



A Reading from St Paul to the Catenians!

This Reading was used at the Shrewsbury Diocese Catenian Centenary Mass on 7th June 2008. While originally addressed to the Romans, the epistle, from one of our patron saints, would seem to be perfect for our Association

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A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

In the light of the grace I have received I want to urge each one among you not to exaggerate his real importance. Each of you must judge himself soberly by the standards of the faith God has given him. Just as each of our bodies has several parts and each part has a separate function, so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other. Our gifts differ according to the grace given us. If your gift is prophecy, then use it as your faith suggests; if administration, then use it for administration; if teaching, then use it for teaching. Let the preachers deliver sermons, the almsgivers give freely, the officials be diligent and those who do works of mercy do them cheerfully. Do not let your love be pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

This is the word of the Lord.

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If we all adopted these words from St Paul into our hearts, then our Circles, our Provinces, our Grand Council, and ourselves would benefit so much.