Fr Sam



Philpott has been elected to be a Trustee of the CBS. He is the District- Superior of District 9 (Exeter) and priest-in-charge of St Peter's Plymouth. Please

support him, and all the Trustees, with your prayers.

Fr Keith Robinson's second term of office came to an end and he decided not to stand. Fr Robinson has served the CBS faithfully not only during his time as a Trustee, but also as the District-Superior for District 16 (Salisbury). He has attended – to the best of my memory –

every meeting of the Trustees and has always given wise and prudent counsel. We thank him for his work and support, and assure him of our prayers as he pastors his Ordinariate Group in Salisbury.



With this period of discernment before us; the discussion about the grant to the Ordinariate and a change in our trustees, we must not be diverted by tasks which try to draw us away from our first love – indeed, the main purpose of our Confraternity: devotion to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

*Christopher Gessa*



# 50th International Eucharistic Congress

## 10–17 June 2012



### The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with One Another

In June 2012 the fiftieth International Eucharistic Congress will be celebrated in Dublin, Ireland. As well as our 150th anniversary, 2012 also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of the Second Vatican Council. The theme for the Dublin Eucharistic Congress 'The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another' picks up on the notion of communion that was so central in the Council's vision. While full Eucharistic sharing among all Christians is not yet possible, other expressions of communion are possible and need to be cultivated. In our desire for unity we are not starting from zero. If the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, there is a vast

expanse around it that we all can and need to explore further. With a little imagination and with willing hearts, CBS could be a leader in this kind of area working towards the realisation of our common baptism and the High Priestly prayer of Jesus.

The Congress is called every 4 years by the Holy Father to promote a deeper awareness of the central place for the Eucharist. It is a week long gathering which includes liturgical events, cultural events, catechesis and testimonies, and workshops. Accommodation and travel can be arranged by individuals, or groups, with different types and levels of accommodation available. The culmination of the week is the Statio Orbis (Mass of the world) which hopefully, the Holy Father will attend. Dublin has been chosen because of its particular needs at this time. The main venue, Croke Park, has a capacity of over 80,000.

For further information visit [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie)



## SEPTEMBER

- 1 The Ward of The Protomartyr, Blackpool
- 2 The Ward of SS Werburg & Winifred, Wirral & North Wales
- 3 S Gregory the Great — Church Musicians
- 4 23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 11)  
That our ears may be open to God's Word
- 5 The Additional Curates Society
- 6 The Ward of S Agnes, Liverpool
- 7 The Catholic Societies Vocations Initiative
- 8 Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary — The Society of Mary
- 9 The Ward of The Precious Blood, Swinton & Pendlebury
- 10 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 11 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 12)  
That we may confess the Son of the Living God
- 12 The Ward of the Precious Blood, Southport
- 13 The Ward of The Holy Angels, Brentwood
- 14 Holy Cross Day — The Society of the Holy Cross (SSC)
- 15 The Ward of the Sacred Passion, Ilford
- 16 SS Cornelius & Cyprian — Wise and Holy Pastors
- 17 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 18 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 13)  
That we may be servants of all
- 19 The Ward of Christ the King, Leigh-on-Sea
- 20 The Ward of The Epiphany, Leytonstone
- 21 S Matthew — Civil Servants
- 22 The Ward of S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- 23 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 24 Our Lady of Walsingham —  
The Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham
- 25 26th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 14)  
That we may honour all who love the Lord
- 26 The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
- 27 The Ward of S Anthony, Woodford Green
- 28 The Ward of The Sacred Heart, Hammerfield
- 29 S Michael & All Angels — Thanksgiving for their ministry
- 30 S Jerome — Bible Societies

## 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

The Reverend Canon E J Cotgrove  
 Father R McGown  
 Father P Sanderson  
 Father Sonny (Albert) Brown

### Associates

Mrs J Gummer  
 Miss M Fletcher  
 Miss E Wild  
 Mr J Rowlands

# INTERCESSIONS

## OCTOBER

- 1 S Therese of Lisieux — Devotion to Christ
- 2 27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 15)  
Thanksgiving for marriage and family life
- 3 The Ward of Our Lady, Letchworth
- 4 S Francis of Assisi — All Franciscans
- 5 The Ward of Christ in Glory, Aldwick
- 6 P.E.V. — The Bishop of Ebbsfleet
- 7 The Ward of The Annunciation, Brighton
- 8 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 9 28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 16)  
That we may possess the true riches
- 10 The Ward of S Saviour & S Peter, Eastbourne
- 11 The Ward of The Transfiguration, Haywards Heath
- 12 Fr Christopher Pearson our Superior-General
- 13 The Ward of the Precious Blood, Horsham
- 14 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 15 S Therese of Avila — Renewal of the religious life
- 16 29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 17)  
Confidence in approaching the throne of grace
- 17 S Ignatius of Antioch — Faithfulness unto death
- 18 S Luke the Evangelist — All Doctors
- 19 P.E.V. — The Bishop of Richborough
- 20 The Ward of S Anne, Hove
- 21 Fr David Waller our Treasurer-General
- 22 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 23 30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Last after Trinity)  
That we may have faith to see Christ
- 24 The Ward of SS Mary & Nicolas, Lancing College
- 25 The Ward of Our Lady, Littlehampton
- 26 P.E.V. The Bishop of Beverley
- 27 The Anima Christi Ward, St Leonards-on-Sea
- 28 SS Simon & Jude — Recovery of the lost
- 29 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 30 31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (4th before Advent)  
God's message of eternal life
- 31 Fr Christopher Lindlar our Secretary-General

## NOVEMBER

- 1 ALL SAINTS  
Thanksgiving for the Holy Ones of God
- 2 All Souls — The Guild of All Souls  
and all the Faithful Departed
- 3 The Ward of S Cuthman, Storrington Deanery
- 4 The Ward of S Gabriel, Worthing
- 5 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 6 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (3rd before Advent)  
A generous spirit of self-offering
- 7 The Ward of Our Lady & Corpus Christi, Cambridge
- 8 Mgr Keith Newton the Ordinary of the OOLW
- 9 The Ward of S Edmund, Downham Market
- 10 S Leo the Great — Steadfastness in crisis
- 11 S Martin of Tours — Christians in France
- 12 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 13 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (2nd before Advent)  
That we may be gathered with Christ's chosen
- 14 The CBS Trustees
- 15 The Ward of S Mary, Great Yarmouth
- 16 The Ward of Our Lady, Walsingham
- 17 The Church Union
- 18 The American CBS
- 19 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 20 CHRIST THE KING  
That all may acknowledge his true kingship
- 21 The Federation of Catholic Priests
- 22 The Ward of SS Peter & Paul, Uppingham
- 23 The Ward of S Clement, Exeter
- 24 The Ward of S Michael, Paignton
- 25 Isolated Associates on the Secretary-General's List
- 26 My Ward — its Superior and Members
- 27 ADVENT I  
That we may stand with confidence before the Son of Man
- 28 The Ward of S Peter, Plymouth
- 29 The Ward of S Margaret-Mary Alacoque, Cheltenham
- 30 Forward in Faith

# 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.

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