



Lives Given in Service

Hospitaller Brothers of the English Province/Province of the Venerable Bede





Observing John Cuidad, listening to his cry on behalf of the poor and downtrodden, people could hardly distinguish where the human action ended and the divine action began. It seemed to them to be two sides of the same coin, and so it was. So the people of Granada simply called John of God, the name by which he is known to this day and the name by which the Church also recognises him. The name 'of God' was given to John Cuidad by the people, not by the Church. To be called therefore to represent John of God to the world, a prophet of charity, a Good Samaritan type figure, a great saint, is almost overwhelming.

*Brother Donatus Forkan, OH, Prior General
Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God*

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Introduction



It is with mixed emotions that I write the introduction to this publication, one of the last of the Province of the Venerable Bede. Our Province began in 1953 and has served the people of England, Scotland and Wales for the last fifty-seven years. In February 2010 our Province, and that of the Irish Province, will be suppressed and the creation of a new Province combining the two will take the mission of hospitality forward, and together we will create something new, something full of promise - a new future.

A few years ago we produced a publication that celebrated one hundred and twenty-five years of Hospitaller care in England and Africa. There was much to thank God for as we recalled those early foundations, the creation of the English Province, its response to the needs of those with mental and physical health issues, both in Great Britain and further afield. In that publication we documented our move from large institutional care to community-based supported living. In recalling our story, which could not have happened without the commitment of hundreds of men and women who worked alongside the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, we could only marvel at what God has done through us for the most marginalised in these lands.

I wanted this publication however to have a different focus. I wanted us to particularly remember and celebrate the men who have laid down their lives for those who needed them, in imitation of Our Blessed Lord Jesus and our holy founder Saint John of God.

These men, the Hospitaller Brothers, are in a certain sense the unsung heroes, the back bone for all that has been achieved so far. It would be wrong to call them the 'treasure' of the Province because they would be the first to remind us, that the real 'treasure' has always been those they served.

In the early days of the Province, the Brothers lived a very different expression of Hospitaller religious life than is lived today. Austerity, personal sacrifice, timetables and constant hard work personified their way of life. Yet no matter the personal circumstances of the Brothers, their focus was always on providing the best they could for those they were supporting. The Brothers were expected to do much with very little. Their trust in the unconditional love of God, their pioneering spirit, their creativity, their commitment to what they started and the goodness and holiness of their lives bore fruit, for they achieved a great deal in developing and leading others in making the appropriate response to those who were sick or living with a disability.

Many years ago it was expected that a woman entering into marriage would bring a dowry, a gift to the family she was joining. The purpose of a dowry was to help a husband to feed and protect his family, and to give the wife and children some financial support if he were to die. Those entering religious life were expected to do the same. The dowry the young postulant presented was held as a financial gift. The community was allowed to use the interest that accrued from it to develop its mission. As we enter into this new partnership with our Brothers of the Province of the Immaculate Conception to create something new, something 'beautiful for God', the gift we bring, our dowry as it were, is the faith, the commitment, the trust, and talents of all the Brothers who have ever belonged to our Province over the last fifty-seven years. We pray that the grace and wisdom that will be accrued from these will not only support the Brothers of the new Province, but will enrich and bring something very special to all those who look afresh to us for support and care.

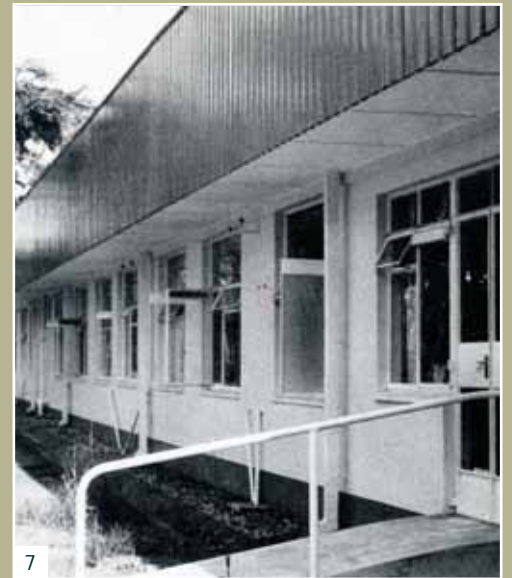
I wanted the first part of this publication to be more than a necrology and the second part of the booklet to be more than a list of dates, times and obediences concerning the Brothers who will become part of the new Province. I wanted this booklet to be 'interactive' as it were, to foster a response in the reader. So the editorial team sat with the life details of these Brothers consecrated to and captivated by the love of Our Lord in the manner of Saint John of God.

Being aware that these men have done the best they could with what education and temperaments they had, we reflected upon the gifts that each Brother has brought to the English Province over the years. In recognising something of their giftedness, as I have experienced it, I now challenge the reader to embrace, even for a day, part of their legacy.

The Brothers' rule of life cradles each and every story presented here in these pages. The rule of life of any religious order or congregation is the concrete expression of the Gospel for them. Our Brothers have tried to be faithful to the Saint John of God expression of the Gospel and as a consequence have borne much good fruit.

*Brother John Martin OH - Provincial of the Province of the Venerable Bede
January 2010*





Those Who Have Gone Before Us Marked With The Sign Of Faith

At the Intermediate Chapter of the Irish-English Province held at Stillorgan in April 1950, it was proposed that the Irish-English Province should be divided into two separate Provinces. By a rescript of the Sacred Congregation of 26 July 1950, the houses of the Order in England were separated from the Province of Ireland and became the Vice Province of Saint Bede. The Vice Province was officially erected on 15 August 1950 and was raised to the status of a Province at the 1953 General Chapter.

Thirty-one Brothers of the Province have died since its foundation in 1953. Three of them were Provincial Superiors: Brother Bernard Burke OH, Brother Wilfrid Benning OH and Brother Cyril Martin OH. Most of these Brothers worked within the following centres or 'monastery hospitals' as they were often known:

- *Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton*
- *Saint Raphael's, Barvin Park, Hertfordshire*
- *Saint Cuthbert's Hospital, Hurworth Place, Darlington, Co Durham*
- *Saint John of God Hospital, Silverdale, Lancashire*
- *The Juniorate School based at Hurworth Grange, Darlington, Co Durham*
- *The Mission Hospital in Lukulu, Zambia*
- *Woodlands Maternity Hospital, Lusaka, Zambia*
- *Psychiatric Hospital, Chainama Hills Lusaka, Zambia*
- *Holy Family Centre, Monze, Zambia*

Saint Joseph's Hostel in Osterley Park, London had closed by the time the English Province was created though some of the older Brothers had ministered there when the Brothers belonged to the Irish-English Province of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Brothers that appear in the following pages spent time in at least one of the following initial formation centres. These were the first houses that young men were sent to upon entering the Order so as to become Hospitaller Brothers of Saint John of God. The formation houses were based in:

- *Lille France*
- *Saint John of God Hospital, Stillorgan on the outskirts of Dublin, Ireland*
- *Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton*
- *Saint John of God Hospital, Silverdale*
- *Saint Raphael, Celbridge, Ireland*
- *Saint Cuthbert's Hospital, Hurworth Place, Darlington*

Each community had a canonical prior. The prior (local superior) had the grave responsibility of encouraging the Brothers to be faithful to their commitment to the sick, their solemn vows of chastity, poverty, obedience and hospitality and the demands of living within a religious community. The prior was also responsible for the good management of the centre and ensuring that it provided the very best care for the sick or those living with some form of disability.



Brothers who have died whilst serving as a Saint John of God Brother



Brother
Brendan Davidson

1900 - 1958

Born on 13 February 1900 in Newtown, Carlisle, Brother Brendan entered the Order at Scorton on 15 March 1923. He attended the novitiate in Lyon, France, where he made his first profession of vows on 2 February 1926 and solemn profession of vows in 1929. He was one of the founding members of Barvin Park community, and also served in Scorton, Hurworth and the hostels. He was the first prior of Silverdale in 1952. He died there in office on 10 September 1958, aged fifty-eight and professed thirty-two years.

“Brother Brendan dared to take the lead in creating places of hospitality. Will you... today?”



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Brother
James Keany

1889 - 1959

Born on 7 April 1889 in Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, Ireland, Brother James entered the Order in 1912 at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. He made his first profession of vows at Lyon in 1914, and solemn profession of vows at Rue Lecourbe, Paris in 1920. Before entering the Order, Brother James was employed on his family's farm in County Leitrim. He returned to Ireland for a short while in 1930 and then worked and lived at Barvin Park from 1931 until his death, except for some months at Scorton during the Second World War. He was described as a quiet, loyal and deeply religious man. He successfully handled the kitchen and catering arrangements in Barvin Park. He died at Barvin Park on 8 July 1959 aged seventy and was professed forty-five years.

“Brother James was not afraid to roll his sleeves up and work hard to provide what was needed. Will you... today?”



Brother
Fintan Bolger

1899 - 1965

Brother Fintan was born on 11 February 1899 in Milltown, Ferns, Co. Wexford. Before entering the Order at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin in 1932, he was an apprentice draper, a farm worker and motor mechanic. He made his first profession of vows on 19 March 1934 and solemn profession of vows on 19 March 1937. He served in several of the English houses of the Order until overtaken by illness. He died aged sixty-six and professed thirty-one years on 2 September 1965 in Waterford, Ireland, in hospital after abdominal surgery following a long illness. His remains are interred in the Brothers' cemetery at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

“Brother Fintan served the Lord through thick and thin. Will you... today?”



Brother
Alban Grainger

1901 - 1965

Brother Alban was born 30 July 1901 into a military family in Dover, Kent. He enlisted in the Royal Engineers in 1917 and qualified as an instructor in wireless telegraphy. He served in England, India and Egypt at the rank of Lance Sergeant. He left the army in 1932, and in the same year he entered the Order at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. He made his first profession of vows on 19 March 1934 and solemn profession of vows 19 March 1937. He was prior of the hostel at Osterley and prior of Silverdale in 1959, also a provincial councillor and bursar at Scorton. Brother Alban was a very gentle person with a fund of practical knowledge. He suffered much from ill health during the last few years of his life and died at Barvin Park on 16 November 1965 aged sixty-four and professed thirty-one years.

“Brother Alban chose to be a person others could rely on. Will you... today?”

‘We do not know the hour at which they will knock at the door of our souls...and as they find us... so will we be judged’ *First letter of Saint John of God to the Duchess of Sessa*



Brother Richard Strickland

1893 - 1966

Brother Richard was born on 11 July 1893 in Preston, Lancashire, and educated at the Jesuit School there. He served in the Ulster Regiment in the First World War, receiving the military medal for bravery in rescuing the wounded. He entered the Order in 1919 at Scorton, transferring to Lyon in France for the novitiate. He made his first profession of vows on 19 June 1923 and solemn profession of vows in 1926. He served in Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, Scorton, Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth Place, Barvin Park and Silverdale, and was a collector for Scorton for several years. He died at Scorton on 29 November 1966, aged seventy-three and professed forty-three years.

Brother Richard decided to risk his life in order to give those who are wounded a life worth living. Will you... today?



Brother Anthony Murray

1919 - 1969

Born on 5 March 1919 in Birstal, Yorkshire, Brother Anthony joined the RAF when he was nineteen after some time in the building trade. He entered the Order at Scorton on 2 May 1950 and made his first profession of vows on 28 October 1951 and solemn profession of vows on 1 November 1954. He was a qualified State Registered Nurse at Scorton and served in Silverdale and Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth, where he died still working, despite being unwell for some months. He was a quiet, all round community man, who enjoyed a game of football. He died in 1969 aged fifty and professed eighteen years.

Brother Anthony chose to create an atmosphere in which others were valued. Will you... today?



Brother Bruno Murphy

1896 - 1970

Born in Enniskeane, County Cork, Ireland on 14th September 1896, Brother Bruno entered the novitiate under the care of Brother Francis De Sales on the 14 August 1927. He made his first profession of vows at Stillorgan, Dublin on 15 August 1928 and solemn profession of vows at the same place on 15 August 1931. Brother Bruno spent most of his religious life in the houses of England and died on 7 February 1970 at the age of seventy-four at Scorton, where he is buried.

Brother Bruno was consistent in performing his duties. Will you... today?



Brother Ambrose Campion

1903 - 1970

Born on 18 July 1903 in Westerhope, Newcastle upon Tyne, Brother Ambrose entered the Order at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin on 31 May 1922. He attended the novitiate in Lyon, France and made his first profession of vows on 29 September 1923 and solemn profession of vows on 21 November 1927. He qualified as a State Registered Nurse in France and was attached to the Order's surgical clinic in Le Rue Oudinot, Paris until 1930. Brother Ambrose was the first prior of Barvin Park from 1931 to 1932. He died at Scorton after a long illness on 6 October 1970, aged sixty-seven and professed forty-seven years.

Brother Ambrose did his best even in difficult circumstances. Will you... today?



Brother Sylvester Wilson

1886 - 1970

Born 19 March 1886 in Leeds and baptised in Saint Anne's Cathedral, Leeds, Brother Sylvester entered the Order as an oblate at Scorton in 1907. He made his profession of vows at Lyon in France in 1922 and served in Lille, Obelisk Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin and Scorton. Although becoming very frail in his last years, he never missed being present at the patients' meals to assist in feeding them. Brother Sylvester, after sixty-three years of religious life, died at Scorton on 12 March 1970, aged eighty-four and professed forty-eight years.

Brother Sylvester was faithful even in little things. Will you... today?



