

Be Brothers!

Britain & Ireland.

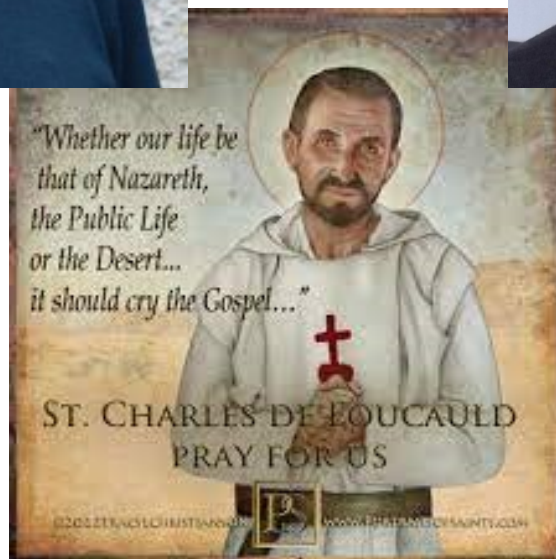
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Jesus Caritas
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**New kids on the block both sides of the Irish sea and beyond—
Joe Deegan and Chris Dobson* with Leo XIV,
Ireland & Britain's new Regional (=National) Responsibles with our new Pope.
(See page 2, "Fraternity News." *NB: Chris takes up his appointment in September.)**

New GB Responsible- Chris Dobson

I first heard of Jesus Caritas from my (then) spiritual director as I prepared to be ordained as a priest. He encouraged me to join his group in Arundel and Brighton Diocese and the group gave me amazing support and introduced me to inspirational fellow clergy.

My pilgrimage to priesthood is perhaps unusual. Since leaving school, or shortly after, I've been a member of the Lay Community of St Benedict (previously the Worth Abbey Lay Community) and currently serve as chaplain to the community. I married Jo and we were blessed with three daughters, the middle of whom sadly died when she was 7. Louise remains a precious member of the family, albeit in heaven! My other daughters, Theo and Louise are now parents and I'm the proud grandfather of four youngsters. I was called to the Permanent Diaconate and served in Worth Abbey Parish and as Airport Chaplain at Gatwick. Tragically, Jo died some 20 years ago and after some time, I discerned a call to be ordained as a priest. I served in Crawley parish for 7 years before retiring up to Suffolk 6 years ago and now belong to the East Anglian group. I would like to thank Stephen Squires for his term of office as National Responsible and ask your prayers as I take over from him this autumn. +

Chris

Fraternity news

- “*Be Brothers Britain & Ireland*” -is distributed by email as a PDF file to British & Irish brothers via their Responsibles and also to British

fraternities as ‘hard copy.’

- *The British ‘Regional’ Team* met on 16/1/25 and 29-30/4/25. Stephen Squires is retiring as Regional Responsible, and Chris Dobson has been co-opted to the Team to take over in September, after suitable induction. He has been an Arundel & Brighton Diocese brother but is now in active retirement in East Anglia. Peter Codd has decided to retire from the Team. The Ian Latham book on Br. Charles’ teachings has been reprinted (see page 18.) It is decided to send £1000 to the International Jesus Caritas fund. There is concern about rather widespread failure to send in subscriptions. Drafts of a new Directory and Statutes have been received from the International Team (See “*At the Crossroads*,” page 4.)
- *The British Summer retreat had to be retimed to 7-11th July* at Nympsfield Convent, Gloucestershire; details on forms still available from Team members (see rear page.) The January mini-retreat will be over 13-15/1/26, possibly within the A & B Diocese area.
- *Joe Deegan took over as Irish Regional Responsible* from Niall Ahern last December. Joe’s details on the rear page; also see opposite & page 4.
- *The Irish National Retreat takes place for all at Mullaghmore in Sligo* / Sunday August 31 to Thursday September 4 2025. Details from Niall Ahern frniallahern@gmail.com
- *Two brothers are to act as Irish agents for “Be Brothers,”* forwarding material for publication to the editor. Liam O’Cuiv’s and Alan Geoghegan’s details on page 16 & rear page.
- *The annual British Responsibles meeting in September* has been discontinued due to lack of support.
- *Note that each “Be Brothers” can be viewed on the international website:* <http://www.iesuscaritas.org/en> soon after publication.
- *PRESS DATE for the November 2025 “Be Brothers” is 1st September for full articles; snippets accepted till Sept.15th.* Contributions from British & Irish local fraternities very welcome. +

Joe Deegan assumes role of Irish Responsible.

At a meeting held in Knock, Co Mayo on 12th November last, Fr. Joe Deegan who had been the National Responsible for Ireland from 2006 to 2011 accepted to take up the role once more in the context of team support.

The gathering was addressed by two of our European brothers. Eddy Lagae from Belgium and Boris Schlüssel from Switzerland. They pointed out that with fewer active priests in most countries of Europe today, it was advisable to meet the leadership challenge as a team where the responsibilities are spread over many and not just one pair of shoulders.

It was with the understanding that he would have such support from other brothers that Joe Deegan, a priest of the Diocese of Meath, serving in Clara, Co. Offaly accepted the role of responsible.

Joe thanked the outgoing National Responsible, Niall Ahern, for his contributions since he assumed the role at the end of 2018, especially his bringing many priests who had not been Fraternity members to share in the annual Jesus Caritas retreats. Niall has kindly agreed to work with Joe in organising the annual summer retreat.

