**PROVINCE AND COMMUNITIES – SUMMARY FOR DISCERNERS, AUGUST 2019**

St Joseph’s Province of the Congregation of the Passion

**AREA**

St Joseph’s Province covers England and Wales. We used to have a Mission in Sweden, and there are still 3 of our members there, but it is now a Mission of the Philippines Province.

**PEOPLE**

We have 19 members. Three of these are in Sweden. Our average age is 79, with 5 under 75 and 2 under 60 years of age. About half our members are fully active, and about half fully or at least partly retired.

In addition, there are Passionists in England from the Netherlands, Tanzania, India, Ireland and Australia. All of these are active, with 4 of the 6 under 60 years of age. They are members of other Provinces and/or communities directly under our General Superior based in Rome.

**COMMUNITIES**

ST JOSEPH’S PROVINCE has 3 community houses:

AUSTIN SMITH HOUSE in Sparkhill, Birmingham, is home to our youngest 2 members, and is also a house of hospitality for destitute asylum seekers.

In HERNE BAY, KENT, our house is home to 6 of our men, most of whom are at least semi-retired. We run a parish there.

MINSTERACRES RETREAT CENTRE is now an arms-length independent charity, but there is still a Passionist community there, consisting of one of our Province members, a Dutch Passionist and a Tanzanian Passionist, as well as some other community members and volunteers.

Our other members are live in various locations in England and Sweden, as detailed elsewhere on our website.

**OTHER PASSIONISTS IN ENGLAND**

In addition to the above:

ST JOSEPH’S, HIGHGATE is a community of five Passionists, which is not part of St Joseph’s Province but is directly under the General in Rome. They run a large Parish and support other ministries. One of the men who lives there is a member of St Joseph’s Province, the others are from the Provinces of St Patricks (Scotland and Ireland), Australia and India.

**OTHER PASSIONIST GROUPS IN ENGLAND**

We are directly involved with the ‘Community of the Passion’. They are women and men whose members constitute a dispersed community living the Passionist charism in their daily lives, in active solidarity with and for ‘the crucified of today’.

We are also in supportive relationships with ‘Passionist Partner’ organisations, as listed on the relevant page of our website.

The Passionist family in England and Wales also includes the Sisters of the Cross and Passion and the Passionist Nuns. See the relevant pages of our website for more information.