Brother Bede Madden

1908 - 1972

Born in Blackworth, Northumberland, Brother Bede entered the order in 1939 and made his profession of vows in 1941 at Scorton. He suffered a long crippling illness, which he bore with cheerfulness and patience and returned to the Lord on 19 December 1972 at Scorton, aged sixty-four and professed thirty-one years.

Brother Bede chose to link whatever he suffered with the redemptive suffering of Our Lord. Will you... today?



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Brother Aidan Kelly

1884 - 1973

Brother Aidan was born in Wexford, Ireland on 29 October 1884. After being employed as sales manager for John English & Company, printers of Wexford, he entered the Order at Stillorgan in 1913. He received the habit in Lyon, France in January 1914 and commenced at the novitiate in August 1916. He made his first profession of vows on 21 November 1917 and solemn profession of vows on 21 November 1923. In 1967 he celebrated his golden jubilee of religious profession in Barvin Park where he had served for many years, principally as a collector. For some years he also filled the office of collector for Scorton and for a period was attached to the hostel at Osterley Park, London. A deeply pious man of prayer, Brother Aidan died at Scorton 24 January 1973, aged eighty-eight and professed fifty-five years.

Brother Aidan chose to humble himself in order to provide for those who depended upon him. Will you... today?

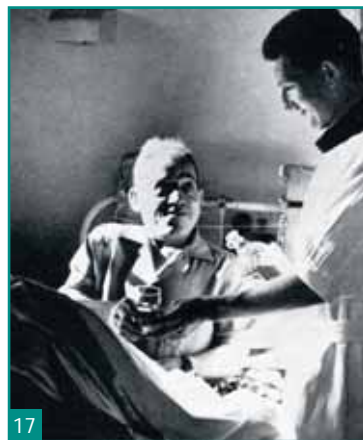


Brother Colman Lowe

1898 - 1973

Brother Colman was born on 19 July 1898 in Clapham, London. As an actor and singer, he appeared at the Royal Court Theatre, London and served during the First World War in the 13th London Regiment, mostly in Egypt. He was received into the Catholic Church in September 1934 and admitted as an oblate in Scorton June 1935. He served in Scorton, Barvin Park and Saint Cuthbert's and died at Scorton on 10 May 1973.

Brother Colman decided that no matter where he was he would use his talents at the service of those around him. Will you... today?



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Brother Cyril Martin

1914 - 1974

Born in 1914 in Saint Helens in Lancashire, Brother Cyril entered the novitiate at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin on 25 February 1936 at the age of twenty-two. He made his first profession of vows on 24 June 1937 at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin and solemn profession of vows on 3 June 1943 at Obelisk Park, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. He was appointed prior of Mulhuddart, Co. Dublin, a residential training centre for those suffering from epilepsy, in 1946. In 1948 he was appointed prior of Barvin Park, Potters Bar remaining in office until 1959. Again in 1962 he was appointed prior of Barvin Park. In 1965 he was elected provincial serving in this office until 1971, when once again he was appointed prior of Barvin Park. For many years Brother Cyril served as a provincial councillor. He was a forthright, no-nonsense Religious. During the last few years of his life he suffered from ill health. In 1974, only weeks before he died, he made the pilgrimage to Lourdes. Brother Cyril died in office as prior at Barvin Park on 15 June 1974, aged sixty-one and professed thirty-seven years. His mortal remains are interred in the cemetery at Barvin Park.

Brother Cyril made a choice to embrace the 'vulnerable ones' as friends and to be faithful to them no matter what. Will you... today?



Brother Declan Flynn

1899 - 1978

Born in Tullig, Castlegregory, Co. Kerry on 28 November 1899, Brother Declan entered the Order at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin on 30 October 1931, before which we worked on his family farm. He made his first profession of vows in Stillorgan in 1932 and solemn profession of vows at Barvin Park, and spent several years in Scorton. A true Brother of Saint John of God, he never let an occasion slip by for rendering assistance to those in our care. His last days were spent at Scorton where after a serious illness he died on 18 January 1978 aged seventy-eight and professed forty-six years.

Brother Declan allowed his heart to hear the cry of the poor. He never turned away. Will you... today?



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Brother Gerard Madden

1910 - 1978

Born in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire on 10 June 1910, Brother Gerard entered the Order at Stillorgan, Co. Dublin on 10 June 1929. He made his first profession of vows on 19 March 1931 and solemn profession of vows on 17 November 1935. Brother Gerard was influential in establishing the Order's work in Ireland for people with learning disabilities. He was the provincial bursar, and bursar of Stillorgan, as well as the joint editor of the Order's magazine in Ireland, 'Caritas', along with Brother Wilfrid Benning. In 1938 he transferred to the Order's Mother House on Tiber Island, Rome where he stayed for eight years, which included the whole period of the Second World War. Quietly and efficiently he helped Jews and others in difficulty with the occupying forces. After his return to England he served in Scorton and Barvin Park, chiefly as an occupational therapist. In 1960 he became a founder

member of the community in Lusaka, Zambia, formerly Northern Rhodesia, and spent seventeen years there. With little funding he set up and maintained an occupational therapy service in the Chainama Hills psychiatric hospital in Lusaka. Brother Gerard was over fifty years of age when he agreed to go to Zambia. His period of service to the poor and the sick of Zambia together with his deep involvement with the lay apostolate, especially through the Vincent de Paul Society, endeared him to all the people. He died in Lusaka on 7 July 1978 aged sixty-eight and professed forty-seven years.

“ **Brother Gerard chose to put his own life on the line rather than refuse to help those who were despised by others.**
Will you... today? ”



Brother Jude Dudman

1936 - 1978

Brother Jude was born on 8 November 1936 in Sliema, Malta and educated at the Salesian College, Battersea, London. He entered the Order at Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth Place in June 1957 after completing his National Service in the RAMC where he was a trainee radiographer. He made his first profession of vows at Silverdale, Lancashire on 8 March 1959 and solemn profession of vows on 23 April 1962 at Silverdale. He taught at the Juniorate at Hurworth between 1960 and 1967 and qualified as a State Registered Nurse in 1971. He served at Barvin Park, was prior of Saint Cuthbert's and a provincial councillor in 1977. Brother Jude was a quiet Hospitaller of complete availability and deep piety. He died peacefully at Scorton after a short, but painful, illness on 9 July 1978, aged forty-one and professed nineteen years.

“ **Brother Jude decided to listen to the 'still, small voice of the Lord' and to respond to its promptings with a heart full of love.**
Will you... today? ”



Brother Sebastian Keating

1939 - 1978

Born on 1 December 1939 in Clonmel, County Tipperary, Brother Sebastian entered the Juniorate at Scorton in January 1952. He became a postulant at Silverdale on 25 February 1957 and made his first profession of vows at Silverdale on 26 April 1957 and solemn profession of vows on 5 April 1964. He qualified as a State Registered Nurse working at Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton and the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton. From 1967 to 1973 he served at Woodlands Nursing Home, Lusaka, Zambia. He returned to England in 1973. Brother Sebastian was prior of Scorton from 1974 to 1977 and then returned to Zambia as a founder-member of a new foundation at Lukulu, Western Province. His mechanical knowledge, which earned him the affectionate name of 'Gadgets', proved a great blessing to the hospital and community. Brother Sebastian organised the day-to-day running of the Lukulu mission hospital. His further plans were sadly cut short by his untimely death in a motor vehicle accident in Zambia. He died on 5 August 1978 aged thirty-eight and professed twenty years.

“ **Brother Sebastian saw himself as a citizen of the world where all its inhabitants were his brothers and sisters.**
Will you... today? ”

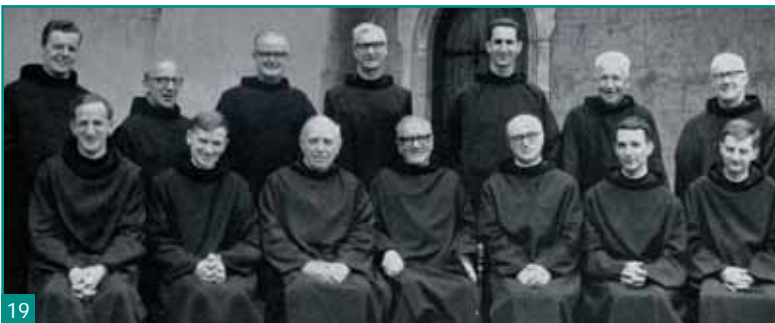


Brother Marcellus Hodgson

1935 - 1980

Born in Dartford, Kent on 1 June 1935 and baptised in the Church of England, Brother Marcellus' first contact with Catholics was during his national service. He was received into the Catholic Church on 16 January 1960. He became a novice on 23 April 1961 at Silverdale, and made his first profession of vows on 1 May 1962 and solemn profession of vows on 19 March 1968. After assisting in the Juniorate at Hurworth Grange he studied at the Order's International College in Rome, obtaining a diploma in Theological and Spiritual Studies from The Teresianum. He qualified as a State Registered Nurse at Newcastle General Hospital where he was awarded the Heath Prize for Nursing Theory and the McKeswick Gold Medal for being the best practical nurse in 1972. Brother Marcellus then went on to qualify in psychiatric nursing at Crichton Royal Hospital in Dumfries. Returning to Scorton, he became nursing director and personnel officer. In August 1978 he became prior of Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth Place where he died suddenly on 9 January 1980 aged forty-four and professed seventeen years.

“ **Brother Marcellus was prepared to learn from anyone so as to be of greater service to those in need.**
Will you... today? ”



The Rule of Life

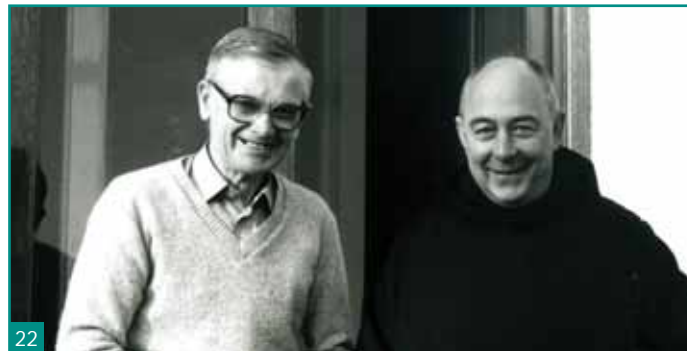
Saint John of God lived love for God and neighbour in perfect unity.



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Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and inwardly transformed by the merciful love of the Father, Saint John of God lived for the love of God and neighbour in perfect unity.

Born in Portugal on the 8 March 1495 and after time spent as a shepherd, a builder, a soldier and an itinerant book peddler, he eventually settled in southern Spain in 1538. In Granada he experienced a religious conversion that led directly to a distressing period of hospitalisation for psychiatric treatment which in turn moved him to devote the remainder of his life to all those he could reach who suffered from any kind of need, sickness or deprivation. He gave of himself completely to the salvation of those who came in need and faithfully imitated the Saviour in his attitudes and actions of mercy.

Despite many debts, worries and cares, he trusted wholly in Jesus Christ. His selfless dedication to the sick and needy of society brought him to be known throughout Spain as both 'John of God' and 'The Father of the Poor'. John of God returned to the Father on the 8 March 1550 at the age of fifty-five.



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The movement of compassion launched by John of God through his hospital at Granada has been carried on ever since by a religious order that emerged from the group of employees, volunteers and benefactors that gathered around him in Granada.

Today the Brothers of the Order form the nucleus of a group of fifty thousand professional collaborators or co-workers supporting more than two million men, women and children throughout the world whose needs very often leave them marginalised and abandoned within their societies and cultures.

Our Hospitaller Order was born of the Gospel of Mercy as lived in its fullness by Saint John of God, and it is precisely because of this characteristic that we justifiably claim him as our Founder. He indeed understood that the clearest sign of the passage from death to life is love of one's brethren, not only expressed in words but manifested in deeds and in truth.



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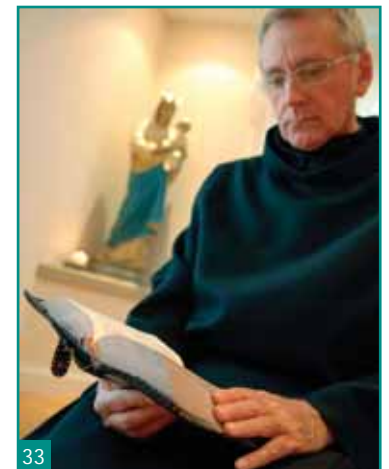
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Following the request of our early Brothers, the religious family to which we belong was approved by Pope Saint Pius V on 1 January 1572 and is known in the Church by the name of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God.

As Hospitaller Brothers of Saint John of God following and serving our Lord Jesus Christ is the main concern of our lives; we want to love him above all the things of this world and to express our gratitude for his merciful love and goodness towards us by befriending those on the margins of society.

We strive to incarnate in ever greater depth the sentiments of Christ towards the sick and those in most need and to manifest these sentiments with actions of mercy; in embracing our own weakness we are able to stand beside the weak as the most favoured ones of the Kingdom; together we experience the Father's love and strive to live his gift of Gospel life; their needs and sufferings resonate deep within us and lead us to work with them and our co-workers to alleviate such sufferings and to work for the personal development and advancement of all; in our journeying together as companions, we defend their rights; and we offer our lives for them.

When he called us to be Hospitaller Brothers of Saint John of God, God chose us to form a Hospitaller community. As Brothers in communion with each other and the Church, we seek to manifest the supremacy of God's love and strive together to attain perfect union between love for God and our neighbour. The realisation of this dream is attained as we live out in spirit and in truth our vows of chastity, poverty, obedience and hospitality, with fidelity to the spirit of the rule of Saint Augustine and observance of the Constitutions of the Order.

