



**"Our brotherhood will be everlasting,
because the ground which this plant is rooted in,
is the misery of the world - and because, God willing,
there will always be people who want to work
towards the alleviation of these sufferings
and make this misery more bearable."**



The Saints of the Order of Malta
and their inspiration today
in the projects of the

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Liturgical Calendar - January 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	2 Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors	3	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious	5 St. John Neumann, bishop
6 Epiphany of the Lord	7 St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest	8	9	10 St. Gregor of Nyssa, bishop, OSB	11	12
13 Baptism of the Lord St. Hilary, bishop & doctor	14	15 St. Maurus & Placidus, scholars of St. Benedict, OSB	16	17 St. Anthony, abbot	18	19
20 2nd Sunday in ordinary time St. Fabian, pope & martyr & St. Sebastian, martyr	21 St. Agnes, virgin & martyr	22 St. Vincent, deacon & martyr	23	24 St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor	25 Conversion of St. Paul, apostle	26 St. Timothy & Titus, bishops & St. Robert, Alberich & Stephen, Cistercian abbots, OSB
27 3rd Sunday in ordinary time St. Angela Merici, virgin	28 St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor	29	30	31 St. John Bosco, priest		

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Blessed Gerland

It is not known for certain whether he came from Poland or from Germany, but he was certainly a Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. At the time of Frederick II **he served** in a little church at Caltagirone in Sicily, **caring for** widows and **orphans devotedly and without thought of himself**. He died about 1271 and is still honoured at Caltagirone, where his relics are venerated in the Basilica of San Giacomo. (Feast 19 June)



Blessed Gérard's Children's Home

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We look after and give a home to orphaned, sick, neglected, abandoned, abused, malnourished, and physically and mentally challenged children.

Liturgical Calendar - February 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1	2 Presentation of the Lord
3 4 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Ansgar, bishop & St. Blasé, bishop & martyr	4	5 St. Agatha, virgin & martyr	6 Ss. Paul Miki, priest & martyr & companions, martyrs	7	8 St. Jerome Emiliani, priest	9
10 5 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Scholastica, virgin, OSB	11 WORLD DAY OF THE SICK Our Lady of Lourdes St. Benedict of Aniane, abbot, OSB	12	13 Ash Wednesday	14 Ss. Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop	15	16
17 1 st Sunday of Lent Seven Founders of the Order of Servites	18	19	20 Dedication of the Conventual Church of St. John the Baptist in Malta, SMOM	21 St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor	22 Chair of St. Peter, apostle	23 St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr
24 2 nd Sunday of Lent	25	26	27	28		

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Blessed Raymond du Puy

He was the first to assume the title of Master of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem and gave a Rule to the Order. The eight-pointed cross, which he ordered the brothers to wear on their cloaks and garments, as well as armour, was the symbol of their pledge to give their lives to Christ. They were to fight manfully, armed with theological virtues, so as to practice the works of mercy. For, he said to them, you must "love, revere, and preserve justice; **favour, relieve, and defend the oppressed.**"



Blessed Gérard's Community Development Centre

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We run a sewing school to fight unemployment.
It gives skills to the needy
to encourage self-employment and thus
to make them independent of charity.

Liturgical Calendar - March 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1	2
3 3 rd Sunday of Lent	4 St. Casimir	5	6	7 Ss. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs	8 St. John of God, religious	9 St. Frances of Rome, religious
10 4 th Sunday of Lent	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 5 th Sunday of Lent St. Patrick, bishop	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor	19 St. Joseph, husband of Mary	20	21 Death of St. Benedict, abbot, OSB	22	23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop
24 Palm Saunday	25	26	27	28 Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30 Holy Saturday
31 Easter						

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Blessed Gerard Mecatti

He was born in 1174, at Villamagna not far from Florence. As soon as he reached his adolescence, he led an existence worthy of admiration for his humility, piety and compassion for the poor. At an early age, he requested and obtained admission as a "serving brother" in the Order of Saint John, in which **he set an example of selfless charity, giving all he owned to the unfortunate.** (Feast: 18 May)



Blessed Gérard's Poor Sick Fund

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We help sick people who cannot afford urgently needed medical treatment.

