



"Sancta Maria, Salus Infirmorum" Fraternity (Fraternity of Our Lady Health of the Sick)

Patrons: Holy Angels and St Bernadette of Lourdes (Feast Day, 11th February)

Given that our clergy and religious are to be esteemed as valued members of our communities' and societies' broad spiritual family, as agents of pastoral care of the family, educators, formation counsellors for marriage,

Following consultation with the late Canon John McDonald, the Archdiocese of Westminster's vicar for aged and retired clergy,

As an act of friendship and of charity toward those who have given and are giving their lives to God,

In order to ensure the strength of the Militia Sanctae Mariae's corps of spiritual supporters and prayer friends,

The Militia Sanctae Mariae's Priory of St Thomas More has instituted the "*Sancta Maria, Salus Infirmorum*" Fraternity, for the visit by members of the Militia Sanctae Mariae's *Observantia* and *Familia* to retired priests, deacons, monks, friars and nuns living in residential homes.

The mode of action of the Fraternity shall be as follows:

1. These visits will usually be conducted in a pair.
2. It shall be deemed preferable to have variety in those visited.
3. The Secretary of the Fraternity, a designated member of the Priory, shall keep record of visits (i.e., the visitors, the priest concerned, and any important information).
4. While a monthly visit should be the norm, active members of the Fraternity shall undertake only the visits that are possible to them, bearing in mind circumstances and time.

Done on this Feast Day of the Fraternity's Patroness, in ratification of the action established, led, launched and taken by my esteemed predecessor, St Thomas More Provincial Emeritus Stephen de la Bédoyère, with the invaluable support of Chev. Andrew Cesana,

Jean-Paul Gauthier, St Thomas More Prior of the Militia Sanctae Mariae
De Deu Aiez Vertut!

Done in London, this 11th Day of February, 2019