We renew our awareness of our vocation in the celebration and contemplation of the mystery of Christ. The celebration of the Eucharist, the celebration of the Divine Office, Marian devotion, personal prayer and spiritual reading hold a central place in our daily lives; we contemplate Jesus in his way of dealing with the sick and above all in his passion and death, which are the supreme manifestation of his love for our human family. This strengthens us in charity and encourages us to carry out our mission in imitation of the life of our Saviour.

We accept and carry out the will of God, imitating the simplicity, availability to others, self-giving and faithfulness of the ever-virgin Mary; we try to reflect her maternal love in our apostolate to those who suffer.

Our openness to the Spirit, to the signs of the times and to people's needs, show us how we are to incarnate our Hospitaller mission creatively in any given time or situation. The very richness of the charism we have received presupposes that it can be expressed in different forms according to specific circumstances of time and place. And this is why we live in an attitude of discernment and conversion so that our mission in the Church may always correspond to God's will for us and express our sense of unity.



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Brother Conrad Gormley

1915 - 1983

Born on 18 February 1915 in Blackburn, Lancashire, Brother Conrad entered the Order at Scorton in 1938, but went soon afterwards to the novitiate in Stillorgan, Co. Dublin where he made his first profession of vows on 24 October 1940. He made his solemn profession of vows in Scorton on 24 October 1943. During the forty years in England, Brother Conrad faithfully served the sick, people with physical and learning disabilities and 'homeless working lads'. His time was spent evenly between Scorton, Hurworth Place, Barvin Park and Silverdale. He also put in many hours over the years collecting money in the North of England and around the Westminster Diocese for the works that were so dear to him. During the final years of his life Brother Conrad bore cheerfully his failing health. He died at Scorton on 10 November 1983, aged sixty-eight and professed forty-three years. He was a man of faith and led a very structured prayer life. He was a man of tremendous loyalties and deep affection, with reverential respect for authority in the Church and the Order.

“**Brother Conrad chose to put his love of God and his Church into action by standing by those in need no matter what. Will you... today?**”



Brother Norbert McMahon

1902 - 1983

Born on 10 May 1902 in Bradford, West Yorkshire, Brother Norbert entered the Order at Scorton in 1922. He transferred to the novitiate in Lyon, France where he made his first profession of vows on 21 November 1924 and solemn profession of vows on 21 November 1927. After a period as bursar in Le Rue Oudinot, Paris, Brother Norbert returned to England. In turn he filled the offices of prior of Wiseman House, Walthamstow, London, provincial of the Irish-English Province 1937-1946, prior of Scorton, general councillor in Rome, novice master and prior of Silverdale from 1962 to 1965. Brother Norbert was a co-founder of the Irish Province's magazine Caritas. He founded a place for people with epilepsy in Ireland, and extended the works for those with learning difficulties in that country. His linguistic capabilities in French, Italian and Spanish were appreciated in Rome where he spent the last eleven years of his life, mostly helping the prior general with translations. Brother Norbert's writings in English included 'Life of Saint John of God' and 'History of the Hospitaller Order'. He died at the Mother House on Tiber Island, Rome, after a long illness patiently borne on 23 November 1983 aged eighty-one and professed fifty-nine years.

“**Brother Norbert did his best to understand what others were really trying to say so that he could respond appropriately. Will you... today?**”



Brother Christopher Bridgeman

1903 - 1988

Born on 24 January 1903 in Herne Hill, London, Brother Christopher was baptised in the Church of England and received into the Catholic Church later when a young man. After short spells in the RAF and the Oblates of Saint Charles, he entered the Order in Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, where he made his first profession of vows on 19 March 1934 and solemn profession of vows in 1938. He qualified as a psychiatric nurse and radiographer, and served as provincial councillor, prior of Barvin Park, and secretary. When necessary he was organist and his voice helped to maintain choral strength in the choir. In his Barvin Park days he took up scouting with enthusiasm with residents there. He became one of the most familiar figures in and around Scorton, always recognised by his little skull cap. He was a stickler for detail – like regular winding of the big hospital clock over the main entrance. A champion of fair play, he was kind and gentle with all, and essentially a man of prayer. Brother Christopher died on 16 February 1988 having just entered into his eighty-sixth year of age, and within a little over a month short of fifty-four years of religious profession.

“**Brother Christopher chose to become a friend to all. Will you... today?**”



Brother Casimir Fegan

1921 - 1993

Born on 3 June 1921 in Leith, Scotland, Brother Casimir entered the Order at Scorton on 3 January 1940 with impeccable recommendations. He made his first profession of vows on 15 September 1941 and solemn profession of vows on 29 June 1947, both at Scorton. After first profession he served in the RAMC, Scottish Command for the duration of the War. Upon discharge from the Army he received the Command's Certificate of Appreciation of Good Service. He qualified as a State Registered Nurse and was in charge of the operating theatre at Scorton for many years, his efficiency being greatly admired and appreciated. He served as prior of Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton between 1956 and 1961 and served for a time also at Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth Place. He was a provincial councillor and in charge of the Hemlington project

in its initial stages. He rendered valuable service in Zambia and in Quebec, Canada. Quiet, unassuming, very neat and tidy, but always close by to lend a helping hand, his kindness, gentleness and competence in nursing skills were outstanding. Cassie, as he was affectionately known to his confreres, was a man of prayer and solid devotion. At the age of seventy he volunteered to go again to Zambia, this time Monze, where he died within less than twelve months in his seventy-second year of age and fifty-second year of religious profession on 4 March 1993.

“**Brother Casimir decided to be a gentle presence within the world. Will you... today?**”

‘If you come here, you will have to be very obedient and work much harder than you have ever done, while always remaining absorbed in the things of God and losing sleep in order to care for the poor’

Letter of Saint John of God to Luis Bautista

‘Each day of your life you should look to God’

Letter of Saint John of God to Luis Bautista



Brother Edward Riordan

1928 - 1994

Born on 1 February 1928 in Longbenton, Northumberland, Brother Edward embarked on studies for his priesthood in the late 1940s. Edward then followed a different call and after a spell with the Camillians, he joined the Brothers of Saint John of God. He made his first profession of vows in 1955. Edward served in centres throughout the Province and though he worked untiringly for the sick and disabled in those centres, he will be remembered most of all for his external mission to some of society's most neglected people. His very personal crusade against poverty and injustice was born of a belief that 'all have the right to respect and dignity'. Brother Edward vehemently believed in the Gospel of action and took the call to personal responsibility for the needs of the neglected most seriously and often at great personal cost to his health. His visits to 'The Passage' in London, Saint George's Crypt in Leeds and the Salvation Army Hostel in Darlington were true expressions of Hospitaller activity. He deplored the Communist and totalitarian regimes of Eastern Europe and Russia and the apartheid policy in South Africa. Not content with voicing his opinion he would frequently petition members of parliament, political pressure groups and foreign embassies either in search of information or to plead for action on behalf of individual political prisoners. His concern for the starving populations of Somalia and

Ethiopia led him to many an ingenious trick or two in the art of raising money and material aid. He was in many ways the Community's living conscience. Only when all practical help failed or was exhausted would he then petition the Community to prayer! Gifted with a mild and endearing eccentricity, Edward brought many a dull occasion to life; turned many a tense moment into unforgettable humour. Many of his artistic gifts were never fully realised. His musical talents broad but never widely acclaimed. A virtually unseen talent and perhaps his most accomplished artistic skill lay in his ability in prose writing. A book of short stories once won the admiration of a publisher who expressed an interest in publishing them, but Brother Edward refused the offer and the book remained unpublished. One of his final achievements was a degree in humanities with the Open University. He died on 21 June 1994 aged sixty-six.

Brother Edward chose to raise his voice on behalf of the most marginalised. Will you... today?



Brother Wilfrid Benning

1912 - 1994

Born in Bow, East London, in 1912, Brother Wilfrid, having been educated at the Oratory School in Brompton, went on to pursue a short-lived career in surveying. His desire to place his life at the service of God led him to join the Hospitaller Order in Stillorgan in 1933 where he made his profession of vows one year later. He was a man of outstanding capacity for work and gifted with unbound abilities and interests. He remained in Ireland for almost twenty years as a registered psychiatric nurse. He developed specialised skills in intelligence and aptitude testing and was responsible for setting up Ireland's first officially recognised training centre for teachers and nurses of people with mental health problems at Obelisk Park, Co. Dublin. In Ireland he was a prior, sub-novice master, provincial councillor and provincial secretary.

In 1953, when the English Province was established, Wilfrid returned to England where six years later he was elected the second provincial of the Province. Elected to attend the General Chapter in 1959 he was to become a familiar and revered figure at all subsequent Chapters until 1988. After his six year term as provincial he was at one time or another prior, novice master, provincial councillor, school master and editor of various publications. He was appointed member of the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Commission for England and Wales by the Bishops' President and was a member of the working party

of the Social Welfare Committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference. When seventy-five years of age, he commenced studies for the priesthood and was ordained a Hospitaller priest in 1990. Wilfrid found a new enthusiasm in his ministry and the contribution he made to the life of the Hospitaller Community, to the Parish of Scorton and the Diocese of Middlesbrough was significant for a man of his years. His gifts were many and he used them in full: story teller and humorist: musician and songster, historian and archivist, a prodigious memory and an uncommon capacity to befriend young and old alike. At the very beginning of Wilfrid's religious life in 1934, a Brother in Stillorgan, Ireland, made an observation and a prediction of Wilfrid which proved to be an observation of profound and wise insight: "I am certain that he will become one of our most valuable men in the future." Towards the end of his life, it was recorded, as though in fulfilment of the prophecy, "This is a man of great integrity, of deep religious and moral convictions, who has given great witness to the Spirituality of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God." Brother Wilfrid died in Scorton on 12 November 1994.

Brother Wilfrid chose to be unflinching in his service to others, no matter what it entailed. Will you... today?



Brother Gregory Roche

1931 - 1999

Brother Gregory was born in Leeds in 1931. Soon after the War ended, he joined the Royal Navy and for eight years, enjoyed life at sea. On leaving the Royal Navy he began his nurse training at Meanwood Park Hospital, Leeds. Part of his training took place at Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton, and his experience there led him to seek admission to the Hospitaller religious life. He entered the Order in February 1967. Following his novitiate and his profession of vows in Celbridge, he returned to England to continue his religious and professional formation. He made solemn profession of vows on 5 October 1974 and qualified as an occupational therapist soon afterwards. Brother Gregory served the communities in Scorton, Hurworth Place and Potters Bar. A visit to the Brothers' rehabilitation centre for children in Zambia was brought to a sudden end by malaria.

His was gifted with many skills and talents. His artistic ability produced much at the potter's wheel; many a greetings card from his printer's press; many a song from the side of a piano. His 'green fingers' kept every community stocked with tomatoes and green chutney and a range of exotic plants throughout the year. As provincial archivist he developed his computer skills to good advantage and reorganised his archival files of the Province when they were transferred from Hurworth to Scorton. A man of forthright views and traditional customs, he was not at ease with the great changes that swept through the Church in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. The difficulties he encountered with the change caused him personal conflict and periods of illness. He nevertheless demonstrated periods of remarkable patience and persevered in spite of difficulty - none more so than during his final illness, which he bore with calm resignation and a quiet assurance that true life was about to begin. He died in 1999, aged sixty-eight and professed thirty-one years.

Brother Gregory used his God giving talents to make the world a more beautiful place. Will you... today?



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Brother Martin Barry

1914 - 2002

Brother Martin Barry was born in Clonakilty, Co.Cork on 11 October 1914. Before joining the Order he worked as a gardener and cook. In 1948 Brother Martin joined the Order in Scorton and made his first profession of vows on 8 March 1950. In the fifty years since his first profession of vows, Brother Martin has served in most of the houses of the Province, always leaving his mark in the garden. His abilities and skills in the cultivation of home produce were never more appreciated and welcomed as they were in Zambia where he served the Order for over twenty years. He was one of the first groups of Brothers to take up the invitation of the Archbishop of Lusaka to establish the country's first psychiatric hospital in Lusaka. His abilities were vital to the hospital becoming self-supporting in fresh food

products. Later, these same gifts were put to equally effective use in a children's rehabilitation centre in Monze. Another extraordinary skill of Brother Martin was water divining, as a result of which the centre in Monze has enjoyed an uninterrupted supply of fresh clear drinking water since 1984. This skill was much sought after by others in search of water sources when planning new building projects in Zambia. Brother Martin returned to England in 1986 to the hospital in Scorton where he died on 4 September 2002 aged eighty-seven and professed fifty-two years.

Brother Martin decided to work with God in providing for those with nothing. Will you... today?



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Brother George Larkin

1910 - 2003

Born on 23 October 1910 in Burnley, Lancashire, Brother George began his religious life in Ireland. He transferred to the English Province of the Order and made his first profession of vows on 19 March 1934 and spent most of his life caring for the sick at Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton and emerged a State Registered Nurse. He was very well known around the area because of his fundraising activities and did so well that a fishing boat and a race horse were named after him. A feature of his long life was his ability to seamlessly adapt to the various changes imposed on him. His nursing career followed by his renowned collecting, with his visits to churches at weekends, and the marvellously life-like collecting boxes. An accident to his knee eventually required a mid thigh amputation and a wheel chair bound existence, but always the same serenity. He died on 11 February 2003 aged ninety-two and professed seventy years.

Brother George became a beggar to feed those most in need. Will you... today?