Others took on responsibility for IT communications and the updating of the database of members, email addresses, etc. ; the role of treasurer; the sending of news to Be Brothers; and the promotion of the Fraternity and communications with the Episcopal Conference. +

New Irish National Responsible appointed
Liam O'Cuiv reports.



Photos from the Knock meeting last November.

From left to right:

Joe Deegan, Eddy Lagae, (European Responsible, Belgium,) Boris Schlüssel (International Team, Switzerland) Fergal Cunnane. (Irish team.)

***From the new Irish National
Responsible, Joe Deegan Sent
November 2024, just missing our Nov. issue.***



Dear Brothers,

Fraternal Greetings from St. Brigid's Parish, Clara, Co. Offaly and I hope and pray that this email finds you well.

I feel humbled (and that won't do me any harm!) to have been chosen as Irish National Responsible of Jesus Caritas Priest Fraternity for another six year term. I accepted the role before Liam O'Cuiv some eighteen years ago and needless to say that the world, the church, the Fraternity and I'm sure all of us have changed and moved into a very different reality since then; post-Covid and all the stuff that keeps changing the context of our lives.

At the outset, on behalf of all of us in Jesus Caritas Ireland I want to express our sincere gratitude to Niall for his humble, dedicated and generous service to the Fraternity over the last six (plus) years. Especially for his innovative 'broadening of the horizons' to so many brother priests who are not 'members' of Jesus Caritas Fraternity. Happily Niall has agreed to continue to work with me on organizing the summer retreat in Mullaghmore from year to year. Thank you again Niall for undertaking to continue this service.

I very much appreciate the fact that some other brothers have accepted to make my role easier by undertaking other services to the National Fraternity:

- * Fergal (as well as being part of the European Team) will help with IT, communications and maintaining the data base of members and their email addresses, etc..
- * James has kindly taken on the job of 'minding the purse' in the role of Treasurer. (Thanks to Philip for taking care of that job up to now).
- * Alan and Liam have 'volunteered' to link up and work with Bob Rainbow, the editor of the joint British/Irish '*Be Brothers*' (See back page.) They will be delighted to receive any news or reflections you wish to send them in writing for publication.
- * Raymond & Gerry will do some work on promotion of the Fraternity and keeping in touch with the Episcopal Conference (if that is required?).

For many years in the history of the Fraternity, one of the annual events was the Post-Christmas Gathering and there was some suggestion that we might give that 'a go' again. So we have provisionally booked the Focolare Centre, Curryhills in Prosperous, Co. Kildare for just two days/nights from the evening of Mon. 6th Jan to afternoon of Wed. 8th Jan. 2025. It is a small but comfortable centre and it is necessary to confirm our booking and to give the people there definite numbers before the middle of Dec. So please let me know if you would like to join that gathering ASAP by replying to this email or you can phone me directly on 086-3853045.

As we approach the Season of Advent in Joyful anticipation of the Celebration of the Incarnation at Christmas and the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Hope let us be reminded that we are all called to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' in a broken world of war, division and injustice.

Pope Francis encourages us that; ***"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."***

Fraternally in Christ Jesus, ***Joe Deegan.***

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At the Crossroads

Comments by Peter Codd (Portsmouth fraternity) on the proposed new founding documents of Jesus Caritas internationally.

The draft of the proposed updates for the JESUS CARITAS DIRECTORY, which is on the agenda of the International Responsibles Meeting as I write (May, 2025), prompts this article.

Chapter II, which begins with Article 3 of the Document, is headed: '*At the Cross-Roads of the World and the Church*'.

Summarising the four paragraphs which follow, it urges that members of Jesus Caritas must play an active part in humanity's task in building a new world in the teeth of tension, disappointment and violence. Priests must share peoples cares and their joys, to struggle with them for freedom and to search with them for hope.

The Fraternity must help us to recognise and to undertake this responsibility through the Review of Life and through Prayer. The Review of Life will bring each brother to look again at his life and will bring each brother to look again at his faith, his ministry and his identification with his people.

There has been a tendency in my own monthly Reviews, to be introspective to the extent that I have concentrated on life's experiences over the past, rather than recent relationships and actions; maybe that was helpful and appropriate for me up until now. I wonder if this tendency is shared by others. Anyway, I see this as a personal call to redirect my monthly Reviews, so as to reflect my involvement and how well I engage, with others, in today's challenges.

Article 5 in the Document is about concern for our Common Home and makes reference to '*Laudate Si*' and '*Laudate Deum*'. It then goes on to say: "*The sensitivity of our priestly fraternity to this reality must be manifest above all in our life-style, but also through our participation in concrete projects and above all through our attention to the poorest, who are most affected by climate change.*" There is mention specifically of working for peace, and protection of human rights, especially the issue of migration and human trafficking.

Priests in active ministry within parishes will have their work cut out, so that involvement in these issues may be largely limited to whatever their Parish is involved in. We who are retired may have scope to choose more widely where to participate.

One specific thought struck me: we receive online the Journal published by the Little Sisters of Charles de Foucauld, with reports from various parts of the world. A retired priest in a fraternity might be able to keep contact with one of these Houses abroad, where poverty is acute and promote some sort of practical support through his brother priests, without making burdensome demands on those already heavily committed - just a thought!



An Easter e.mail from Joe Deegan, Irish Responsible, leading to a "Letter of Gratitude" from the retiring International Responsible, Eric Lozada.

Dear Brothers,

Greetings and blessings of Joy and Hope for this Easter Season and I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful sunshine of these past weeks.

