



THE ORDER OF AVE MARIA
FOUNDATION CHARTER

In the Sacred Name of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity. Amen.

Joannes, by the Grace of God Titular Archbishop of Karim and Primate of the Ancient Catholic Church Unto All and Singular to Whom These Presents Shall Come:

Greeting!

Be it Known by the Tenor of These Presents that WE in the due exercise of Our Office and pursuant to the powers vested in Me by the Constitutions and Canons of The Ancient Catholic Church, do hereby Found, Erect and Establish a Religious Order to be known and called THE ORDER OF AVE MARIA, the Constitution whereof is and shall be as follows:

1. The object of the Order is to promote love and devotion towards the Blessed Virgin Mary.
2. Membership of the Order shall be in two classes: (a) Senior Members, being persons over the age of 16 years, and (b) Junior Members, being children under that age.
3. The Badge of the Order shall be a shield containing the letters 'A.M.' as depicted upon the Seal of the Order hereunto affixed, and the Motto "Ave Maria", and shall be worn with Such Robes and Insignia as may be hereafter prescribed by the General Chapter of the Order.
4. The Order shall be governed by a General Chapter, appointed and removable by Ourselves, the first members thereof being: Ourselves (Grand President), The Titular Abbess of Magdala (Mother-Custodian), The Reverend Olive Patricia Knill-Samuel, and The Reverend Ernest Leslie Balfour (Registrar).
5. Local chapters of the Order may be erected by Sub-Charter under the Seal of the Order.
6. The work of the Order shall be carried out by means of special services, meetings and social activities, and such other means as shall be appointed by the General Chapter.

In Witness whereof We have hereunto affixed Our Sign Manual and Archiepiscopal Seal, this thirtieth day of August in the Year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one, and in the Second year of Our Consecration, and have caused these presents to be sealed with the Seal of the pre-named Order.

+Joannes

Titular Archbishop of Karim
Primate

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the pre-named Titular Archbishop of Karim in the presence of me

John Newton
Notary Public, London
[Red Seal of John Newton affixed]

The Seal of The Order of Ave Maria was hereunto affixed in the presence of us:

+Mary
Titular Abbess of Magdala

O.P. Knill-Samuel

{Seals }

Ad Perpetuam Rei Memoriam

It is Hereby Certified under the Corporate Seal of The Catholicate of the West that the pre-named Order of Ave Maria is duly chartered by Us pursuant to the powers vested in Us by the Rules of the said Catholicate as incorporated in India under Act XXI of 1860.

+Georgius

PRINCE-CATHOLICOS

Date: 4th Sept MCMLI

F.G. Sturt, Secretarius Ad Hoc

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[Gold Seal]

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[Signature of] E.H. Jackson for Keeper of Archives

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