Brother Basil Hamblin

1929 - 2004

Brother Basil was born in Ipswich, Suffolk on 3 May 1929. He entered the Order in 1948, aged nineteen. He made his first profession of vows on 8 March 1950 and commenced his nurse training in 1949 and qualified as a State Registered Nurse in 1952. He cared for the sick, the elderly and people with disabilities in Scorton, in Hurworth, and in Barvin Park. He was appointed to be in charge of the hospital's stores at Scorton. Brother Basil had a great sense of joyfulness that he was able to share with others, together with his sense of fun, and his wonderful laughter whenever he was suddenly amused. Brother Basil died at Saint John of God Hospital Nursing Home on 10 October 2004 aged seventy-five years and professed fifty-four years. He is buried in the Brothers' cemetery at Scorton.

Brother Basil created an atmosphere of joy. Will you... today?



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Brother Bernard Burke

1911 - 2004

Born on 13 April 1911, Brother Bernard made his first profession of vows in 1934 at a time when England and Ireland formed a single Province. In 1953, when the Order in England became a separate Province, Brother Bernard became its first provincial, an appointment he held for nine years. In 1969, when Bernard was fifty-eight, he transferred to Lusaka, Zambia where the Archbishop had asked the Brothers to take on the design and construction of a sixty-bed hospital. Brother Bernard organised this work and became the first prior of the hospital. At the age of seventy, when the Bishop of Monze in Zambia asked the Brothers to set up a post-surgical rehabilitation centre for children, Brother Bernard again answered the call. He returned to England and lived for many years at Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton where he spent his days in prayer and offering comfort and friendship to all of the people who used the Order's services there. In March 2004 he



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moved to Saint John of God Community in Hemlington and following an accident in May 2004 moved to Ventress Hall Nursing Home, Darlington. He was the Order's great innovator, he was a man of prayer, he was a towering presence in the life of our Province. Brother Bernard died at the age of ninety-three on 13 October 2004 in Darlington in the same year that he earlier celebrated his platinum jubilee.

Brother Bernard took responsibility seriously. Will you... today?



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Brother Anselm Granelli

1920 - 2005

Brother Anselm was born in Leeds on 11 February 1920 into an Italian family. During the Second World War he served in the British Army. He entered the novitiate of the Order at Scorton on 15 August 1952. He made his first profession of vows on 29 August 1953 and solemn profession of vows on 29 August 1956. He trained as a State Registered Nurse and served at Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth Place and at Silverdale in Lancashire. In 1961 he was sent to nurse people in need of psychiatric care in Zambia. This was a pioneering initiative and Anselm was one of three Brothers responsible for opening the first psychiatric hospital in the then newly independent Zambia. He returned to England in the early 1980s and in 1986 Brother Anselm, who was fluent in Italian, was invited to work at the Vatican Pharmacy. He was there for eighteen years. In September 2003 Brother Anselm retired from his post at the Vatican Pharmacy and returned to England for the last time. Brother Anselm, a Brother of the Order for more than fifty-one years died peacefully at the age of eighty-four at Saint Francis Nursing Home, Littlehampton on 17 January 2005.

Brother Anselm chose to listen to others attentively. Will you... today?



Brother Francis Stevens

1926 - 2008

Brother Francis was born on 12 April 1926. At the age of eighteen he was conscripted into the British Army. Not long after the D-Day invasion he endured the blast of a hand grenade when in France and was taken into captivity as a Prisoner of War. He finished his army service in Ghana. He made his first profession of vows on 28 October 1951 in Scorton and qualified as a State Registered Nurse. In 1962 he went to Lusaka, Zambia, where he was to stay for three months, but stayed for nine years. He returned to England in 1971 and worked for a time at Barvin Park before taking some years out of the Order to look after his mother. When she was admitted to Saint John of God Hospital in Scorton, Brother Francis returned to the Order where he helped nurse his mother until she died and contributed to the setting-up of the Alzheimer's unit at the hospital. Later, in 1987, he went back to Zambia where he stayed for eleven years. On his return he spent time in Bradford, Scorton, Hemlington, Littlehampton and finally in Birmingham with the Little Sisters of the Poor. Parkinson's Disease took hold of Brother Francis and he died on 12 November 2008 aged eighty-six and professed fifty-seven years.

Brother Francis did his best to serve God even during the difficult moments. Will you... today?

Companions On The Journey

If man demands success,
God does not...his measure is love.

'Each of us follows the path along which God leads him'
Third letter of Saint John of God to the Duchess of Sessa

Many Brothers have ministered within the Province of the Venerable Bede over these last fifty six years. All came with the aspiration of serving our Lord in service to the sick and those living with some form of disability. Many died as Hospitaller Brothers, many are still ministering as Hospitaller Brothers and sadly, a number left the Order.

Of those who left, some walked with us for a few weeks, some for months, and some for many, many years. Each one left for reasons that were personal to them. We know that when personal hopes and dreams do not materialise, hurt, anger and disappointment can result. This is often felt by those who leave a religious order. For any hurt we caused them, we humbly beg their forgiveness.

In the same way we must acknowledge the sadness and hurt experienced by those Brothers who remained. They witnessed the departure of confreres and good friends; Brothers whom they imagined would walk with them through all the years ahead, contributing to the development of the mission and who would be around in their old age.

Yet in the last days of the Province of the Venerable Bede, we want it to be known that our Brothers who left, brought to us their faith, talents, kindness, gentleness, and the friendship we enjoyed when we shared our lives. Perhaps more importantly, we thank them for the love and care they showed those they served. Some of these Hospitaller men carried enormous responsibility for our Province's mission within

England and further afield. We honour their generosity of spirit. We thank each one from the depths of our hearts for their presence among us and for all we shared together on that particular part of our pilgrimage. It was all part of God's plan no doubt.

After much discussion, the editorial team decided not to mention these good men by name so as to respect the decisions they made and their privacy. However we pray that they have found what they were truly looking for and that their experience with us was ultimately a grace-filled moment in their lives.

**'You must offer God deep thanks for everything,
both the good and the bad'** *Letter of Saint John of God
to Luis Bautist*

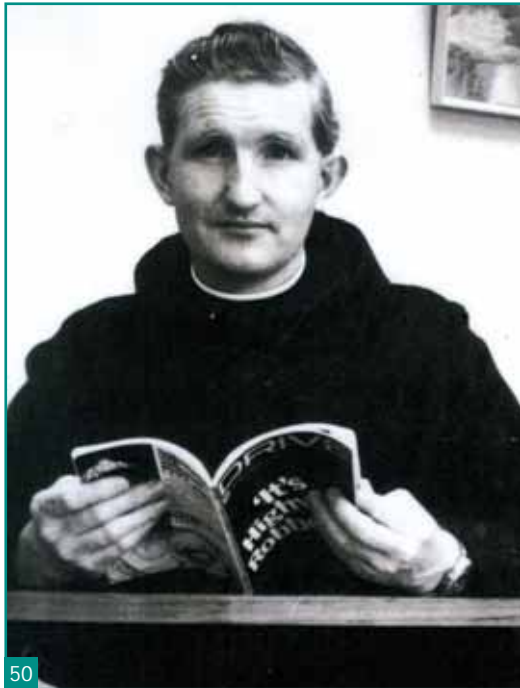
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.' *Matthew 25:35 - 40*



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To live is to change, to change often is to become perfect...

'To live is to change, to change often is to become perfect'

Cardinal John Henry Newman

Being responsible for the management of large institutions and the hands on care of the frail, the sick and those living with major disabilities in the 1950s and 1960s called for incredible commitment and hard work, twenty-four seven, twelve months of the year. Many of those who lived in the large institutions were disowned by their own families or had such difficulties that their families simply could not cope. Some came as young people much the same age as some of the youngest Brothers who over the years became their friends and family. They were often cared for the whole of their lives. There was little in the way of financial help from Government sources and much had to be done with very little.

The English Province came into being nine years before the Second Vatican Council which began in 1962. This monumental moment for the Church and the world changed forever the way men and women who belonged to apostolic religious orders or congregations would live out their vocation. This Council required every religious order to return to its heart, its charismatic beginnings, to revisit the life and teaching of the founder and to examine its customs, its lifestyle and ministry in the light of what they rediscovered.

The world of health care was also changing. New insights, new medical practices, better medicines were starting to challenge traditional methods of caring for those with disability of any kind. Institutional care was becoming less acceptable as the appropriate response to the needs of people living with a disability.

The Brothers of the Province embraced both the renewal being called for by the Church and the new ideas from other care professionals wholeheartedly. The Brothers led the way in developing community care based living in an attempt to provide the very best support and care for the people who used its services. Over the years the larger centres were sold and those that had used them were integrated within local

communities offering them a new range of possibilities. This meant incredible change for the Brothers who had only ever worked within the large 'hospital-monasteries' of former years. To provide the amount of support needed by those who were living in small groups within many different towns and cities, a much larger group of people were needed than just the Brothers and the faithful doctors, nurses, domiciliary and administrative staff once employed within the institutions. The Brothers began to engage with employees not as 'staff' but as co-workers in their common mission of hospitality who brought their own expertise and skill to the new situations of supported living. This was, for many Brothers, a huge learning curve, one they embraced readily because of its positive effects for all. The Brothers began to speak of the Hospitaller family rather than the Hospitaller Order which often was seen just to refer to the Brothers themselves.

These years of renewal and development took place under the leadership of six Provincials: Brother Cyril Martin OH, Brother Joseph Carroll OH, Brother Benet Ormerod OH, Brother Stanislaus Neild OH, Brother Robert Moore OH, and Brother John Martin OH. These men, working in collaboration with the Brothers, and the many co-workers within the Province modernised every aspect of their outreach to those who looked to them for support. During the Provincialate of Brother John Martin OH a new charity was developed called Saint John of God Hospitaller Services. This new expression of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God's ongoing love and support for the sick and vulnerable people, is now responsible for the day to day care and support offered by the Brothers of the Province.

Many sacrifices have had to be made by the Brothers so that better support and care could be afforded to those in their care. The Brothers themselves have had to develop new understandings of community living, and many time-honoured practices had to be relinquished so that new ways of being Brother to the marginalised could be embraced.



The Brothers Today

'Since we all share the same aim... it is a good thing if we encourage each other.'

Second letter of Saint John of God to Gutierrez Lasso

'Each day of your life you should look to God; always attend the full Mass; make frequent confession, if at all possible; never go to sleep in mortal sin - not even for a single night; and love Our Lord Jesus Christ above everything in the world, for however much you love him he still loves you more.'

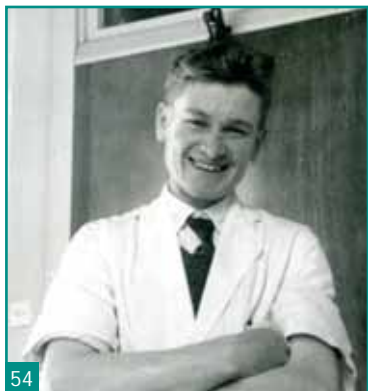
Letter of Saint John of God to Luis Bautista

'Always have charity, for where there is no charity God is not there - even though God is everywhere' *Letter of Saint John of God to Luis Bautista*



Brother
Felix O'Neill

Born in April 1920 in Rosscarberry, Cork, Brother Felix joined the Order in 1948 and made his first profession of vows on 3 December 1950. Prior to joining he had served three years with the 7 Field Corp of Engineers of the Irish Army and a year in India with the Royal Air Force. In past times it was generally considered by some that a person who had experience of the world may not be a suitable candidate for religious life. Brother Felix came with a recommendation to the contrary, that because of his knowledge of the world he should prove to be an asset to the Order. And so he has. Brother Felix trained as a carpenter in his youth and when he entered the Order it was rumoured that he had brought his toolbox with him. Whether or not the rumour was true, the fact remains that his practical skills have been of



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enormous benefit and gain to the Order. He qualified as a State Registered Nurse in 1957 and afterwards served as a charge nurse in the Province's hospitals in Hurworth, Silverdale, Scorton, and Potters Bar. Between 1966 and 1989, Brother Felix served a succession of appointments as prior, including a term in Lusaka, Zambia between 1971 and 1974. He spent some time being a great support in the community in Saint John of God Pastoral Centre, Hemlington. Brother Felix now resides with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Newcastle.

Brother Felix gives us a glimpse of Christ's gentle and faithful love. Will you... today?



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Brother
Joseph Carroll

Brother Joseph was born 3 October 1921 in Bradford, West Yorkshire

He spent four years in the army during which he served in France for twelve months and in the Middle East for eighteen months. After the war he joined the Order in 1948, made his first profession of vows on 7 August 1950 and two years later qualified as a State Registered Nurse. Around 1960 he was one of a group of Brothers who volunteered to establish a new psychiatric hospital in Lusaka, Zambia. His responsibilities there included the teaching and training of student nurses as well as clinical practice and supervision in the hospitals wards. He was the superior in Chainama Hills from 1961 to 1971.

Brother Joseph was also closely involved with the handing over of the hospital to the state authorities in 1980 and with the development of the rehabilitation centre for children in Monze. A three-year break from Zambia occurred between 1971 and 1974 when he was elected provincial of the English Province. Brother Joseph finally left Zambia in 1989 and a short while later went to Spokane, USA to study for an M.A. in spirituality. The end of his travels still not over, he then set off for the Philippines where he assisted in the Filipino novitiate for two years. Over a period of six years he contributed to a number of communities: Hemlington, South Shields and Barrhead. In each he has given valuable support and initiative to the 'Ascent' groups (prayer groups for people in later years) and to the RCIA groups (preparation for new comers to the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). He resided in the community Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton and after the closure now lives with the Little Sisters of the poor in Leeds. Brother Joe contributes greatly to research and content for our publications.

