

INTRODUCTION TO THE ROSMINIANS

(THE INSTITUTE OF CHARITY)

WELCOME

Welcome to this simple Introduction to the Rosminians.
Our spirituality is open to everyone wishing to lead a Christian life as a disciple of Jesus.

FOUNDER



Blessed Antonio Rosmini (1797-1855) was the founder of the Institute of Charity (our formal name) and the Rosminian Sisters of Providence. He established a Religious Family of Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and Laity known as the Ascribed.

While Rosmini was a man of outstanding intellect and a prolific writer of texts on philosophy, theology, spirituality, and civic life, he was also a man of great humility. This is sensed perhaps most clearly in his letters. During his life, Rosmini wrote thousands of letters to people from all walks of life, and his words of counsel and encouragement were always offered with deep respect and ample references to Scripture and the Lord.

SPIRITUALITY

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Humility is indeed a cornerstone of our spirituality or charism. This means we seek to place God at the centre of our lives, offering Jesus our everything as we dedicate our lives to growth in holiness, goodness and love wherever we are called to serve.

Indifference or Availability is also, therefore, vital to our life as Rosminians. In the spiritual realm, indifference does not mean apathy. It means, instead of holding on to personal preferences, we aim to be cheerfully available, for whatever work or mission discernment leads us to.

Obedience becomes, then, a joy. With the support of our Superiors, we embrace the assignment or mission asked of us. You will have sensed already that the Rosminian charism, unlike the charisms of many Orders, is not so much about what we do but about who we are. And that, is not static. It is who we are becoming together - as “companions in charity” (Constitutions 551) through our “mutual help and encouragement” (Constitutions 2) - that really counts.



Calvario, Our Mother House in Italy