Liturgical Calendar - April 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 Easter Monday Blessed Nonius Alvarez Pereira, prior, SMOM	2 Easter Tuesday St. Franis of Paola, hermit	3 Easter Wednesday	4 Easter Thuirsdlay St. Isidore, bishop & doctor	5 Easter Friday St. Vincent Ferrer, priest	6 Easter Saturday
7 2 nd Sunday of Easter St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest	8 Annunciation of the Lord	9	10	11 St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr	12	13 St. Martin I, pope & martyr
14 3 rd Sunday of Easter	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 4 th Sunday of Easter St. Anselm, bishop & doctor	22	23 St. Adalbert, bishop, missionary & martyr, OSB; St. George, martyr	24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr	25 St. Mark, evangelist	26	27
28 5 th Sunday of Easter St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montford, priest	29 St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor	30 St. Pius V, pope				

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Blessed Nonius Alvares Pereira

Nonius Alvares Pereira, a cousin of the founder of the Braganza family, was born in Santares (Portugal) on 24 July 1360. He was Constable of the kingdom of Portugal, a famous Knight and Prior in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. He left everything and humbly undertook the meanest duties. He had no hesitations about begging alms from door to door and was **outstandingly generous and charitable towards the poor**. He died on 1 April 1431, which was Easter Sunday. (Feast 1 April)



Blessed Gérard's Bursary Fund

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We give bursaries to pupils and students whose parents have no means to pay for their education.

Liturgical Calendar - May 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 St. Joseph the worker	2 St. Athanasius, bishop & doctor	3 Ss. Philip & James, apostles	4
5 6th Sunday of Easter	6	7	8	9 Ascension of the Lord	10 Blessed Damian Joseph de Vauster of Moloka'I, priest	11 Ss. Odo, Majolus, Odilo, Hugo & Petrus the venerable, abbots of Cluny, OSB
12 7th Sunday of Easter Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr	13	14 St. Mathias, apostle	15 St. Isidore the farmer	16	17	18 Blessed Gerard Mecatti of Villamagna, religious, SMOM; St. John I, pope & martyr
19 Pentecost St. Caelestin, poe & hermit, OSB	20 St. Bernardin of Siena, priest (7 th week in ordinary time)	21	22	23	24	25 Ss. Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor; Gregory VII, pope; Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin
26 Most Holy Trinity St. Philipp Neri, priest	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop	28 St. Ubaldesca, virgin, SMOM	29 Blessed Joseph Gerard, priest	30	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	



Saint Ubaldesca

was born in Calcinaia, near Pisa, in 1136 and joined the Order of St. John of Jerusalem at the age of fifteen. She had resolved **never to refuse the requests of the unfortunate**. She gave them what she could and, when she had nothing to give, she offered at least the consolation of her smile, paying close attention to the tale of the troubles of each with fraternal understanding. No one left her without being comforted. She worked for fifty-five years in the infirmary attached to the monastery at Pisa, caring for her neighbour out of love of God. (Feast 28 May)



Blessed Gérard's Relief Fund

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**We help people
in genuine cases of immediate need.**

Liturgical Calendar - June 2002

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						1 St. Justin, martyr
2 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs	3 Ss. Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs (9 th week in ordinary time)	4	5 St. Boniface, bishop & martyr	6 St. Norbert, bishop	7 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8 Immaculate Heart of Mary
9 10th Sunday in ordinary time St. Ephrem, deacon & doctor	10	11 St. Barnabas, apostle	12 St. Flora of Beaulieu, virgin, SMOM	13 St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor, patron of Mandeni Parish	14	15
16 11th Sunday in ordinary time	17	18	19 Blessed Gerland, religious, SMOM; St. Romuald, abbot	20	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious	22 Ss. Paulinus of Nola, bishop; John Fisher, bishop & martyr; Thomas Moore, martyr
23 12th Sunday in ordinary time	24 Birth of St. John the Baptist, patron, SMOM	25	26	27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor	28 St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr	29 Ss. Peter & Paul, apostles
30 13th Sunday in ordinary time First martyrs of the Church of Rome						

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Saint Flora

was born about 1300 at Maurs in the diocese of Saint-Flour (France) and took the veil as a girl of thirteen in the monastery of the Sisters of St. John of Jerusalem at Beaulieu, in the diocese of Cahors (France), where she devoted herself to tending the poor and the sick in the hospital attached to the monastery. Saint Fleur was **greatly committed to giving alms to the poor**. (Feast: 12 June)



Blessed Gérard's Malnutrition Clinic

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We run a clinic, where we examine and treat malnourished infants.

We provide milk formula and baby food.

We advise the parent,
 on how to care for her children properly.