Brother Joe gives us a glimpse of Christ's wisdom and strength. Will you... today?



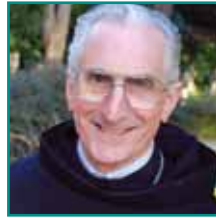
Brother
Bartholomew Battigan

Brother Bartholomew was born on 20 April 1925 in Dublin. He made his simple profession of vows on 2 February 1944 and solemn profession of vows on 8 December 1949. He was a qualified nurse and worked for a period of time at Barvin Park. Brother Bartholomew was there in the early days of the first foundation at Chainama Hills in Zambia, then went again to Zambia in 1980 to Lukulu. Whilst at Scorton he was always the Brother on hand who would fetch blood from the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton at any hour for the surgical services, ferry patients to and from the railway station and ensure that security at the hospital was upheld. He formed part of the Brothers' community in Hemlington in 1999 and spent time in Scorton and Darlington, and in 2007 moved to Stillorgan in Dublin.

Brother Bartholomew gives us a glimpse of Christ's friendship. Will you... today?



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Brother
Ignatius Halloran

Brother Ignatius was born in North London on 4 March 1934. As a child he was evacuated to nearby Hertfordshire and then to Lancashire. He returned home in 1945 at the age of eleven and was enrolled at the Jesuit College at Wimbledon. Brother Ignatius first came to Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton in August 1952. He made his first profession of vows on 13 December 1953 at Saint John of God Hospital, Silverdale and following this he commenced three years of training as a State Registered Nurse at the Province's nursing school at Scorton. In 1957 Brother Ignatius gained his nursing qualification and on 19 March 1958, he made solemn profession of vows.

Since then Brother Ignatius's Hospitaller vocation has called him to fulfil a rich variety of roles. These have included the care and training of boys hoping to become Brothers of Saint John of God at what was the Province's Juniorate at Hurworth Place, the care of people with learning disabilities at Barvin Park and the care of elderly, sick and disabled people at Scorton. He was also instrumental in achieving the complete renewal of the garden of remembrance at Scorton, which has given such great pleasure to the people who live at Scorton and to staff and visitors. Brother Ignatius served for four years in the Province's services in Zambia and for a further four-year

period as a member of the Order's international community at the Tiber Island Hospital in Rome. During his time there he became friendly with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity who are based in Rome and had the privilege of meeting their revered founder who we now know as the Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. In his retirement Brother Ignatius now lives at the community in Stillorgan, Dublin.

Brother Ignatius gives us a glimpse of Christ's concern for those on the margins of society. Will you... today?

'May Jesus Christ reward you in heaven for the alms and holy charity you have always extended to me'

Third letter of Saint John of God to the Duchess of Sessa

'Hope in Jesus Christ alone, who ...gives us eternal glory'

Third letter of Saint John of God to the Duchess of Sessa



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Brother Stanislaus Neild

Born on 18 November 1940, Brother Stanislaus, following his postulancy at Saint Cuthbert's Community, Hurworth Place, Co.Durham, entered the novitiate on 28 November 1958 in Silverdale, Lancashire, making his first profession of vows on 27 February 1960. His scholastic formation took place at Saint John of God Community, Scorton, during which time his professional nurse training was undertaken. He then spent a year at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, engaged in a specialised course to prepare him for work in Africa. After making solemn profession of vows on 20 November 1965, he studied anthropology and language in Lilongwe, Malawi before transferring to Mua Leprosarium in the Dedza Diocese. In 1966, Brother Stanislaus began working with the Sisters of Our Lady of Africa in the leprosarium at Mua, Ntkataka in Malawi, where he remained for a period of three years.

Returning to England in 1969, he was appointed provincial councillor and became scholastic master at Saint Cuthbert's Hospital, Hurworth Place. At the Provincial Chapter of 1974, he was elected prior of Saint Raphael's Community, Potters Bar.

At the Provincial Chapter of 1977, he was elected to the Provincial Council and made prior of the Saint John of God Community, Scorton and became manager of the Saint John of God Hospital.

At the Provincial Chapter of 1980, he was appointed novice master, a post he held until the Provincial Chapter of 1983, at which he was elected provincial - a post he held for nine years. In 1986, he commenced priestly studies at Ampleforth Abbey and was ordained priest on 1 May 1990. In 1992, at the Provincial Chapter, he was elected prior of Saint Raphael's Community, Potters Bar and became chaplain to the centre. In 1994, he transferred to the Community at Saint Vincent's, Potters Bar and was assistant priest, at the same time undertaking a Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies and Education. Since 2000, Brother Stanislaus has spent time at Scorton, Saint Francis Nursing Home in Littlehampton, and then moved to Scotland in 2005. Currently, Brother Stanislaus is a member of the Provincial Council and a trustee for the Province. He is provincial bursar and scholastic master; involved in pastoral care and a member of the Values and Culture Team. Recently, he has been appointed a member of the Bioethics Commission for the Irish and English Provinces. He also exercises his priestly ministry at Carmel Convent in Darlington.

Brother Stanislaus gives us a glimpse of Christ's welcome for each of us. Will you... today?



Brother Michael Francis

Born in Shepherd's Bush in 1941, Brother Michael served an apprenticeship in printing and worked in this field before joining the Order in June 1967. After his postulancy at Saint John of God Community, Scorton, he entered the novitiate of the Order at Saint Raphael's, Celbridge, Co.Kildare, in January 1968. He made his first profession of vows on 29 June 1969, and returned to Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth Place for his scholastic formation. During this period, his professional nurse training was undertaken at Darlington Memorial Hospital. In 1974, he transferred to Saint Raphael's Residential Training Centre, Potters Bar where he made solemn vows on 4 October 1975. The following year he moved to Saint Mary's Centre, Drumcar, Co.Louth, Ireland to undertake training as a registered nurse for people with learning disabilities (RNMS). At the Provincial Chapter in 1977, he was elected prior of Saint Raphael's Community, Potters Bar and became manager of the centre. At the Provincial Chapter of 1980, it was agreed to continue our commitment to Zambia and Brother Michael went to Lukulu General Hospital in Zambia. In 1983, he returned to Ireland to study religious formation at Blackrock College, Co.Dublin and on his return to England was appointed novice master. At the Provincial Chapter of 1986, he was elected prior of Saint John of God Community, Scorton and commenced

his priestly studies at Ampleforth Abbey. On 1 May 1990 Brother Michael was ordained priest in the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary, Middlesbrough, by the Right Reverend Augustine Harris, Bishop of Middlesbrough. In 1991, at the request of the Prior General, Brian O'Donnell, Brother Michael transferred to the Order in the Philippines (part of the Roman Province) as novice master, a post he held until 1994, when he returned to England. Since ordination he has exercised his priestly ministry as chaplain and parish priest at Scorton; parish priest at Saint Vincent's, Potters Bar, chaplain to Saint Raphael's Centre, Potters Bar and chaplain to the Order's Services in Scotland.

For a number of years he was a member of the Provincial Council and a trustee of the Province. Currently, Brother Michael exercises his priestly and pastoral ministry as co-pastor at Saint Augustine's, Darlington.

Brother Michael gives us a glimpse of Christ's love for the sick and struggling. Will you... today?



Brother
Robert Moore

Brother Robert was born 20 November 1944 in Hinckley, Leicestershire and baptised in the Catholic church in 1961. After leaving the sixth form of Hinckley Grammar School in 1963 he worked in hospitals in Leicester and Leeds before joining the Order at Hurworth Place in June 1971. He transferred to the novitiate in Celbridge, Ireland and made his first profession there on 10 March 1974. On returning to England he was accepted at Teesside School of Physiotherapy where he graduated as a chartered physiotherapist in 1978 and was awarded the Lamballe Memorial Prize for best student of the year.

In 1978, he was appointed to the Scorton community and to the physiotherapy department in the newly built rehabilitation unit. Solemn profession was made in March 1980 and election to the Provincial Council at the 1980 Provincial Chapter. He worked in the hospital's stroke unit until the 1983 Provincial Chapter when he was elected prior of Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth Place and appointed head of rehabilitation.

Between 1983 and 1988 there was a focus on preparing the residents of Saint Cuthbert's for placement in the community care projects and Brother Robert had a key role in the design and commissioning of the Hospitaller Housing Association's eighteen bed

unit for supported living at Rockliffe Court. He was chair of the association for two years. At this time he was a member of the working party of the Social Welfare Committee of the Catholic Bishops Conference set up to research relationships and disability. The result of this research was the publication of the report: 'Christian marriage and sexual relationships of disabled people'. He was also a member of the Conference of Religious steering committee, researching the care and housing of elderly Religious (CHERP).

In 1989 Brother Robert was elected prior of Scorton and first provincial councillor and from 1992 was the provincial until 1998. During this period he completed studies for the priesthood and was ordained in 1996 in Scorton. He served as parish priest in Scorton and at Saint Vincent's, Potters Bar before its closure in 1999. Short appointments to Barrhead, Hemlington and Welwyn Garden City followed before returning to Scorton in 2003 prior to the Order's withdrawal from there.

Brother Robert has a strong interest in churches working together and was a founder member of Churches Together in Scorton, which continues to the present time. He was appointed a foundation governor of a Church of England primary school and has served as a deputy and acting chair of the

board of governors. He was appointed by the Anglican Bishop of Ripon to the Ripon Diocesan Board of Education for a three-year term.

Following the sale of Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton, Brother Robert continued to be a member of the former Scorton Community, which eventually settled at Abbey Road, Darlington after an eighteen month residence in Richmond.

Currently Brother Robert is chair of the board of trustees for the Hospitaller Services, first provincial councillor and serves on a number of Province and inter-Province teams. In his spare time he is studying for a degree in ethics and philosophy with the Open University

Brother Robert gives us a glimpse of Christ's prayerful nature. Will you... today?



Brother
John O'Neill

Brother John was born on 8 April 1946 and made his simple profession of vows on 29 June 1969. He commenced his nurse training at Darlington Memorial Hospital and was based at Saint Cuthbert's. He worked for a time in Barvin Park in the mid 70s and again at Saint Cuthbert's in 1980 where he became acting prior. Together with Brother Emanuel Mutali and Otto Lillivelt (physiotherapist) they established the community based rehabilitation services in the Monze District (one-hundred and twenty three health centres). They also developed the non-evasive correction of club feet in the new born. The Chongo service was developed, which was a school for the disabled and the team developed workshop services on site. Many disabled youths were brought back into mainstream secondary education as a result.

In 1995, Brother John went to Mzuzu to work with the Irish Province in the mental health services and the outreach clinic as well as the drop in centre in the town. He conducted a survey which highlighted the need for a children's service, which is still operating today. After a serious accident, he went back to Our Lady of Mercy Province in 1998 and was appointed to Saint Joseph's Catholic Hospital, Koforidua, Ghana where he worked in the outpatients department and then as deputy administrator. He returned to England

in 2006. Currently Brother John is a provincial councillor and trustee of Saint John of God Hospitaller Services. He lives and works at Olallo House in London supporting homeless migrants.

Brother John gives us a glimpse of the humility of Christ. Will you... today?



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Brother Bonaventure Garrard

Brother Bonaventure was born in May 1947 in Shepherd's Bush, Hammersmith. He left school in 1963 and the first job in a wide and varied career was a position within the Post Office, his last post before joining the Order was as a London bus driver. In 1974 he entered the Order as a postulant at Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth and made simple profession on 24 February 1978 at Saint Raphael's. He trained as a Registered General Nurse at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton between 1979 and 1982. In 1983 he was asked to join the Brothers in the community in Monze, Zambia. He returned to England and made solemn profession of vows on 10 February 1985 in Scorton. Returning to Zambia in the same year, he continued his good

work in the Holy Family Centre. He was then called to be prior of Saint Cuthbert's in 1986 and after a period of study at university, was asked to be prior of Scorton in 1991 and 1994. Brother Bonaventure's past areas of responsibility have been supporting the services in Hertfordshire and London areas and pastoral care officer for Tyne Tees, Durham and the Dales, and West Yorkshire. In 2003 he supported the community in Barrhead, Scotland. Brother Bonaventure now lives in Darlington and works within the communities in the Northern Region.

Brother Bonaventure gives us a glimpse of Christ's love for the little ones. Will you... today?



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Brother Michael Newman

Brother Michael was born in 1947 in Thornaby and entered the Order when he was sixteen years old having been part of the juniorate. He trained as a Registered General Nurse in Darlington and gained a Diploma of Nursing at London University. Brother Michael has had many and varied roles within the Order: staff nurse at Scorton Hospital and a charge nurse at Saint Cuthbert's where he cared for elderly people and those with physical disabilities. He spent a year in the USA training as a novice master and spent eight years in this post in the English Province. Brother Michael has also been the vocations director and between 1980 and 1983 was the prior at Barvin Park. For seven months he was director of services at Saint John of God Hospital before going to the Philippines for three years where he worked training young Brothers and also nursing in the local psychiatric hospital. He has been the first superior in Bradford for a time and in recent times has worked with men, women and children suffering from HIV and AIDS at the Mildmay Hospital in London. Following this Brother Michael worked in the specialised units at Saint John of God Hospital for people with dementia and then in Ireland working in the field of pastoral care. Brother Michael has held the position of first provincial councillor and trustee and now works at Olallo House, London with homeless migrants from Eastern

Europe. Brother Michael is on the management team, is the volunteer co-ordinator for the service, and helps out with domestic arrangements as part of the staff team. He is also on a Formation Think Tank for the Conference of Religious in England and Wales and is the Province link person for the North East Commission for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Brother Michael gives us a glimpse of Christ's desire for the coming of the Kingdom. Will you... today?



