



The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

The largest Extraordinary Form priestly community:

Founded 21 years ago, the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP) numbers 356 clergy with an average age of 36, including 213 priests and 137 seminarians (plus 3,157 associate laity and clergy in the Confraternity of Saint Peter).

Forming priests traditionally to serve your souls in Britain:

In the last ten years we have built from scratch, staffed and continuously run two international seminaries where future priests come from twenty five different countries to be formed according to the valuable traditions of Holy Mother Church. One of them, located in the U.S.A., is so far the only Extraordinary Form English-speaking seminary worldwide in full communion with the Church. Diocesan seminarians and religious are also sent by their own superiors for formation in our seminaries. Since the year 2000 we have ordained an average twelve new priests per year (for the FSSP), all of them formed and sent to serve souls integrally according to the Roman traditions of the Church. Earlier this year we harvested the fruit of your prayers for vocations, when two of our British seminarians were ordained priests. Two more will be ordained in the next two years, for a total of six FSSP British priests ordained between 2002 and 2011.

All the more ardently do we then ask for your prayers and encouragements for more young Britons and Irishmen to hear about us and answer God's call. Our Lord has blessed us with many vocations; indeed we admitted 46 seminarians last year and 40 this year (including 2 Britons).



Brief history:

- 18th July 1988: Founded as a clerical society of apostolic life, with use of the Roman Missal, Ritual, Pontifical, Martyrology and Breviary in force in 1962
- 18th October 1988: Erected as an institute of pontifical right by the Holy See
- Easter 1990: Cardinal Ratzinger visits the motherhouse (in Wigratzbad, Bavaria) and offers Mass in the Traditional rite
- 12th September 1999: Pope John Paul II blesses the corner stones and crucifixes for the two new FSSP seminaries in Europe and in America
- 8th October 1999; 20th October 2001: the Superior General delivers an address at the Synods of Bishops in Rome

- December 2000; June 2002; June 2005; May 2008: Darío Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos, President of the *Ecclesia Dei* Commission and Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, comes to bless the new Saint Peter Seminary and to ordain FSSP priests
- 4th April 2001: Yearly plenary indulgences granted to the Fraternity of St Peter by the Apostolic Penitentiary
- 29th June 2003: Definitive approval of the Constitutions by the Holy See
- 22nd February 2007: Foundation of the Confraternity of Saint Peter, a society which gathers those who are attached to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter and who wish to support its charisma through prayers and sacrifices (currently 3,157 members)
- 23rd March 2008 (Easter Sunday): The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter is granted a personal parish in Rome by Pope Benedict XVI
- 7th June 2008: Yearly plenary indulgences granted to the Confraternity of St Peter by the Apostolic Penitentiary
- 6th July 2009: private audience of Superior General with Pope Benedict XVI and blessing to the Founders



- 3rd March 2010: Prefect of Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith William J. Cardinal Levada to attend dedicace of new FSSP seminary chapel in Denton, NE

- 3rd July 2010: Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and

the Discipline of the Sacraments Antonio Cardinal Cañizares Llovera to ordain FSSP priests at FSSP motherhouse and European seminary in Wigratzbad

Permanent ministry in England:

The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter has been serving in England for a decade. We are based in Reading, Berkshire (Portsmouth diocese), where we offer daily Mass plus Sunday Mass also in Reading and in Flitwick (Northampton diocese). We preach retreats and recollections, instruct children, young people and adults, teach the Extraordinary Form of the Mass to clergy and make ourselves generally available for a wide range of pastoral services across the country. The FSSP is also present in Scotland permanently (Edinburgh) and in Ireland (Kildare) monthly. All our ministries are fulfilled according to our traditional charisma and with the permission of the local bishops.

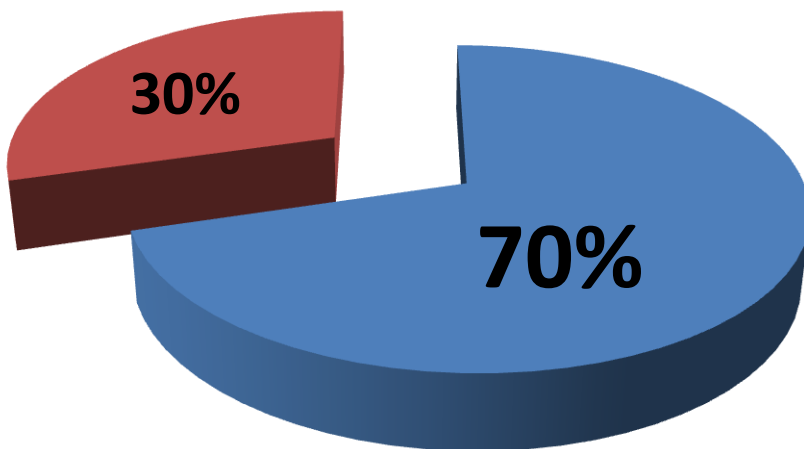
Our *Haven for priests* Campaign:

While so many English convents, seminaries, churches and presbyteries are being sold for secular purposes nowadays - what a statement of supernatural hope it is to do just the opposite and help us turn a secular building into a *Haven for Priests*; and not only for priests, but also for all the faithful who will visit us in Reading. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered at your intentions on at least one Thursday a month, followed with a Holy Hour of prayer for priestly vocations and ministry.

St John Fisher House's total cost: £732,080.12

(according to quotation as of 14th December 2009)

- Already donated: £515,588.50 (£485,588.50 already spent for purchase & legal fees)
- To be raised: £216,491.62 (to cover £89,008.19 for extension + £50,084.54 for loft conversion + £107,398.89 for refurbishment)



Bequest: As well as sending us a donation, please kindly consider making a bequest to 'FSSP ENGLAND', a **registered charity N° 1129964**. Gift-aid form on request.

Would you like to know more about us?

Come and meet us soon at the

Lenten week-end of recollection: 5-7 March 2010 on 'The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Hell and Heaven'.

All Saints Conference Centre, Shenley Lane, London Colney, Herts, AL2 1AF.
Website: www.allsaintspc.org.uk. Starts on Friday 5th March 2010 at 5pm (later arrival possible) – ends on Sunday 7th March 2010 at 4pm.

Price: £126 everything included (for: £116 as *Centre's* fees + £10 as *FSSP* fees). Please bring your traditional hand missal + your own towel and soap.

Booking: please send to us a **£15 deposit cheque** made payable to FSSP ENGLAND. Please kindly book now.

Dowry: Also, receive news from our ministry in England via our quarterly magazine *Dowry*, named after 'Our Lady's Dowry' i.e. England. Over 20 colour pages with sound Catholic doctrine and beautiful pictures of traditional events taking place in Great Britain: please send us your contact details and receive our next issue **free** (one year subscription £14).

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All cheques kindly to be made payable to: FSSP ENGLAND.

Funding from outside the UK also possible: please contact us.

Please be assured of our gratitude for your support and of our prayers for you and for all those dear to you.

Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP (local superior),
in Reading, Christmas 2009.