



THE ORDER OF S. TERESA – THE LITTLE FLOWER
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 of the powers thereunto appertaining, do Hereby Found, Erect and Establish a Religious Order of the Name, Title and Style of The Order of S. Teresa – The Little Flower – the Rule of Which shall be as follows:

RULE

1. The Object of the Order is to promote the Devotional Life according to the example of S. Teresa of Lisieux, and sustain the Priests of the Church by means of love and prayer.
2. There shall be these grades or status of Members: Postulants, Novices and Professed, and the qualifications and admittance thereto shall be determined from time to time by The General Chapter.
3. Professed Members shall upon profession take the three Final Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, which shall be interpreted freely and not be deemed to be literal: Poverty; the joyful free will surrender of earthly things, when necessary for spiritual progress, Chastity; purity of body, soul and spirit, Obedience; conformity to the precepts of the Order, and canonical obedience to the Superior of the Order and those placed in authority under him.
4. The Governing Body of the Order shall be called the General Chapter, and shall be affiliated and removable by Us at Our pleasure. The first Members of the General Chapter shall be: Ourselves (Prelate-Superior), The Titular Abbess of Magdala, The Reverend Mary-Louise Watts (Mother-Superior), The Reverend Ethel Marion Dyson (Registrar) and Deaconesses Gertrude Edith Enticknap, Olive Patricia Knill-Samuel, Maureen Pearse, The Reverend Vera Acton Burwell, Miss Margaret Stubbington and Mrs Florence Grace Sturt.
5. The Motto of the Order shall be “The Fragrance of Love”.

6. The robes and insignia of the Order shall be: Postulants; a medallion of S. Teresa worn suspended around the neck by a Violet cord, Novices, White Cloak with Violet Hood; Professed, White Habit Violet Cord Scapular, White Cloak with Violet Hood, with White Wimple and Black or Violet Veil in the case of women. Provided Always that Dispensation may be granted in the case of Clergy and others to wear part only of the dress of the Order.

7. The Objects of the Order may be carried on by means of Religious Services, Address, Retreats, Study Circles, Meetings and Social functions.

8. The ceremonies of admission of Postulants and Novices and profession of Professed Brethren shall be such as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Prelate-Superior.

9. Sub-Charters may be granted for the establishment of Local Chapters of the Order under their own local Officers.

In Witness whereof We have hereunto affixed Our Sign Manual and Archiepiscopal Seal, and have caused these Presents to be sealed with the Seal of the pre-named Order, 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.

+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 S. Teresa – The Little Flower was hereunto affixed in the presence of

+Mary
Titular Abbess of Magdala

Mary Louise Teresa Watts
Mother-Superior

*O.P. Knill-Samuel
*E.M. Stubbington
*G.E. Enticknap
*Mrs Pearse
*Florence G. Sturt
*Vera Acton Burwell



E. M. Dyson

**All bracketed "Members of the General Chapter"*

{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 S. Teresa – The Little Flower is hereby Chartered under the powers vested in Us by Rule XIV(3) of the pre-named Catholicate as incorporated in India under Act XXI of 1860.

+Georgius

PRINCE-CATHOLICOS

Date: 4th Sept MCMLI

J. L. Mardin [?], Secretarius Ad Hoc

[Stamp of the Chancellery of the Catholicate of the West]

[Gold Seal]

[Stamp:] Enrolled in the Archives of the Ancient Catholic Church No. 49 of 1951

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

[Stamp:] Enrolled in the Archives of the Catholicate of the West No. 41 of 1951.

[Signature of] E.M. Stubbington for Keeper of Archives