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Brother Mark Morgan

Born on 16 August 1953 in Hartlepool, Brother Mark joined the Brothers in October 1974. Prior to joining the Order he was educated at Saint Bede's Catholic School. He gained an apprenticeship as a carpenter/joiner and was fully trained in 1973. He entered the Order in 1974 and undertook his registered nurse training in mental health (RNMH) training at Cell Barnes Hospital in Saint Albans. He completed his novitiate in Ireland and made simple profession on 19 March 1977, and solemn profession of vows on 20 March 1983. Brother Mark trained to be a registered nurse for people with learning disabilities. He has worked in the Order's services in England and Zambia. The offices he has held cover prior/local superior, provincial councillor and director of novices. He has completed two units of clinical pastoral education, one unit in Saint Vincent's Hospital Sydney and the other unit in Saint John of God Hospital Stillorgan. Brother Mark is now residing in the community in Halifax where he holds the position of staff nurse.

Brother Mark gives us a glimpse of Christ's healing touch. Will you... today?



Brother
John Martin

Brother John was born in 1959 in Dublin and later moved with his family to Nottingham. Having completed his secondary education, he began working with the Sisters of Nazareth. Whilst at Nazareth House, Brother John was given the opportunity to develop his catering skills and acquired professional qualifications to work within the catering industry. It was at Nazareth House that Brother John learned the meaning of a Hospitaller vocation. In response to the call of God, Brother John entered the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God in 1991. Having completed initial formation he made his first profession of vows and commenced professional studies to

become a social worker. Brother John successfully completed a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and then made further studies to develop skills in counselling and community care management. Having left the scholasticate, Brother John worked alongside numerous Hospitaller Brothers and co-workers developing the Order's services in Great Britain and Ireland. His creative, yet faithful interpretation of the Order's charism led the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of the Province of Saint Bede to elect Brother John, the eighth provincial leader in 1998. He has been re-elected to this position at the three consecutive Provincial Chapters. There have been

major developments in the Province during his years in office, not least the development of the Saint John of God Hospitaller Services that has enabled the work of the Order and its mission of hospitality to grow and touch the lives of many people. At present he is part of a team of Brothers involved in the creation of an English and Irish Province of the Order. For many years Brother John has been concerned as to the type of care and support given to the elderly Religious living in Great Britain. It was his passion about this situation that inspired the development of Saint John of God Management Services founded to respond to the issues facing many religious orders and congregations.

Brother John Martin gives us a glimpse of Christ's generous love for the poor. Will you... today?

'Fortitude means that we must be strong and constant in serving God'
Third letter of Saint John of God to the Duchess of Sessa



Brother
John Stretton

Brother John was born on 20 January 1961 in Rugby. In 1992 Brother John came to the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God as a postulant and in 1994 became a novice and worked in several of the Order's services in England. In 1995 Brother John left the Order to care for his elderly parents. During this time he was able to undertake a BA Degree Course in Social Work at Coventry University, which he completed in 2002, and became active in his local parish in Rugby and was a school governor of his former junior school from 1999 until 2002.

Brother John returned to the Order and on 7 March 2003, was received into the novitiate at Scorton. Thereafter he worked in several of the services including Woodhall Community Centre, Digswell, and The Minims. He made his first profession of vows on 6 March 2005 at Saint Maries Church, Rugby. After his profession Brother John returned to Welwyn Garden City. Since then Brother John has worked at Lindisfarne Court in Darlington, at the services in Belfast (part of the Irish Province) and services in West Yorkshire.

Part of Brother John's studies has been a chaplaincy course at Saint Mary's College in London and at the end of July 2009 he commenced work in the Indian Province for six months as part of his formation.

Brother John gives us a glimpse of Christ's love towards the sick. Will you... today?

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.' John 6:51



List of Provincials of the English Province / Province of the Venerable Bede

1953	1st Provincial Chapter	Brother Bernard Burke
1956	2nd Provincial Chapter	Brother Bernard Burke
1959	3rd Provincial Chapter	Brother Wilfrid Benning
1962	4th Provincial Chapter	Brother Wilfrid Benning
1965	5th Provincial Chapter	Brother Cyril Martin
1968	6th Provincial Chapter	Brother Cyril Martin
1971	7th Provincial Chapter	Brother Joseph Carroll
1974	8th Provincial Chapter	Brother Benet Ormerod
1977	9th Provincial Chapter	Brother Benet Ormerod
1980	10th Provincial Chapter	Brother Benet Ormerod
1983	11th Provincial Chapter	Brother Stanislaus Neild
1986	12th Provincial Chapter	Brother Stanislaus Neild
1989	13th Provincial Chapter	Brother Stanislaus Neild
1992	14th Provincial Chapter	Brother Robert Moore
1995	15th Provincial Chapter	Brother Robert Moore
1998	16th Provincial Chapter	Brother John Martin
2001	17th Provincial Chapter	Brother John Martin
2004	18th Provincial Chapter	Brother John Martin
2007	19th Provincial Chapter	Brother John Martin



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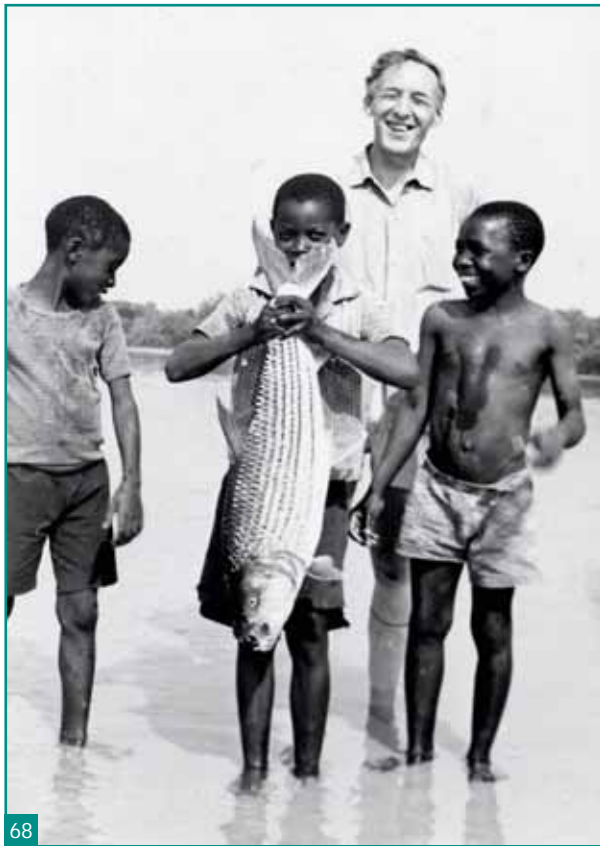
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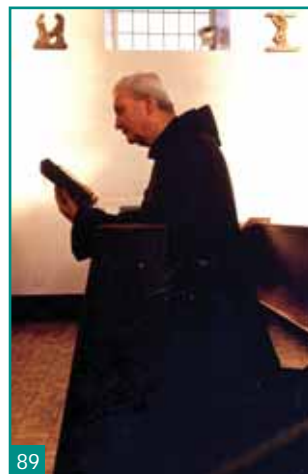
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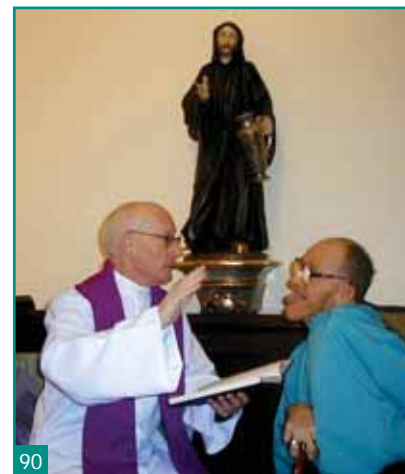
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Saints and Blesseds

Saint Richard Pampuri OH

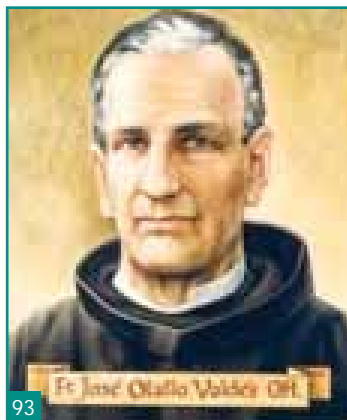
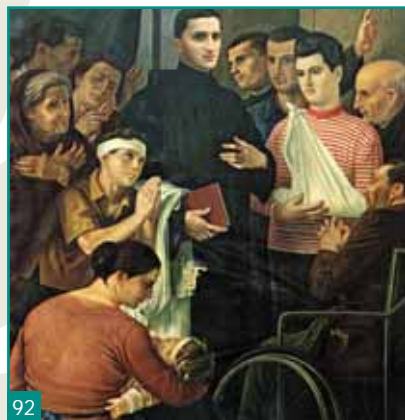
Richard Pampuri lived nearer to our times. Born at Trivolzio, a small city in the north of Italy in 1897, he graduated from his medical course in 1921, after which he worked as a rural health officer assigned to a poor area near Milan. Even now, the inhabitants of that area still remember him for his charity.

Wishing to dedicate himself to the sick in a more complete and total way, he entered the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God in 1927. The formation house was inside the general hospital managed by the Brothers in Brescia. There he made his religious profession on 24 October 1928.

The Superior entrusted to him the free dental clinic for the poor. Many people flocked to the clinic of Brother Richard not only because of his professional competence, but also because of his kindness and gentleness in treating the patients. Many times he also gave money and food to the needy patients and showed great sensitivity to all.

Unfortunately, in 1929, he began to suffer from tuberculosis, an incurable sickness at that time. He had periods of severe illness many times, until he had to be confined in the Brothers' hospital in Milan on 18 April 1930 where he died on 1 May 1930, the date of his liturgical feast since he was proclaimed blessed in 1981. His body was bought to Trivolzio, his birthplace, where it is venerated in the same parish church he was baptised. Pope John Paul II declared him Saint in 1989.

The life of Saint Richard Pampuri OH was so short that there was truly no time or opportunity to perform great undertakings. Nonetheless, his life was very meaningful because he held onto a principle which he formulated during his preparation for religious profession. He upheld that, 'to do the least of things with great love.' It was precisely his daily adherence to this principle that led him to transforming his medical activities into a true mission of charity.



Blessed José Olallo Valdes OH

Blessed José Olallo Valdes was born in Havana, Cuba on 12 February 1820. Son of unknown parents, he was entrusted to the care of Saint Joseph's Orphanage in Havana, where he was baptised on 15 March 1820. He lived and studied at the children's home and the charity house, becoming a serious and responsible boy. When he was a young teenager he entered the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God in the community of Saint Philip and Saint James in Havana.

Despite many obstacles, he constantly upheld his decision, making profession as a religious Hospitaller. In April 1835 he was transferred to the city of Puerto Principe (today Camaguey), in the Saint John of God Hospital, where he spent the rest of his life dedicated to serving the sick as an exemplary son of his spiritual father, Saint John of God. In fifty-four years he was absent from the hospital only one night, and for reasons independent of his will. Initially he served as an assistant nurse, then at age twenty-five he became 'head nurse' and later, in 1856, the community's superior.

During a period of suppression of religious orders by liberal Spanish rule, which also brought about the confiscation of ecclesiastical property, Brother José lived his consecrated life facing great sacrifices and difficulties with uprightness and strength of spirit. From 1876, when his last companion Brother died, to 1889, the year of his death, he lived alone working to serve the sick, always faithful to God, to his conscience, to his vocation and charism.

During the 10 Years' War (1868-78), he proved courageous while working for the good of everyone and caring for the patients, but with preference to the most weak and poor. He put his life in jeopardy during times of difficulty, helping the slaves and defending the hospital. He also defended with 'sweet firmness' all those without government permission to be treated, regardless of their social or political backgrounds during a period of civil war. This gained him the respect of military authorities and thus he was able to intercede for the people of Camaguey, without succumbing to intimidation by threats or prohibitions, and in this way prevented a civil massacre.

His apostolate was aimed to assist the dying whom he accompanied in the last hours of their lives, on the journey towards eternity. For his unbounded goodness he was nicknamed 'apostle of charity' and 'father of the poor' which summarises well Blessed José's altruism, lived in perfect conformity to the charism of hospitality.

Brother Olallo Valdes' death on 7 March 1889 was considered the death of a just man, of a Saint. With his passing, the fame of his holiness increased daily, mainly among the people of Camaguey, who attributed graces and continuing help to his intercession. Later, the recovery of a three year old child, Daniela Cabrera Ramos was recognised as a true miracle by His Holiness Benedict XVI with the Decree promulgated on 15 March 2008.

Brother Olallo Valdes' beatification ceremony took place in the city of Camaguey, Cuba, on 29 November 2008, presided by Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, C.M.F., Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

Martyrs of Hospitality

The Hospitaller Martyrs offer us a further glimpse of God's love for the world. They gave their lives in order to be faithful to their vocation and consecration to hospitality in the service of the sick and the destitute. They were imitators of Christ, the Good Samaritan, who passed through this world doing good, healing and liberating the oppressed... faithful unto death.

While Brother Richard Pampuri attained holiness through the ordinary activities of life, a good number of Brothers of Saint John of God had to face the ordeals of martyrdom before attaining the glory of Heaven. Ninety-eight Brothers were killed during the Spanish Civil War due to hatred of their faith in the fascist regime that reigned.