Liturgical Calendar - July 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 St. Nicasius, martyr, SMOM & Blessed Junípero Serra, priest	2	3 St. Thomas, apostle	4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal	5 St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest	6 St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr
7 14 th Sunday in ordinary time	8 Blessed Adrian Fortescue, martyr. SMOM	9	10	11 St. Benedict, abbot, OSB	12 Blessed David Gunston, martyr, SMOM; St. Johannes Gualbert, abbot, OSB	13 St. Henry
14 15 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Toscana, religious, SMOM; St. Camillus de Lellis, priest	15 St. Bonaventura, bishop & doctor	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	17	18 St. Camillus de Lellis, priest	19	20
21 16 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Lawrence of Brinsisi, priest & doctor	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23 St. Bridget of Sweden, religious	24	25 St. James, apostle	26 St. Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary	27
28 17 th Sunday in ordinary time	29 Ss. Martha, Maria & Lazarus, friends of Jesus, OSB	30 St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest			

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Saint Nicasius

One of the Kameti family (who were later known as de Burgo), he was born in Sicily in the twelfth century. He became a knight of the Order of St. John, being **one of the defenders** at the siege of Acre in Palestine and was captured and beheaded there in 1187 with many others, including, it is said, his brother Ferrandino. (Feast 1 July)



Blessed Gérard's Disaster Relief Project

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Flood Disaster Mozambique 2000

We give medical assistance and care
as a relief organisation in case of a disaster.

Liturgical Calendar - August 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & doctor	2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop	3 St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest
4 18th Sunday in ordinary time St. John Vianney, priest	5 Dedication of St. Mary Major	6 Transfiguration of the Lord	7 Ss. Sixtus II, pope & martyr & companions, martyrs & Cajetan, priest	8 St. Dominic, priest	9	10 St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr
11 19th Sunday in ordinary time St. Clare, virgin	12	13 St. Pontian, pope & martyr & Hippolytus, priest & martyr	14 St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest & martyr	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16 St. Stephan of Hungary	17
18 20th Sunday in ordinary time	19 St. Bernard Toloméi, abbot, OSB; St. John Eudes, priest	20 St. Bernard, abbot & doctor	21 St. Pius X, pope	22 Queenship of Mary	23 St. Rose of Lima, virgin	24 St. Bartholomew, apostle
25 21st Sunday in ordinary time St. Louis & Joseph Calasanz, priest	26	27 St. Monica	28 St. Augustine, bishop & doctor	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist, martyr & patron of the SMOM	30	31

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Saint Toscana

She was born in Zervio, near Verona (Italy) about 1280 and married a man from Verona, Albert Canoculi with whom she began to do remarkable work for the poor. After her husband's death, she sold all that she owned and became a nun in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, where she **devoted her life to prayer and caring for the sick**. She died on 14 July 1343 or 1344. (Feast 14 July)



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We care for the sick and dying through
training, homecare,
daycare and inpatient care.

Liturgical Calendar - September 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 22 nd Sunday in ordinary time	2	3 Death of Blessed Gérard (+1120) & St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor	4	5	6	7
8 23 rd Sunday in ordinary time Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Philerme, SMOM	9 St. Peter Claver, priest	10	11	12	13 St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor	14 Triumph of the Holy Cross
15 24 th Sunday in ordinary time Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Ss. Cornelius, pope & martyr & Cyprian, bishop & martyr	17 St. Hildegard, virgin & abbess, OSB; St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor	18	19 St. Januarius, bishop & martyr	20 Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon, priest & martyr; Paul Chong Hasang & companions, martyrs	21 St. Mathew, apostle & evangelist
22 25 th Sunday in ordinary time	23 St. Zachary & Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist, SMOM ?	24	25	26 Ss. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs	27 St. Vincent de Paul, priest	28 St. Wenceslaus, martyr; St. Laurence Ruiz & companions, martyrs
29 26 th Sunday in ordinary time Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels	30 St. Jerome, priest & doctor					

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Blessed Peter of Imola

He was born about 1250 at Imola (Italy) into the family of the lords of Linasio. An able lawyer, he mediated between the Guelphs and Ghibellines at Romagna in 1297. He became a knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and was elected Grand Prior at Rome. He devoted great energy to caring for the sick at Florence (Italy) where he died on 5 October 1320. Peter was **learned, pious, courageous and beneficent**. His humility, his charity, his knowledge, are virtues which we shall try to imitate without risking error, in the great simplicity of God.



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Blessed Gérard's AIDS-Education Programme

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"Caring for an AIDS patient"
Information in a factory



We advise the public how to avoid HIV infection and how to live with AIDS.