As we feel the sadness at the death of Pope Francis and we give thanks to God for his life and his leadership of the Church during the past twelve years; we now give thanks and praise to God for Pope Leo XIV who has been chosen to step into the 'Shoes of the Fisherman' and we pray that he will be filled with the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to guide the 'Bark of Peter' in the years and decades ahead.

Some good Augustinian theology and spirituality will surely enrich the lives of the faithful in a world where we need to be convinced that; "Our hearts are restless until they rest in God".

Let us pray for our brothers who are gathered in Buenos Aires these weeks for the International Assemble of the world wide Fraternity, that God will guide them in their discussions at the intercession of Br. Charles.

Another gentle reminder! Please get in touch with Niall on 087 7973432 or frniallahern@gmail.com if you wish to attend the Annual Retreat in Mullaghmore, Aug 31st-Sept 4th. Hope to see you there.

On behalf of the Irish Fraternity I wish to express our sincere thanks to Eric and his team for their dedicated hard work and service to the International Fraternity over the past Six Years.

Please see below a recent communication from Boris, the European Responsable, together with a Letter of Gratitude from Eric.

Wishing you some peaceful rest and refreshment when First Communion season is complete and the schools close for the summer.

Fraternally in Christ Jesus,

Joe.

Dear brothers, Country Responsables and Delegates

Brothers from all over the world are arriving in Buenos Aires today to take part in the *Jesus Caritas World Assembly*.

Our world leader Eric Lozada has written a **Letter of Gratitude to all the Brothers** at the beginning of the meeting. Attached you will find the original version in English, on the homepage www.iesuscaritas.com you can download the translations of the letter in several languages. **Please forward the letter of gratitude to the brothers in your country. Thank you!**

I myself was on pilgrimage in Lourdes until the day before yesterday, where I also prayed for the success of the World Assembly! That's why I'm only traveling to Argentina tonight and am looking forward to joining the assembled brothers on Wednesday.

Please pray for the cardinals gathered in Rome for the conclave and also accompany our brothers in prayer who are gathered in Buenos Aires for the "small conclave". Thank you very much!

Fraternally yours, Bori (European Responsible.)

May 3, 2025

A Letter of Gratitude to the Brothers Around the World

Dear Brothers,

Muito Obrigado! Mille Grazie! Merci beaucoup! Baie Dankie! Mange Tak! Vielen Dank! Mèsi Anpil! Mile Maith Agat!! Dziękuję Bardzo! Grazzi ħafna! Thank you very much!

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is "thank you," it will be enough." Meister Eckhart Coming from a celebration of life after death in remembrance of Jesus and of Pope Francis' death that has left footprints of his courageous life, in solidarity with the association of the spiritual family of St Charles de Foucauld who are now in a meeting at Tarres, Spain (our brother Matthias Kiel is representing me) and, while waiting with anticipation for the conclave in Rome and for our general assembly in Buenos Aires, I am writing to you this final letter as your servant brother in the Fraternity for the past six years.

Six years ago, I could not imagine myself doing this task. I come from a country that is like Nazareth, very small, insignificant, in the periphery of the world. The thought of being the general responsible was both overwhelming and frightening to me at the least. But slowly yet gently, I have learned through the years that this is not about me but about God using me in my poverty and in spite of me. I have wrestled many times praying with Brother Charles the prayer of abandonment while holding the Fraternity in prayer until my heart has mellowed from all my illusions and fears. I could only look back at the 6 years with profound gratitude for all the teaching, humbling and challenging moments that have made me where I am now as a work-in-progress universal brother following Jesus of Nazareth in the footsteps of Brother Charles.

Thank you very much for trusting me and my team with this man-

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date to serve and animate the fraternities around the world with all our gifts and limitations. Our insecurity to lead has moved us to listen to you – your realities and concerns – through the online survey where we have learned that our fragility as Fraternity urges us to seek one another with firm resolve and not to resign in self-sufficiency where we try to live our lives and ministries like “lone rangers.” Our fragile state has become a new pathway to forging real fraternities where everyone celebrates, challenges, listens and depends on the growth of each other. Above all, thank you very much for your individual witness of life, your courageous fire and zeal for God, the poor and the marginalized, your firm resolve to be a brother to all for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel and your commitment to live the fraternal life as diocesan priests in the footsteps of Brother Charles.



The authentic joy that comes from Jesus' resurrection sets us all on a humbling yet joy-filled pilgrimage together as spirit-brothers, patiently yet courageously seeking always for what nurtures our hearts amidst the overwhelmingly darkness and confusion of our world, inviting us to listen first before we talk, to understand first before we judge, to preach the Gospel with our lives, to see the face of Jesus in the poor, to heed the cry of Mother Earth and to face life's challenges with a heart fixed on the coming of the Kingdom in our midst.

Like the apostles, seeing an empty tomb with hearts overwhelmed by the confusion, violence and disillusionment of the things that have happened has blinded them from seeing reality with a sense of reflective distance, contemplative wonder and awe. After the resurrection, we are not sent to engage the world like conquerors and little messiahs who disregard the weak in order for the strong to control and dominate. No, we are summoned as lovers, brothers and friends to value every human experience as a place of encounter, to listen to the marginalized, to embrace those who are despised, to challenge the strong, waiting with patience and hope for new life to unfold from the goodness of every human heart and from every human experience.

