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***Ermingarda (the Hon. Mrs. Patrick) Greville-Nugent, Foundress***

Dear Friends in the Royal Martyr –

Today is the Birthday into Eternity of Mrs. Ermingarda Greville-Nugent, the Foundress of S.K.C.M. Not only we, but also the wider Anglican world owe her and Fr. James Leonard Fish a great deal. This occasion gives me opportunity to bring you up to date on a number of developments.

First, the *Devotional Manual* is now published and available for purchase at \$ 6.00. Goods orders should be sent as usual to the Treasurer (see below or our Website). The primary focus of the Manual is on devotional and liturgical material, plus important dates in S.K.C.M.'s development along with the birthdays into eternity principally of those in the American Region. Persons who are also members of the Guild of All Souls will particularly appreciate this volume. One-half of the 150 copies printed have already been spoken for.

Second, we have effected the transfer of a late seventeenth-century edition of Thomas Sorocold's *Supplication of Saints* on permanent loan to the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia. This volume was a collection of prayers composed in the first half of the seventeenth-century and dedicated to Prince Charles, who apparently had some interest in its development. In addition, Sorocold's was one of the books that King Charles kept with him the night prior to his execution. Our edition was published after the Restoration. The volume came to us in 2009 as a gift of the Rev'd Kent L. Haley. The story of the volume, however, begins with the Percival family of Philadelphia, who were members of the Church of the Evangelists, then a parish of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, which was the home of the first North American shrine of King Charles the Martyr. This church eventually closed (but quite coincidentally, prior to the building's it was for a time used to house some of the holdings of the Rosenbach). Eventually one of the Percivals moved to Portland, Oregon and built St. Mark's Church, similar in design to Evangelists, and it was through that connection that it would eventually come into Fr. Haley's hands as a diaconal ordination present from the then rector of St. Mark's. Now back in Philadelphia, it will be used in a variety of contexts for all to see.

A few other things, quickly: The Society's portrait of King Charles is now on display at All Saints Ashmont, in preparation for our 2013 Annual Mass and Luncheon. The chapel to King Charles at St. Clement's Philadelphia has been restored after a period of disuse. An honorary Doctor of Divinity has been conferred by Nashotah House upon the Rev'd Richard Cornish Martin, our celebrant and select preacher in 2011. The Summer edition of the *News* is running a bit late, but should be to you well before the autumn leaves start to fall. We note the birthday into eternity of the Rt. Rev'd Ambrose Weekes, sometime Bishop of Gibraltar and a long-time friend of the S.K.C.M., on 24 April, one day short of his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

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