The process of beatification was successfully completed for a group of seventy-one Brothers whose martyrdom happened in Spain. Pope John Paul II set 25 October 1992 as the date for their solemn beatification in the Vatican. Among those seventy-one blessed, there are seven young natives of Colombia who after their profession had been sent to Spain to complete their formation. In the history of the church, they are the first from their country to be venerated. Consequently, it is worth mentioning their names: Arturo Ayala, Esteban Maya, Eugenio Ramirez, Gaspar Paez, Juan Bautista Velazquez, Melquiades Ramirez, Ruben Lopez. They were shot in Barcelona on 9 August 1936. Also worth mentioning among those blessed martyrs is a Spanish one, Brother Guillermo Llop, who lived for ten years in the Roman Province as Master of Novices and later as Prior in Frascati, near Rome. Brother Guillermo was born in Spain in 1880. At the age of eighteen, he received the habit of the Order. He was with the Roman Province from 1912 to 1922, distinguishing himself especially in the care of the wounded in the First World War. In 1922, he went together with other Brothers to revive the Order in Chile. In 1928, he returned to Spain and at the outbreak of the Civil War, he was made prior of the hospital in Ciempozuelos, near Madrid. Although there was an open persecution against Religious, he decided to stay together with the entire community to care for the patients, until one day, they were imprisoned. On 28 November 1936, he was shot and his last words were words of forgiveness for his executioners.

The seventy-one champions of charity, animated by a truly deep motivation, remained loyal to Jesus Christ in their belief in the Christian life and their religious vocation, even to the acceptance of persecution and death, in order to bear witness to their faith and consecration. Their fidelity clashed with marxist communism and the religious oppression of the revolution of the Spanish Militia, which, in an atmosphere of violent persecution, broke out against the Church and its institutions. In this background was found the fundamental reason for their martyrdom.

In this background of persecution, Religious, torn from their life of community and of charity, and often after long and cruel periods of imprisonment, were sacrificed and died as martyrs of faith and of Jesus Christ. The greeting "hasta el cielo" (see you in Heaven) and the cry "Viva Cristo Rey" (long live Christ the King) were the last echoes of their faith and brotherhood.

With the beatification of these seventy-one Hospitaller martyrs the catholic martyrology has been enriched in a significant manner. This is not so much by reason of their number, but more for the precise and special way they died as martyrs of hospitality.

To the glorious crown common to all martyrs, is added in the case of our seventy-one Hospitaller martyrs, as a shining ornament, the fact that they gave their lives to witness their vocation and consecration to hospitality in the service of the sick and needy as faithful imitators of Christ, the Good Samaritan, who passed through this world doing good and healing the oppressed.

Therefore, the seventy-one beatified Hospitaller Brothers, from now on, will be hailed by the Church as witnesses of mercy and charity even to martyrdom.

Saint Benedict Menni

The typical apostolate of the Brothers of Saint John of God is to care for the sick as nurses or doctors. For this reason, the Hospitaller Order was recognised by the Church as a congregation of religious brothers with exception of not more than one priest in each community acting as chaplain. Saint Benedict Menni was one exception, being an ordained priest in Rome on 14 October 1860. In those years, the Spanish branch of the Hospitaller Order died away as a consequence of some Masonic laws issued in Portugal in 1834 and in Spain in 1835. Saint Benedict was sent to Barcelona on 6 April 1867 to restore the Hospitaller Order in these countries.

After a long struggle, sometimes risky, he was not only able to gather many vocations, almost a thousand from 1867 to 1903, but also founded in Spain, Portugal and Mexico, twenty-two hospitals for every kind of discipline, especially patients with mental illness and children with disabilities. Those conditions were the most neglected by the public health care at that time.

He also founded the Hospitaller Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Today, the Sisters are present in twenty countries with almost eighty communities and identify with the Brothers in their mission and charisma. The mother house of the Sisters is in Ciempozuelos, Spain where the body of their founder is venerated. He was declared blessed in 1985 and his canonisation was celebrated in November 1999. His feast day is 24 April, the day he died in Dinan, France in 1914.

What is amazing in the life of Saint Benedict is the number and complexity of the challenges he faced. The secret lay in his true heroic detachment by which he always considered himself a docile instrument in the hands of God, without giving room to his own personal ambitions.



The English Province /Province of the Venerable Bede 1953 – 2010

At the Intermediate Chapter of the Irish-English Province held at Stillorgan in April 1950, it was proposed that the Irish-English Province should be divided into two separate Provinces. By a rescript of the Sacred Congregation of 26 July 1950, the houses of the Order in England were separated from the Province of Ireland and became the Vice Province of Saint Bede. The Vice Province was officially erected on 15 August 1950 and was raised to the status of Province at the 1953 General Chapter.

In 2007, the Brothers of the Province of the Venerable Bede and the Brothers of the Irish Province began discussions to suppress the Provinces and create a new Province to incorporate both Provinces.

On 28 July 1955, the Prior General of the Order, Brother Mose Bonardi, observed, "With pride we can state that the young English Province, in programmes of religious formation, in professional and cultural activities, is one of the most admired in our Order".

At the first Provincial Chapter of the English Province, Brother Bernard Burke was elected as Provincial.



Works of the English Province / Province of the Venerable Bede 1953 – 2010

Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton	1880 - 2004	Resettlement Service, Mike Mably House, Hatfield	2002 - 2009
Saint Raphael's, Barvin Park, Hertfordshire	1931 - 1994	Floating Drug and Alcohol Service, Hatfield	2002
Wiseman House, Walthamstow	1932 - 1938	Supported Living Service, Calderdale	2002
Blessed John Southworth Hostel, Vauxhall Bridge	1934 - 1938	Supported Living Service, Scorton	2003
Saint Joseph's Hostel, Osterley Park	1938 - 1952	Woodhall Community Centre, Welwyn Garden City	2003
Saint Cuthbert's Hospital, Hurworth Place, Darlington	1948 - 1991	Supported Living Service, Bradford	2003
Saint John of God, Silverdale, Lancashire	1952 - 1967	Services for elderly Religious, Pantasaph	2003
Thornborough House, Leyburn	1986 - 1992	West Lane, Thornton	2004
Rockliffe Court, Hurworth, Darlington	1988 - 1993	Supported Living Services, Scotland	2004
Eagle Cottages, Jarrow	1992	Saint John of God Religious Management Services	2004
White Lodge, South Shields	1992	Services for elderly Religious, Birmingham	2004
Lindisfarne Court, Darlington	1992	Services for elderly Religious, Preston	2004 - 2009
Portsmouth, Colburn	1992 - 1999	Services for elderly Religious, Littlehampton	2004 - 2005
Balmaclellan, Catterick Village	1992	3&4 Cuthbert's Close, Queensbury	2005
Supported Living Service, Hatfield	1993	Clare Abbey, Darlington	2007
Leisure, Education & Occupational Services, Hertfordshire	1993	Services for elderly Religious, Hythe	2007
Supported Living Service, Enfield	1993	Services for elderly Religious, Boscombe	2007
Dalby View, Coulby Newham	1993	Services for elderly Religious, Ealing	2007
Saint John of God Pastoral Centre, Hemlington	1993 - 2003	1 Bede's Close, Thornton	2008
Brentwood, Leyburn	1993	Olallo Service, London	2008
Bede's Close, Thornton	1993	Community Outreach Service, Enfield	2008
Station Road, Clayton	1993	Recovery and Resettlement Service, Enfield	2008
1&2 Cuthbert's Close, Queensbury	1993	Services for elderly Religious, Preston	2008
The Minims, Hatfield	1994	Services (2) for elderly Religious, Stockport	2008
Beach Road, South Shields	1994	Supported Living Service for people with Asperger syndrome, Welwyn Garden City	2009
Sandown Road, Billingham	1995	Services for elderly Religious, Olney	2009
Saint John of God Resource Centre (Rievaulx), Billingham	1995 - 2003	Services for elderly Religious, Birmingham	2009
Saint John of God Respite Service, Luddendenfoot	1996	Services for elderly Religious, Gerrards Cross	2009
Saint John of God Horticultural Training Centre, Welwyn Garden City	1996	Supported Living Service for people with Asperger syndrome, Neilston	2009
Saint John of God Resource Centre, Enfield	1998		
Saint Mary's Nursing Home, Barrhead, Scotland	2001 - 2004		

1880-2004

Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton, North Yorkshire

The first work and community of the Order in England, which also housed the Provincial Curia, the administrative offices, of the English Province.

The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God came to Scorton in 1880 and there established the hospital in Scorton for male patients of any age suffering from incurable and crippling diseases. There was little or no provision for this type of patient at that time. In 1913, due to an increasing demand for places, the hospital was opened and accommodated two hundred patients. This work continued up to 1948 when, to ease acute patient admittance problems in the area following the inception of the National Health Service, Saint Cuthbert's Hospital in Hurworth was inaugurated for long-stay patients, and Scorton changed the nature of its work, catering mainly for the needs of acutely ill patients. However Scorton retained a unit for long-stay patients and continued this policy until its closure.

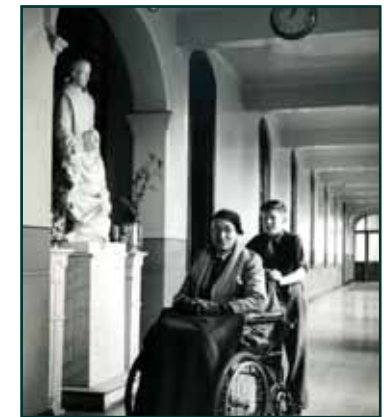


By the early 1950s application was made to the Regional Hospital Board requesting that a seventeen-bed surgical ward be established at the hospital. This was granted and a large airy ward was created on the first floor adjacent to the operating theatre. The Brothers gave up the hospital farm, the piggery was converted into a mechanical workshop and the existing workshop was remodelled to providing a nursing school.

By the mid-1960s, the hospital at Scorton was providing a wide range of services. In addition to the operating theatre and x-ray departments, the hospital had departments specialising in psychiatry, geriatrics, neurology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy, as well as an outpatients department. Other amenities included a shop for patients and staff, a patients' library, a café for visitors and a laundry. The Brothers, in their recreation time, built a swimming pool in the mid 1950s, which took three years to build.

It was in 1968 that saw an important change to the working practices at the hospital as women became members of the nursing staff at Scorton for the first time. Approval was given from Rome in 1971 for the establishment of a ward for women at Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton. It was stipulated that the ward was to be completely separate from the male wards and to be staffed entirely by women.

A juniorate school, known as the Holy Family School, was established at Scorton on 11 February 1956. It later transferred to Hurworth Grange at Hurworth Place, and closed in 1967.





In May 1977, the Queen Mother visited Saint John of God Hospital on 29 May in order to lay the foundation stone of the £500,000 rehabilitation unit, which was named 'The Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Wing'.

In 1985, the Order extended its services at Scorton when a unit for the elderly with psychiatric disorders opened at Saint John of God Hospital. The unit had provision for fourteen beds and was operated in partnership with Northallerton Health District.

In 1989, the top floor of the hospital was completely renovated to provide a nursing home with thirty-three rooms for residents. This new facility was officially opened on 26 January 1990 by Sir Harry Secombe. A new operating theatre was also opened.

In 1999, Saint John of God Hospital opened a dedicated day-case theatre and six-bedded unit, and in 2000, four palliative care beds were established within Saint John of God Nursing Home.

In 2001, the acute services at Saint John of God Hospital closed.

In 2004 Saint John of God Hospital was sold to Bowood Care. This organisation continued to provide the existing services there, and has subsequently been acquired by another care organisation that maintains the provision of the services.



Monksgarth

At Scorton in 1972, two of the Brothers' old cottages were demolished and replaced by modern flats which were named 'Monksgarth'. They accommodated staff members and were used to house relatives. The premises were later used as offices for the provincial administration. These offices were vacated in 1998, at which time the building was extensively altered and refurbished, and then used as accommodation for Brothers. In 2003 it was redeveloped to form part of the supported living services in North Yorkshire.





1931-1994

Saint Raphael's Barvin Park, Hertfordshire

The Archbishop of Westminster asked the Brothers to open an institution for 'mentally retarded boys'. The property named Barvin Park was purchased in 1930. Within a very short time, the 'colony' as it was called then had forty residents. The service grew to one-hundred and fifty residents.

On 17 November 1983, the Brothers were honoured with a second visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. She came to Saint Raphael's, Barvin Park to inaugurate the Abbotswood Project. A few months later the first women were admitted to Barvin Park.





1948-1991

Saint Cuthbert's Hospital

Following the establishment of the National Health Service in 1946, and the hospital at Scorton accorded the status of a general hospital, it was decided that the Order should acquire a property to accommodate the chronically sick. In 1948 the Brothers purchased part of Rockliffe Park in Hurworth in Darlington. Named Saint Cuthbert's Hospital, it was established to treat patients with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy and other incurable conditions. It also served as a tuberculosis sanatorium and an orthopaedic centre.

As 'care in the community' was proposed as the way forward, the Brothers made early initiatives to set this in motion for their work and in 1988 some of the residents of Saint Cuthbert's Hospital, after many years of institutional care, moved to Rockliffe Court.

The archives from Saint Cuthbert's were transferred to Saint John of God Hospital in Scorton, along with the museum items. Approval was given for the Roman coffin housed in the archives to be offered to Darlington Museum.