In this jubilee year, we are invited to hope as pilgrims together. The late Pope Francis, in his October 2013 morning meditation, had given two contrasting icons for hope: the anchor and pangs of childbirth. When we are anchored to “an artificial everything is comfortable” a fitting icon for hope is that of creation “has been groaning inwardly as we wait. We are lagoon we ourselves have made... where secure. This is not hope”. Rather, the labor at childbirth. The whole of together in travail until now; we groan waiting.” Waiting for new life to unfold is authentic hope. Hope, then, “is intimately involved in the dynamic of giving life” which often “remains invisible and hidden to human eyes.”

Yet we know that the Spirit is at work quietly, gently, patiently. *“The Spirit is at work in us. He works like a mustard seed, which is small but full of life and power until it grows into a tree. This is how the Spirit works.”* May the Spirit, the Giver of Life, continue to renew our church and world today in surprising ways and may we have the heart to see it, one experience at a time. His way will always be hidden beneath the drama of our time. We need to be interiorly quiet to see that. This is what our spiritual means of daily adoration, desert day, review of life, daily meditation has prepared us.

Prayer of Abandonment: Father, I abandon myself into your hands;

Here are some practical details for the delegates of our world assembly: The organizers are asking us to pay in cash the \$675/Euro 625 fee. That we bring a little gift from our country to be given to the brothers. That we inform Tino about our flight details for airport pick up to our place of meeting.

Brothers, thank you very much. Kindly hold us close to your heart in prayer while we gather at Buenos Aires for our general assembly. We are gathered with you and for you.

With my fraternal affection,

Eric Lozada.

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A profound testimony

Fr. Cathal Price generously shares

what our fraternity did for him.

Dear Brothers,

I offer this testimony in utter thanksgiving for the gift of the Fraternity of Jesus Caritas in my life.

My name is Fr. Cathal Price of the Dublin Diocese.

I'm recently 90 years old by the sheer grace of God.

At present I am in Hospital and rehab for the last 12 weeks due to a severe fall. A very painful process.

My background.

My parents Peg and Michael were both very committed to the cause of 1916 onwards.

My Father was committed to the IRA and all his life filled with a great sense of justice and love of the downtrodden.

He lived in excommunication until his sudden death when I was turning 9 years old. This had a traumatic effect on my life right up my late forties.

My mother was a woman of great faith who prayed for me all her life (94). I buried my anger and grief and it affected my relationship with her.

I became very independent and driven and after ordination always trying to prove myself and be on top of things seeking to be loved.

Up to my forties I searched for love in many sexual relationships with women hating what I was doing running to confession hanging on to the Mass.

Prayer was mechanical.

I was filled with a deep sense of shame to be a priest so I avoided priests' company. This was covered up.

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do with me what you will. Whatever you do, I thank you. I am ready for all,

Then a moment of real grace!

I met Gerry Reynolds who suggested I join the fraternity and arranged I joined a fraternity group. Feeling unworthy, but with solid brothers who prayed with me and for me and gradually brought me to the Hour of Adoration and the Scriptures.

So I accepted the invitation to join the monthly annual Retreat in Clifden. These were the early days of fraternity where I met the spiritual giants like Peter Lenas and Gerry Reynolds and the singer troubadour Jim Murphy.

They introduced me to the life of Br Charles and the spirit of abandonment but above all with an acceptance of me as I was.

More and more I hungered for their fraternity; the adoration and the daily sharing of the scriptures which gradually were coming alive to me.

Then on one of the Desert days I set out to climb one of the Bens following a stream to it's source. As I climbed I was confronted by all the events of my life, the shame, the self pity, the failures.

When I reached the top I found I had let so much go, learning how to abandon myself to the Mercy of my Brother Jesus.

Then I heard the words: "I have called you by name"

As I absorbed these words I allowed myself to be filled with the utter Love of my crazy God.

Returning I could share with the brothers my story which I had retained hidden up to then.

Their acceptance of me overwhelmed me, awakening the great desire of Br. Charles to seek the lowest place beside Jesus who had chosen the lowest place.

That desire and the prayer of abandonment which I recite early each morning remains my deepest desire which enabled me to take the steps to be gradually healed and released.

Staying close to our monthly meeting of our Fraternity for the next 35 years has been a cornerstone leading me to the Devotion of Divine Mercy and being used by the Lord to promote it for over 25 years.

He then led me to promote the new Devotion to the Mother of Divine Mercy to bring about the proclamation of the first Marian dogma still to be accomplished.

Mother Mary teaches me daily to follow Her example of total abandonment

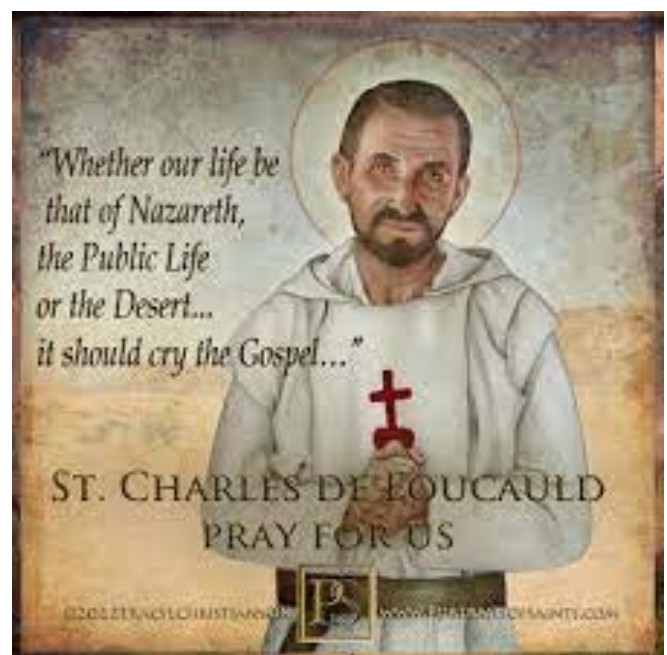
"Be it done to Me
unworthy

gift of the Fraternity.

