

**THE BRIGITTINE PATH -  
From Servitores Reginae Apostolorum to Brigittini Servitores Sanctissimi Salvatoris.**

The Servitores Reginae Apostolorum Institute, from which the Brigittini Servitores Institute has developed, was established in 1993 as an association adhering to the traditional Latin liturgy of the Catholic Church. On August 31<sup>st</sup> 2011, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Álvaro Corrada - del Rio SJ, Bishop of the Diocese of Tyler TX issued the decree of erection of the Servitores Reginae Apostolorum Institute as a public association of the Catholic faithful. This was done after a careful scrutiny of our Constitution and Rules which lays down the guiding principles for religious life with the traditional Latin liturgy of the Catholic Church at its center and its promotion as its primary external mission. Such acceptance and support of groups following the Latin traditional liturgy became possible after the Apostolic Letter given Motu Proprio "*Summorum Pontificum*" of Pope Benedict XVI in 2007.



In line with custom, many new foundations, such as the Servitores, sooner or later define their own spirituality and ally themselves with one of the existing religious families. Embracing the spirituality of old standing religious orders which updated themselves after Vatican II without the updating is not an unknown phenomenon. There are Benedictine, Carmelite, Franciscan and Redemptorist communities which are using the Latin traditional liturgy and continuing the traditional way of religious life.

We began exploring the Brigittine path in 2003 when it was realised that there are many elements in the Servitores which are close to the Brigittine spirituality. We approached the Lady Abbess of the Brigittine Syon Abbey in England and received valuable help and guidance, including the very precious gift of the traditional Latin Brigittine Breviary. I was accepted as a Sister of the Chapter of Syon Abbey in 2004. Later, we also contacted the Brigittini Brothers of Amity; they also gave and are giving us their support and encouragement.

After the promulgation of Pope Benedict XVI's 2007 Apostolic Letter given Motu Proprio "*Summorum Pontificum*" adherence to Latin traditional liturgy became respectable and legitimate. It was therefore considered feasible both by Lady Abbess and myself to work towards associating the Servitores with the Brigittine family, which has communities established in several countries, with all of them using for liturgical prayers the language appropriate for their country,

On June 10<sup>th</sup> 2012, our Bishop, Most Reverend Alvaro Corrada del Rio, SJ, has put the Brigittine veil and crown on me. Other Brigittines were very welcoming towards the Brigittini Servitores, the only branch of the Brigittini family using the Tridentine Mass and saying both the traditional Divine Office of 1962 and portions of Syon Abbey's traditional Latin Brigittine Office in Latin.



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