

**“We are going not because we are holy, but because we want to be holy”**



These were the words of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair when she wondered whether she and her sister were holy enough to be receiving the Eucharist everyday at Mass. Indeed, the quest for holiness and striving for the things of heaven was echoed when a group of S4 visited Margaret's shrine in Edinburgh in August 2015.

The focus of our day was the visit to St Patrick's Church in Cowgate, Edinburgh which was the local Church for the young Margaret Sinclair and where her remains now lie at a Side Altar. On arriving at the Church, we prayed a little prayer through her at her shrine asking for her intercession. Then we celebrated

Holy Mass with Fr. Jim.

Father Jim gave us a short reflection about how Margaret had lived a simple life but had such a powerful witness – we too can be 'Saints of the 21<sup>st</sup> century'.

Margaret moved to London to become a Nun in the Poor Clares in Nottinghill. She lived a cloistered life and died when she was only 25. She died of tuberculosis from selflessly helping those who had it and in the year of Consecrated Life, it reminded us of all those who give their life to God.

We learned a little of the history of the church and saw paintings by the famous artist Alexander Runciman.

From St. Patrick's church, the group went to the Royal mile and enjoyed the rest of the afternoon seeing the various sights of the Edinburgh fringe.

It was a holy, happy and very enjoyable day. The group enjoyed the day in Edinburgh.

Mark Rae of Fourth Year.