I pray daily for each of you

Peace Love and fire in your belly.

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I accept all; let only your will be done in me and in all your creatures, I wish no more than this.

Letter from Buenos Aires, May 2025

To the brothers of the Jesus Caritas Priestly fraternity around the world

Dear brothers,

*from 6 to 21 May 2025, we gathered at the Mons. Aguirre Retreat House in Buenos Aires, 34 delegates from fraternities in 21 countries in Africa, America, Asia and Europe, under the theme: **PRIESTS OF IESUS CARITAS, WITNESSES AND FORGERS OF PRIESTLY AND UNIVERSAL FRATERNITY**, to hold the 12th General Assembly of our Fraternity.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank, first of all, our Argentinian brothers for their warm welcome and their readiness in introducing to us the people and culture of their country. We will not forget the cultural evening, the trip to the Delta of Paraná River, the visit to the centre of Buenos Aires and to the shrine of Our Lady of Luján. We would also like to express our gratitude to the various parishes that welcomed us on Sunday 11th with great faith, love and tenderness, to Monsignor Guillermo Caride, Bishop of San Isidro, who visited us, and to the members of our spiritual family who came to share their experiences.



We feel similar gratitude towards our brothers and sisters who enlightened us with their presentations on the reality of the Church in Argentina, the pontificate of Pope Francis, fraternity in the New Testament, in the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, and in the life and apostolate of Saint Charles de Foucauld. These are topics that remain available to the fraternities for their own study and reflection which are published on the website iesuscaritas.org. A special thank you to the outgoing International Team Eric LOZADA, Fernando TAPIA, Honoré SAVADOGO, Tony LLANES and Matthias KEIL for their closeness and service to the brothers during these six years and for the good organisation of this Assembly.



A WOUNDED WORLD

In a world wounded by divisions, polarisations, ambitions for power and the violence of wars, the message on Universal Fraternity is more necessary than ever. Pope Francis understood this. His words and gestures demonstrate it. We therefore, feel a strong call to be witnesses and builders of fraternity both in our presbyteria and in the societies and cultures in which each of us is present, through greater closeness and service to the poor, migrants, the marginalised and victims of all kinds of abuse.

Into your hands I commend my soul; I offer it to you with all the love of my heart. For I

We know that they are the ones who suffer most from the lack of fraternity.

FRATERNITY IS POSSIBLE

Fraternity is possible! We have experienced this in this Assembly despite the diversity of languages, cultures and pastoral experiences. Each day has been marked by praying together the Lauds, Adoration and the celebration of Eucharist, which has allowed us to live these days in a climate of attentive listening, understanding, joy, acceptance and dialogue. This is how we have been able to share our personal stories, reflect on the topics presented, listen attentively to the reports presented and work on our Statutes and our Directory.

OUR FRATERNITIES

The reports we have heard have shown us that in several countries in Europe and America our fraternities are ageing. This is not the case in Africa and Asia. We must therefore give more spiritual and financial support to the fraternities on both continents. In the countries of Europe and America,



we need to renew our efforts to make Brother Charles de Foucauld known in our presbyteries and invite priests, deacons and seminarians to join our Fraternity. We therefore feel a strong call to found new fraternities and to reawaken those that are dormant.

To do this, we need a great deal of creativity and greater fidelity to the charism of Brother Charles and to the means of spiritual growth that

our Fraternity has. Our witness of a simple, fraternal, joyful and committed life with the poor, which springs from our close relationship with the Risen Christ, will always be the best way to attract new members to our fraternities. We are convinced that Brother Charles' spirituality, centered on the Gospel and the Eucharist, celebrated and adored, is the spirituality that has ongoing relevance.

THE ELECTION OF LEO XIV

During our Assembly, the conclave was held in Rome to elect a new successor to Peter, Pope Leo XIV. Far from distracting us, his election has confirmed us in the path which the Holy Spirit is guiding his Church: a renewed missionary impulse, an ever greater commitment to justice and peace, and a greater participation of all the baptised in the life of the Church. We believe that fraternity is expressed in the synodal way of living our faith and our belonging to the Church, which is why we feel called to promote this ecclesial style in our parishes, Christian communities, movements and other pastoral settings in which we carry out our ministry.



love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands, without re-

REVISED VERSION OF OUR STATUTES AND DIRECTORY



We have devoted much time during this Assembly for the updating of our statutes and the directory for the development of our fraternities throughout the world. We have made valuable reflections and contributions and have finally approved them. They will be presented to the Dicastery for the Clergy and subsequently

disseminated and studied by our brothers in the different countries where we are present. These documents will help us to have a clearer identity and give greater relevance to the witness and writings of Brother Charles.

MEETING OF YOUNG PRIESTS OF OUR FRATERNITY

During our Assembly, we experienced the richness of cultural and pastoral diversity. We would like the young priests of our Association (under 45 years of age) to have a similar experience that will inspire them to follow our beloved Brother and Lord Jesus more closely, in the footsteps of Brother Charles de Foucauld. We entrust the organisation of this meeting to the new international team, with the spiritual and financial support of all our fraternities.



