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Greetings with our best wishes and prayers on this Feast Day of Our Blessed Martyr and Patron.

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As is our custom in representing the American Region, Mrs Swatos and I are in London for today's observance. God willing, we will be attending the annual Commemoration at the place of the Martyrdom including a Noon High Mass with Sermon inside the Banqueting House, Whitehall. Celebrant: Fr Card-Reynolds FSJ; The Preacher: Canon Paul Greenwell, Precentor of Ripon Cathedral, followed by Veneration of the Relic.

The Society's relics of S. Charles are placed upon the altar for the Mass and may be venerated and viewed after the service. A choir, usually from King's College, London sings at the Mass. The Banqueting House is where S. Charles was kept for several hours on the day of his decollation. It is a magnificent setting for the Mass: the architect was Inigo Jones and the ceiling adorned by the great paintings of Rubens. There is an exhibition on the ground floor describing the events of 30th January 1649.

We will keep you in our prayers and hope you will do the same for us at whatever observance you may attend. Some of us have already heard good things about the SKCM-AR Annual Mass and Luncheon in Texas this past weekend, about which there will be full reports in the near future.

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O LORD, we offer unto thee all praise and thanks for the glory of thy grace that shined forth in King Charles of England: and we beseech thee to give us all grace by a careful studious imitation of this thy blessed Saint and Martyr, and all other thy Saints and Martyrs that have gone before us; that we may be made worthy to receive benefit by their prayers, which they, in communion with the Church Catholic, offer up unto thee for that part of it here militant. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, ...

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