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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it's the only thing that ever does.
(Margaret Mead)



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

This is our chrysalis moment, where the transformation begins.
Every caterpillar must do it eventually; or die, never to sprout their colorful wings in the air And fly.
So like the caterpillar, we may as well surrender.
And yes, there is death, for there's always a dissolution; old systems falling away.
It may be frightening; all the uncertainty and loss.
But even in the darkness imaginal cells are awakening weaving a new web.
Recognizing that this is finally our time.
Our time to be heard; Our time to make new sense;
Our time to do things differently.
And when at last the dream awakens to its nascent beginnings,
The chrysalis melts away. A caterpillar no longer,
We spread our tender wings And fly.

Anodea Judith



FROM THE ARCHIVES

At the end of August, Dr Cormac Begadon of Durham University updated the Community on his research into the history of the Canonesses in the eighteenth century, in particular into the history of the school at Liège, an internationally significant institution where the progressive and visionary approach adopted by the Canonesses towards education in the 1700s was a road not taken by all educators (Catholic and non-Catholic alike) in this period, making their own achievements all the more impressive and momentous.

Picture left is an extract from the school's accounts for November 1782, which gives some sense of the blending of 'new education'. Amongst other subjects, the extract shows that girls received lessons in Italian, geography and natural sciences, whilst also taking dance lessons, a skill essential for a young woman seeking to find a desirable husband in the eighteenth century!!

Item	Cost
November 1781	
1 ^o Vaning Master	90=0
2 ^o Guder	19=10
Bushes	5=1
Italian Books	11=2
3 ^o Dictionary	29=2=3
Atlases	15=14=2
pencils	13=8
Quills	6=0
Chamber pots	7=1
Brooms	1=18
	100=0

GIVING THANKS FOR THE LIFE OF S. ANN



We have received so many lovely messages following Ann's death and we are grateful for each one. Her family has a copy of them all.

These are a mere selection.

Those days talking to Sister Ann really stand out in my mind when I look back at the happy days we spent at New Hall. When we were waiting for the children to finish their activities she would chat about the children and also her life .. one day she told me she had got quite tipsy once and ended up playing some bongo drums which made us both chuckle.

She was always so kind to me at school and I remember her letting me bring my hamsters up for a long run around the house at weekends!

S. ANN MESSAGES CONTINUED AND FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Just to say how sad I was to hear that Sister Ann has died. She was a lovely person and always so cheerful.

We send our love to all of you at this sad time and we thank God for her life, her energy and her cheeky sparkle and wit.

I can almost hear Ann's voice as I write this, saying what she thought should happen, undercut with that humorous turn she had.

May she rest in peace. I'm not sure the Almighty will though as if she disagrees with anything she will tell Him as it is!

So very humble and gentle and strong in her principles.

I never once heard her complain about anything. She always just got on with things however difficult it must have been for her. I saw her last year for afternoon tea at a mutual friend's house. Even then she had a pet name for her walking aid and declined help in 'parking' it. So very determined!

She was much loved in Chelmsford Cathedral, and I know that Bishop Stephen thought very highly of her.

Sr Ann was loved by all her colleagues at the Prep School, she was a great help and used to keep us entertained! We all knew she had a sweet tooth so biscuits and chocolates were often in the staffroom.

S. ANN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Details of Ann's funeral (Community and Family only in attendance but live streamed) and the Evening Prayer the day before (all are welcome up to 100 people in controlled environment as for mass) are on the website:

<https://canonesses.co.uk/category/news/>

LIVESTREAM LINK - <https://youtu.be/w-SNmHjyWeQ>



St AUGUSTINE

"Keep awake in your heart, awake in faith, awake in hope; awake in charity; awake in good works; and when you fall asleep in the body, the time will come for you to rise."

RECONSTRUCT REMAKE
 RECYCLE REJUVENATE
 REVAMP REDESIGN RENOVATE
REIMAGINE
 RETHINK REUSE RECREATE
 REFURBISH RESTORE RENEW
 REMODEL REDOREVISE

2020 – OUR WORLD
 REIMAGINED

We have started our meetings to look at the various strands of our changed world both in the present and in the possible future. The first of the gatherings have really been aimed at connecting and establishing the questions. There have been challenges because of the guidelines for gatherings, but this hasn't prevented us from having some really fruitful exchanges. If we want to see some of the stimulus material we are using you can find it at <https://canonesses.co.uk/reflecting-from-a-personal-perspective/> and if you would like to join a group either in person or via zoom, please let us know.

The need to travel hopefully seems more important than ever. Michelle Obama's reminder is very pertinent to our world today: "You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but do not underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage is contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."

AND FINALLY LET'S END WITH A SMILE!



I don't care how magnificent you are, the law says six..... 1:52 pm

"Hello, is that the Covid Police ?.....There's a Group of seven people outside my house.....No definitely more than six.....No not a family"

"But Hyacinth , it's a Bus Stop"



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