NEW INTERNATIONAL TEAM

During the Assembly, we elected our brother Carlos Roberto DOS SANTOS (Brazil) as the new International Responsible, and he, in turn, formed his team: Roberto (Tino) FERRARI (Argentina), Mark MERTES

(USA), Boris SCHLÜSSEL (Switzerland) and Louis Edmond ESSEYI A GNADAM (Cameroon). He has al-



so asked Eric LOZADA (Philippines) to be his delegate for Asia and Yves de MALLMANN (France) to help with the maintenance of the archives. We thank all of them for accepting this service. We offer them our fraternal support and we ask the Lord Jesus to sustain them with his grace and our

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serve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father. *(Brother Charles.)*

Lady of Luján to watch over them.

Eric LOZADA

for the delegates to the 12th General Assembly of the IESUS CARITAS Priestly Fraternity.

Buenos Aires, 20 May 2025



Document is available at the web iesuscaritas.org

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An extract from Austin Iverleigh on Pope Leo XIV in “The Tablet” for 17 May 2025:

“...Fr. John Murray OSA, an Australian Augustinian who knew “Bob” [Pope Leo] well, told me, “He was clear that, within the charism of our order, community life is not lived for itself, but for mission,” he says. “It’s about serving the pastoral needs of the Church, that’s what we’re here to respond to.”



Seems to your editor that this would also sum up Br. Charles’ and our own mission in Jesus Caritas— not only for our personal support, but so we can be more effective pastors too! +

Among e.mails received by the editor

From: Fr Jonathan Cotton
Sent: 19 December 2024
Subject: Re: Notts. Fraternity:

Hi Bob

The [Nottingham] Fraternity is currently meeting in St Theresa's Church, Birstall, Leicestershire. Over the last few months we have been recruiting and some of the Rosminian Priests have joined. Also we are trying to start a Fraternity in Derbyshire meeting in St Joseph's Church Hall, Matlock. Deacon Owen Le Blanc is leading this.

God bless & have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Jonathan Cotton.

(The editor would simply love to receive many more e.mails on local fraternity like such as Jonathan's here- please!!)

Sent to all the brothers of the Arundel & Brighton Diocese fraternities:

From: Canon Tom Treherne
Date: 3 December 2024
Subject: Jesus Caritas Fraternities A&B Diocese

Dear Brother,

I am very pleased to tell you Father Patrick Kilgarrieff has kindly agreed to lead our next (A&B) Jesus Caritas retreat at Ladywell next year; 3rd to 4th November 2025. As you know he was strongly recommended at our last gathering. Former Rector and Spiritual director at the English College Rome, he is a Priest of the Plymouth Diocese, now enjoying retirement in Worcester.

Wishing you peace and joy of this holy season,

Fraternally,

Tom

From: Maryfield Convent
Sent: 17 December 2024
Subject: Fr Kevin Delaney RIP

Dear Fr Bob

We have just received the "Be Brothers!" publication. This is to let you know that Fr Kevin Delaney [former brother of Portsmouth fraternity ed.] died in September this year.

Maryfield Convent

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Hampshire

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From: Michael Jones

Sent: 18 December 2024

Subject: RE: November "Be Brothers Britain & Ireland:"

Dear Bob,

Thanks for your email and for Be Brothers that arrived today. When I looked at the photo on the front I thought I had a twin brother!! We had our meeting yesterday so just missed giving the magazine out. We have a new member or at least he came yesterday and hopefully will come again; Fr Jude Iroh from the Missionaries of St Paul who is PP of Meopham. I hope you are well. I am still limited by my mobility. Thanks for all your hard work dear Bob.

Michael Jones

(Responsible, Southwark Diocese Dartford fraternity.)

Niall Ahern, Irish Regional Responsible emeritus,

-writes to say that after meeting in Knock for the discernment of a new National Responsible, we have white smoke! JOE DEEGAN of Meath Diocese is our new national responsible.

His contact is jpdeegan@gmail.com 086 3853045 / 086 3853042

Two brothers have agreed to work with Bob Rainbow as Irish contacts on BE BROTHERS:

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- * ALAN GEOGHEGAN nasraya@gmail.com 085 185 2815

Niall will continue to arrange the Irish National Retreat - so welcome to all in Mullaghmore in Sligo / Sunday August 31 to Thursday September 4 2025.

Details frniallahern@gmail.com

A Lenten meditation suitable for any time, forwarded from the International Jesus Caritas website by Joe Deegan:

This can be an even busier time than usual with extra ceremonies in the parish and extra work in schools in preparation for Sacraments. I pray that it will be a fruitful time of grace-filled moments of genuine encounter with Jesus in prayer, in your work, in ministering to your "flock" (whoever they are) and in whatever bit of self denial you have taken on for the Kingdom.

