

ACTING TOGETHER - AGAINST ALL FORMS OF POVERTY

AIC UK is part of the 150,000 strong International group of, primarily, women whose spirituality is rooted in Vincentian tradition. Begun in 1617 by St Vincent De Paul, the Confraternities of lay volunteers help the disadvantaged in society. Groups became the Ladies of Charity – a name that many countries still use today under the AIC umbrella. Groups in ABBEY WOOD, BEXLEY, DARLINGTON, GLASGOW, MILL HILL & PECKHAM. Contact AIC UK: info@aic-uk.org.uk NEW CONTACT EMAIL .This email address is linked to our website; aic-uk.org.uk

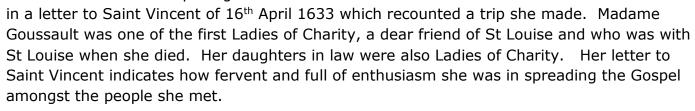
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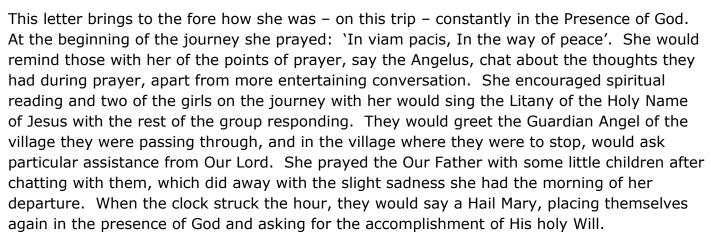
A short Reflection for the great Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Sr Bernadette Ryder DC. AIC Spiritual Advisor.

'Reverend Father, By the mercy of God, we have heard Mass every day...'

These words were the opening words of Madame Goussault





The letter goes on for many pages, and one can only be struck by her never waning enthusiasm for prayer and to listening with encouragement to those whom she met and offering them counsel.

For us today, life is very different as we know. But when we have a deep faith, are prudent and know the right time to offer a prayer or counsel, then it can only bear fruit, like that of Madame Goussault.

As the great feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ comes closer, let us too remember the Presence of God in our lives. We can pray the Angelus quietly at midday. We can pray the Stations of the Cross, reminding ourselves of the sufferings Jesus bore for us, and perhaps as a result strengthening us with any pain or difficulties we too endure. There are many ways of remembering God's presence, and each time we do, we are blessed.

I wish you all a truly God filled Easter experience and with Madame Goussault may we pray 'In the way of Peace'. Amen.

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AIC UK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019 was held in the Daughters of Charity Provincial House, Mill Hill. Thank you Sisters for your enduring support!

It was my last AGM as President, and after 6 years of pleasure and pride in our achievement in service of vulnerable people in need, I was very happy to hand over to Josephine Edun. Outgoing long standing Leadership members; Christine Crump and Marlene Burt were thanked sincerely for their enormous contribution to AIC UK's development for the past 20 years.

The following members were elected to the new Leadership Team:

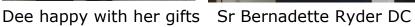
President; Jo Edun. Spiritual Director; Sr Bernadette Ryder DC,

Secretary: Harriet Alpha, Treasurer: Sheila Jones (2nd. term),

Justice: Shanti Mendonca, Development: Naomi Smith & Nana Oppong.

Ex-President: Dee Mansi 1 year's transitional support.









Christine Crump & Marlene Burt





The Leadership Team. LtoR, Harriet, Naomi, Dee, Jo, Shanti, Sr Bernadette, Sheila



Dear Friends, may I take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself, and to provide some early thoughts on why I am so excited about working with all of you in the coming months. As some of you may Know, I joined AIC in 2010 and what a joy to know I am part of an organisation that does so much for the world and has so much more to do for our poor brothers and sisters across the world.

I am originally from Nigeria and have residence in the UK for 24yrs. After graduation, I started my career in business and IT and sometime in 2005 changed career into the health service where I worked for 13 years before branching out to start my own business in health and social care in 2017. I am a hard worker but do try to relax every now and again with friends and family by going out for a meal or parties. Apart from my local AIC obligations, I love my role as a catechist and member of the choir in my church.

As a newly elected president, I am grateful for all your support and the wealth of experienced people around me to guide me on this journey and I really look forward to doing my best. We are all members of a great and forward thinking organisation and it is my wish that we will all show our commitment in our various wonderful projects and groups to foster the AIC agenda and attract new members through our good works.

I look forward to visiting everyone in the near future, Love and Blessing. Jo

Every blessings for the next two years! You have a strong team with you, and all our members are grateful you said "Yes" to leading us forward in our continuing work for people who live on the margins of society. Enjoy your first International experience in Strasbourg in June, and we will be very happy to send you off with our love, after our first Leaders Meeting on 8th June 2019.

God bless,

Dee Mansi