Liturgical Calendar - October 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor	2 Guardian Angels	3	4 St. Francis of Assisi, religious	5 Blessed Peter Pattarini of Imola, prior, SMOM
6 27 th Sunday in ordinary time St. Bruno, priest	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8 St. Hugh, religious, SMOM	9 Ss. Denis, bishop & martyr & companions, martyrs & John Leonardi, priest	10	11	12
13 28 th Sunday in ordinary time Blessed Gérard, founder of the SMOM, patron of the BBG	14 St. Callistus I, pope & martyr	15 St. Theresa of Avila, virgin & doctor	16 St. Hedwig, religious & Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr	18 St. Luke, evangelist	19 Ss. Isaac Jogues & John Brébeuf, priests & martyrs & companions, martyrs & Paul of the Cross, priest
20 29 th Sunday in ordinary time	21	22	23 St. John of Capistrano, priest	24 St. Anthony Claret, bishop	25	26
27 30 th Sunday in ordinary time	28 Ss. Simon & Jude, apostles & 10 th anniversary of the foundation of the BBG	29	30	31		

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Saint Hugh

Born about 1186 at Alessandria (Italy), he became a knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. After lengthy campaigning in the Holy Land, he was elected Master of the Commandery of St. John di Prè in Genoa (Italy) and worked in the infirmary nearby. But he was quite comely and amiable toward all. **He served the poor with love and tact, giving them food, money, spiritual comfort and brotherly love.** He washed their feet. He took care of them, and when they died, he buried them. The eight-pointed cross was not only on his cloak; he wore it in his heart. He was renowned for miraculous powers over the natural elements. He is believed to have died in 1233. (Feast: 8 October)

Blessed Gérard's First Aid and Emergency Service

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**We offer First Aid
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Liturgical Calendar - November 2002

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					1	2 Commemoration of the faithful departed: All Souls
3 All Saints St. Martin de Porres, religious	4 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop (31 st week in ordinary time)	5	6	7 St. Willibrord, bishop, OSB	8	9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 32nd Sunday in ordinary time St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor	11 St. Martin of Tours, bishop	12 St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr & St. Theodor of Studion, abbot, OSB	13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin	14	15 St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor	16 St. Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude, virgin
17 33rd Sunday in ordinary time St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious	18 Dedication of the Churches of St. Peter & Paul, apostles & St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin	19 All Saints of the SMOM & St. Mechthild, virgin, OSB	20	21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	22 St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr	23 Ss. Clement I, pope & martyr & Columban, abbot & Blessed Miguel Augustine Pro, priest & martyr
24 Jesus Christ the King Ss. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions, martyrs	25	26 St. Silvester, abbot, OSB	27	28	29	30 St. Andrew, apostle



Blessed Garcia Martinez

was of Portuguese nationality, a Commander of the five Kingdoms of Spain, and his life was very holy. Through his intercession, **an old man** whose legs had been no more than skin and bones **was cured**; his legs had been made whole and normal.



Blessed Gérard's Friendship Club

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We organise meetings to enable the elderly to get out of their isolation and socialise with others.

Liturgical Calendar - December 2002

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 1 st Sunday of Advent St. Pachomius, abbot, OSB	2 Blessed Virgin Mary, cause of our joy, SMOM	3 St. Francis Xavier, priest	4 St. John Damascene, priest & doctor	5 St. Sabas, abbot, OSB	6 St. Nicholas, bishop	7 St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor
8 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9 Immaculate Conception of Our Lady	10	11 St. Damasus I, pope	12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious & Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Odilia, virgin, OSB, patron of the Missionary Benedictines & St. Lucy, virgin & martyr	14 St. John of the Cross, religious & doctor
15 3 rd Sunday of Advent	16	17	18	19	20	21 St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor
22 4 th Sunday of Advent	23 St. John of Kanty, priest	24	25 Christmas	26 St. Stephen, first martyr	27 St. John, apostle & evangelist	28 Holy Innocents, martyrs
29 Holy Family St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr	30 6 th day in the octave of Christmas	31 7 th day in the octave of Christmas St. Sylvester I, pope				

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Blessed Adrian Fortescue

was born around 1480, the son of Sir John Fortescue of Punsborne, Hertfordshire (England). His personal piety is attested by his Book of Hours which survives with devotional maxims in his own hand. Sir Adrian was married and **had seven children**. In 1539 he was attainted of High Treason without trial and was beheaded on 9 July 1539, together with the Venerable Sir Thomas Dingley, a Knight of the Order. The Order of St. John of Jerusalem has considered Sir Adrian as a martyr. Leo XIII declared him Blessed on 13 May 1895. (Feast: 8 July)



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**We run a Pre-Primary-School and Crèche
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that we send you our special calendar
for 2002.

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and only given
to our most generous benefactors,
as a sign of our sincere appreciation,
for your continued support.

Your assistance means a great deal
to us and the people we help.

May God bless you abundantly
and reward you for your generosity!



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