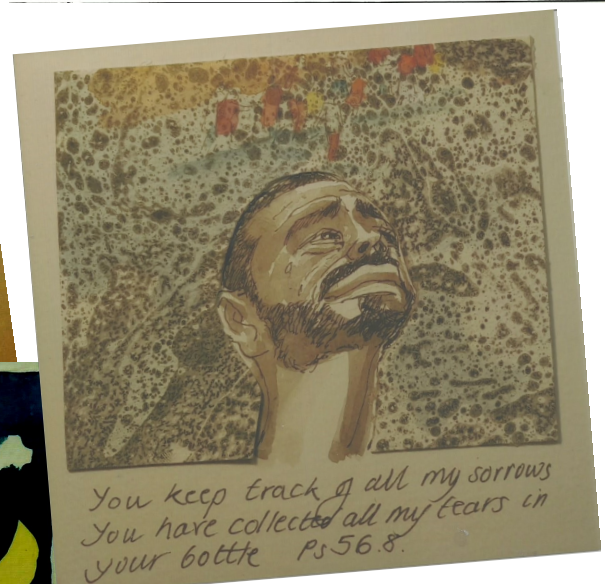
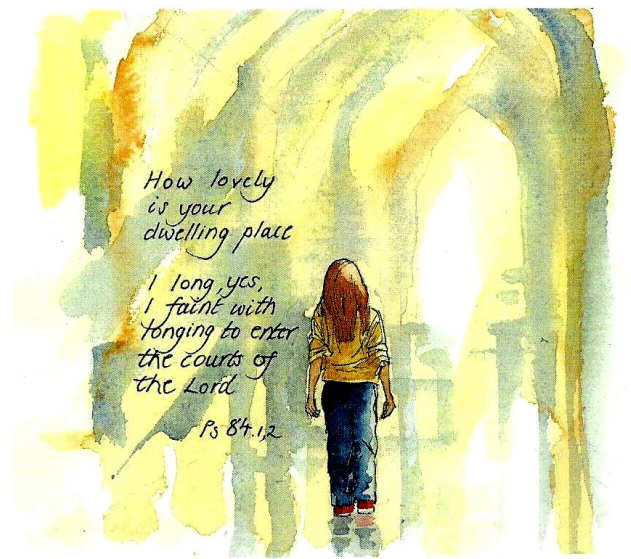
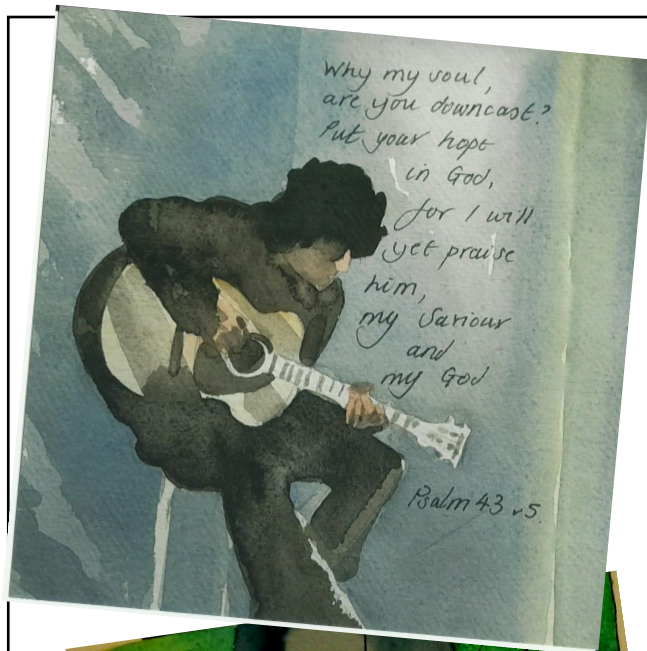
Aurelio Sanz, one of our faithful Spanish brothers has posted an interesting challenge for us on the International Iesus Caritas website and it could be something that might give you food for thought, reflection and perhaps even discussion in your fraternity group during this time of Lent. The link

is; <https://www.iesuscaritas.org/documentos/propuesta-de-revision-de-vida-cuaresma->

Wishing you Hope, Joy and Peace in this Jubilee Year. *Joe. (Irish Regional Responsible.)*

Peter Crooks' psalms

Peter is a retired Anglican priest and valued brother in Wrexham fraternity, North Wales. He recently brought these cards for us to see; some wonderful watercolour interpretations of the psalms. +