The hospital closed in 1991 and a decision was taken by the Provincial Definitory to sell the property. The remaining residents were transferred to Saint Mary's unit in Saint John of God Hospital, Scorton, until purpose built accommodation would be completed for them at Lindisfarne Court in Haughton, Darlington.

Rockliffe Court

Some of the residents of Saint Cuthbert's Hospital, after many years of institutional care, moved to Rockliffe Court. Built at the end of the hospital drive by the Hospitaller Housing Association, this provided residential and sheltered housing.

Juniorate, Hurworth Grange, Darlington

The Juniorate at Hurworth Grange was closed at the end of the summer term in 1967. Permission was given for the sale of the Juniorate House at Hurworth Grange. The land and buildings were sold to the Parish Council for £17,500 and were to be used as a recreational centre for the village of Hurworth.

Novitiate at Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth Place

In 1979 permission was granted by the Father General and his Council to establish the novitiate at Saint Cuthbert's, Hurworth Place. Brothers no longer had to go to Ireland for training.





1952-1967

Silverdale, Lancashire

Saint John of God Hospital in Silverdale opened in 1952 as an extension of the Order's services to provide nursing care for the chronically sick. A new church was opened and blessed by Bishop Pearson of the Lancaster Diocese in December 1957.

In 1967, permission was given by Rome to withdraw the religious community from Saint John of God Hospital at Silverdale, Lancashire, and for its sale to the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles. The Brothers left the hospital on 31 December 1967 and the Sisters took possession on 1 January 1968, thus enabling the Brothers to expand the Province's missionary work in Zambia.



1990s

New ways of supporting people

Residential care homes, supported tenancies, domiciliary care and nursing home provision.

During the end of the 1980s and beginning of the 1990s, considerable emphasis had been placed on the concept of 'normalisation'. The Brothers acknowledged the need for change and to look at new ways of supporting people in less institutionalised settings. This policy allowed the Order to continue to provide care and support to people with a wide range of special needs and to help them move towards a more independent lifestyle. In accordance with this policy, a four-year process of extensive resettlement and training programmes began for those living in 'long-stay institutions'. They were moved out into the community to live in supported living accommodation in all kinds of different properties in the community.



Hospitaller Housing Association was established in 1986 by the Brothers to explore ways of providing opportunities for a better quality of life and increased independence for those in long-stay establishments.

1992 ↓



Eagle Cottages, Jarrow

A residential care home for six adults with learning disabilities, established, together with White Lodge, in order to accept residents from Monkton Hospital.



White Lodge, South Shields

This large detached house provides twenty-four hour care and support for seven adults with learning disabilities.



Lindisfarne Court, Darlington

Lindisfarne Court opened to accommodate several of the residents from Saint Cuthbert's Hospital and offers twenty-four hour care and support to adults with physical disabilities, provided within three purpose-built bungalows.



Portsdown, Colburn 1992 - 1999

Residential care home for six adults with learning disabilities. This home closed in early 1999 because of its unsuitability for people with mobility problems.



Balmaclellan, Catterick Village

Residential care home for six people with learning disabilities, purchased, along with Brentwood for the resettlement from Thornton Lodge in Leyburn.



Saint John of God Pastoral Centre, Hemlington 1992 - 2003

In 1986 Bishop Augustine Harris of Middlesbrough invited the Brothers of the English Province to assume a 'pastoral presence' and undertake a mission in the district of Hemlington within the Cathedral Parish of Saint Mary in the Diocese of Middlesbrough. In 1991, Middlesbrough Council approved plans for a chapel of ease and community house for the site at Hemlington. The service was withdrawn in 2003.

1993 ↓



Brentwood, Leyburn

A six-bedded bungalow providing twenty-four hour care and support for adults with a learning and/or physical disabilities.



Dalby View, Coulby Newham

Residential service providing twenty-four hour care and support for eight young adults with physical disabilities. The Brothers launched a fundraising campaign to build these two purpose-built bungalows that were to provide a innovative home to these young adults.



Supported Living Service, Hertfordshire

This service is for adults who have a learning disability or a mental health problem, are in housing need or are inappropriately housed and have a local connection within the Welwyn/Hatfield area.

Leisure, Education and Occupational Services, Hertfordshire

This service supports people over the age of eighteen who require support for daily living. The service is provided in a number of community centres and social settings in the local community.

Supported Living Service, Enfield mental health issues

This service is for adults who have mental health needs, are in need of housing or are inappropriately housed and who will engage in a service that promotes independent living skills. They are provided with a home of their own and the support they require to sustain it.

1994



1995



1996



Supported Living Service, Enfield learning disabilities

The Charity's supported living services in Enfield provide people with learning disabilities with a home of their own and support they require to sustain it.



1&2 Cuthbert's Close, Queensbury

Two six-bedroom bungalows were opened at Queensbury, Bradford, West Yorkshire for people with learning disabilities in conjunction with Bradford Health Authority who were placing people out into the community from Westwood Hospital.



Bede's Close, Thornton

Three purpose-built bungalows each with six bedrooms, providing twenty-four hour individual nursing care and support for eighteen people with physical and learning disabilities.



Station Road, Clayton

Two purpose-built bungalows providing twenty-four hour nursing care and support for twelve adults with physical and learning disabilities.



The Minims, Hatfield

Twenty-four hour registered care and support for twelve adults with learning disabilities within two separate six-bedroom bungalows in Hatfield.



Beach Road, South Shields

The service at Beach Road provides twenty-four hour care and support for four adults with learning disabilities within a large terraced house.



Sandown Road, Billingham

Twenty-four hour care and support to adults with profound learning and physical disabilities and complex care needs.

Saint John of God Resource Centre (Rievaulx), Billingham 1995 - 2003

A sixty-place Leisure, Education and Occupational Service (LEOS) for people with learning and physical disabilities. In 2003, the involvement of the Order in the centre ceased as the commissioning authority, Stockton Social Services, assessed that a different sort of service was required.



Saint John of God Respite Centre, Luddendenfoot, Halifax

A six-bedded respite care home offering twenty-four hour respite nursing care and support to adults aged eighteen to sixty-four with physical and/or sensory disabilities, some of whom may also have learning disabilities.

2001



2002



2003



Saint John of God Horticultural Training Centre, Welwyn Garden City

This service offers a supportive working environment and training opportunities to vulnerable people in the local community.

1998



The Resource, Enfield

Specialist day and outreach services for people with learning disabilities who present challenges to services. A comprehensive and structured programme of activities are offered, which are accessed both within the centre and within the local community.



Saint Mary's Nursing Home, Barrhead, Scotland 2001 - 2004

2001 also saw the acquisition of Saint Mary's Nursing Home, Barrhead, East Renfrewshire. In the following year two people who had used the service at Saint Mary's moved into a home of their own in the local community. They continued to receive support from the Order and this initiative went on to develop into the Supported Living Service in Scotland. In 2004, the resettlement programme aimed at re-providing the service based at Saint Mary's Nursing Home was completed. The majority of the people were settled in their own tenancies.



Mike Mably House, Resettlement Service, Hatfield 2002 - 2009

An accommodation project to provide thirty-six one-bedroomed flats for vulnerable homeless people.

Floating Drug and Alcohol Service, Hertfordshire

This service offers a free confidential and impartial outreach service to people with drug and alcohol issues, living in the local authority area of Welwyn and Hatfield Council, who have difficulties sustaining their housing.

Supported Living Service, Calderdale 2002 - 2006

At Calderdale, the Order established its first supported living service under a new central government funding regime called 'Supporting People'.



Supported Living Service, Scorton

The supported living service in North Yorkshire enables people with special care needs, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health issues and elderly people, to live in their own or family home.



Woodhall Community Centre, Welwyn Garden City

The Order took over the running of the premises and the management of the community centre programme, having the potential to bring real and lasting improvement to the lives of people living in the Woodhall area.



Supported Living Service, Bradford

The supported living services in Bradford provide individually tailored support packages that enable people with learning disabilities and physical disabilities to live in their own home.

2004



Supported Living Services, Scotland

This service evolved from the closure of the large residential care home, Saint Mary's, Barrhead and the need to re-house the community there. The service consists of housing support, care at home and provision of individually tailored support packages that enable people with special care needs to live in their own home.

2007 ↓



Clare Abbey, Darlington

Saint John of God Religious Management Services

Saint John of God Religious Management Services was founded to respond to the issues facing many Religious Orders and Congregations particularly in relation to the increasing age and care needs of elderly Religious, working with lay staff, and the implications of new care standard legislation.

2008 ↓



Bede's Close, Thornton, Bradford

2005 ↓



3&4 Cuthbert's Close, Queensbury, Bradford

Twenty-four hour nursing care and support for eight people with learning disabilities and needs that challenge services.

Community Outreach Service, Enfield

Provides adults with mental health needs a personalised care package based on individual requirements.

2009 ↓



The Olallo Project - London

This service, based in central London, offers short term accommodation, training and advice to newly-arrived migrants with no resource to public funds and support so that they are able to find work and a place in society rather than falling into homelessness.

Recovery and Resettlement Service - Enfield, London

This service in partnership with Barnet, Enfield and Haringey NHS Trust provides individual rehabilitation offering opportunities for people with acute or enduring mental health issues to receive practical, emotional support enabling people to make the transition from medical/residential care to independent living options.

Supported Living Service for people with Asperger Syndrome - Welwyn Garden City

Provided in the property that once served as the community house for the Brothers, this service provides a specialist service for people with Asperger syndrome.



Supported Living Service for people with Asperger Syndrome - Neilston

Provided in the property that served as the Brothers' community house in Scotland, this service provides a specialist service for people with Asperger Syndrome.



West Lane, Thornton

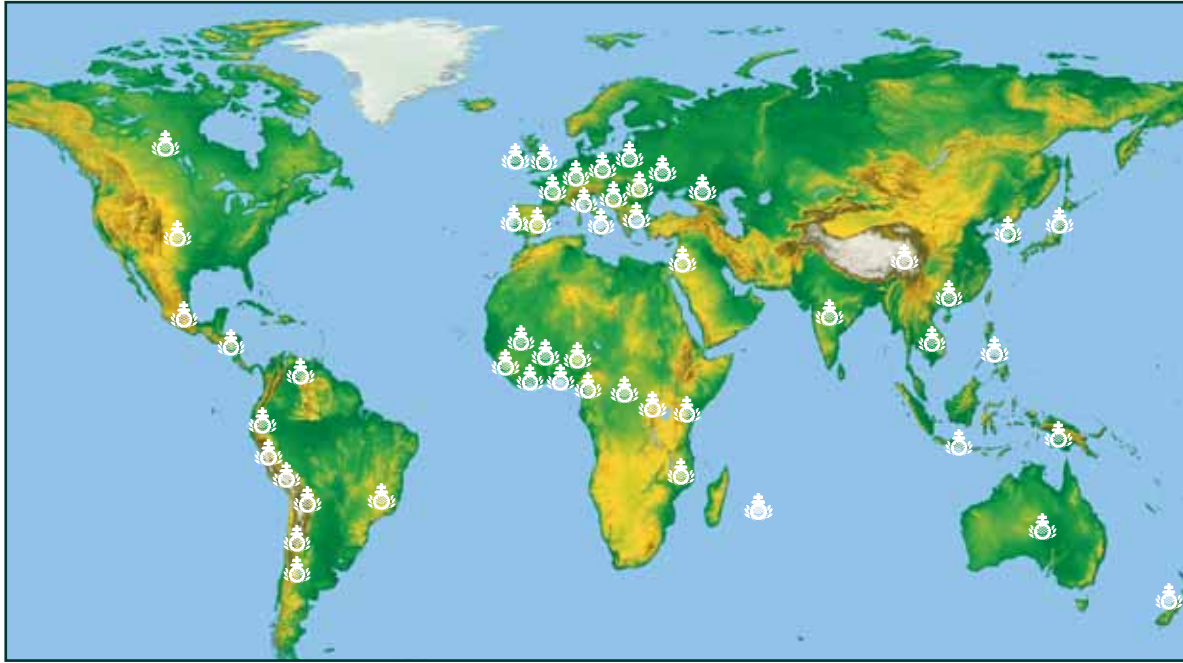
West Lane, Bradford is a twelve-bed registered care home offering twenty-four hour nursing care for people with learning and physical disabilities.



**Services For Elderly Religious, Littlehampton
2004 - 2005**

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Littlehampton invited the Brothers to work in partnership with them to ensure the future of Saint Francis Nursing Home in Littlehampton. During the course of the year it became clear that the nursing home in Littlehampton was no longer viable. The residents were resettled into other suitable accommodation.





Worldwide

Worldwide the Brothers provide services in fifty-two countries throughout the world in all five continents. Over four-hundred services impact daily on the lives of millions of people.

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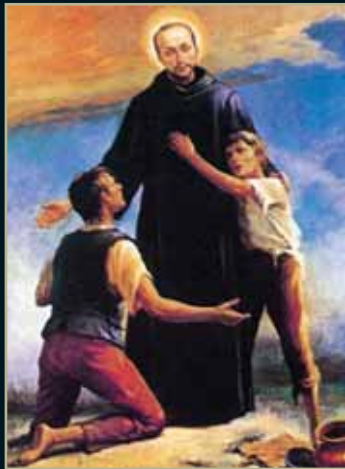


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The Brothers of the Province of the Venerable Bede are embarking on another enormous learning curve as they create a new province with their Brothers and co-workers from the Irish Province. This will bear much fruit because at the very core of the Hospitaller Brother of Saint John of God is an open heart, a heart as wide as the ocean.

To him who is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of, by means of the power working within us; to God be the glory in the church and in Jesus Christ, for all time, forever and ever. Amen
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