

CATHIE HALL TSSF (1920 -2013)

Cathie Hall joined the Third Order of St. Francis as early as 1962, a time when most people in the Church of England had never heard of it. Her Rule of Life and the Principles of the Order, she undertook with great diligence and served as Convenor for the North East Region for seven years and proved a capable leader.

When the Friary of St. Francis was established at Alnmouth in 1961, the first Friars arrived there needing everything to make it their home in the North East. Cathie, with others, set about helping to equip it and make it habitable. This was the beginning of Cathie's long association with the Friary and she helped out whenever she was needed there.

She was attracted to the writings of St. Teresa of Avila; I think she appreciated and admired her down-to-earth common sense and independence of mind. It appealed to Cathie who was herself clear-minded, determined and sensible in her outlook and attitudes. She could make her views clear and her presence felt whenever she believed that the standards she expected of the Order were slipping.

Cathie was ready to witness for her faith and was always willing to serve on Franciscan Mission teams all over the country when the Friars asked for her help. I think she held the record! Undergirding all was her desire to make herself available to God in prayer and worship, confident that as a result we will experience his presence and allow his light to shine in us and in our lives.

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