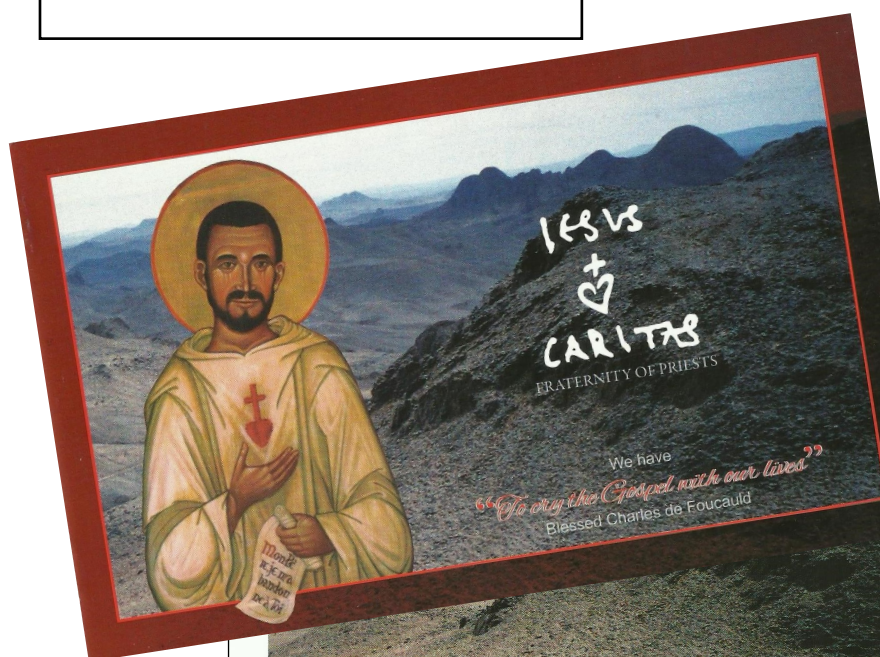
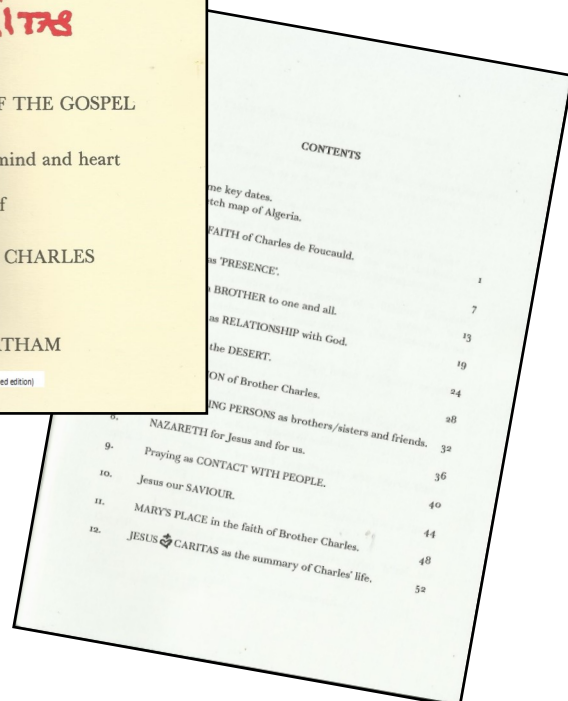
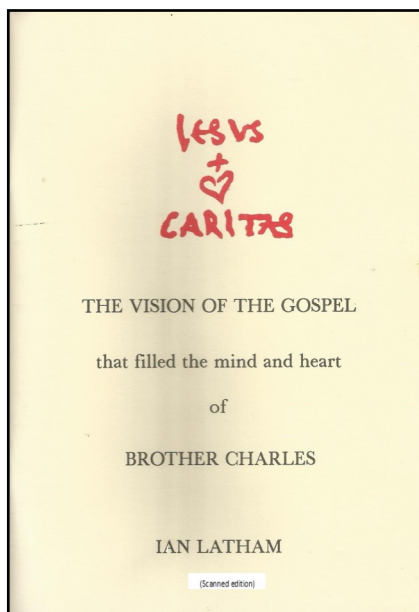


Long out of print but just reprinted by the British Regional Team is Little Brother Ian Latham's ***"The Vision of the Gospel that filled the Mind and Heart of Brother Charles."***

It provides a very useful summary of Br. Charles' teaching, in conveniently short dedicated chapters.

Offered free of charge, a copy is being sent to each British fraternity, and more can be freely requested from Stephen squires via frstevesquires@aol.com or Barnabas Page on barnabas.page@gmail.com. It can be used as a study tool in fraternity meetings.

Scanned from an original copy; 54 pages in A5 portrait format, on 160gsm. paper. 12 chapters, preceded by a timeline for Br. Charles and a simple map of Algeria. +



Reprinted for a second time is the late Fr. Tony Philpot's excellent description of the origins and ethos of Jesus Caritas.

24 pp., full colour, art paper, A5 landscape format.

Copies are available free from both the British and Irish Regional Responsibles (contact details on the rear cover of every "Be Brothers.") +

...the Little Brothers and Jesus. They stand out from philosophy. Yes, they are living long periods of silent Sacred Sacrament. But among the poorest and humblest of society, avoiding any little, simply being at the bottom of the heap, they do not preach: they share their love.

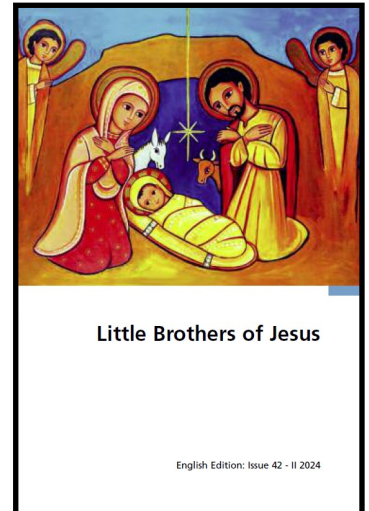
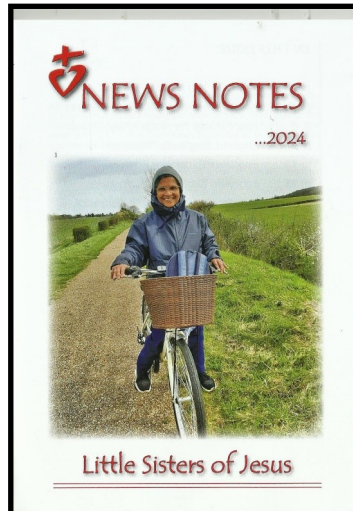
mountains (Algeria)

For your recruiting

Publications received

The Little Brothers magazine and the Little Sisters' "News Notes" are now received and passed on electronically to all British fraternities (and any others who ask the "Be Bros." editor.) Much inspirational reading therein!

- * *Lit.Sr's 2024 issue*
- * *& Lit.Br's Issue 42 II 2024 shown.* +



INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN OF THE LAY FRATERNITIES OF CHARLES DE FOUCAULD



N° 109 - June 2024

Be kind and compassionate, let no misery leave you unmoved. See Jesus in every human being. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Charles de Foucauld. Tamarrasset, February 8, 1916
Letters and Notebooks (p.230) (texts collected by Jean - François

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