



## The Norbertine Canonesses of the Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph

*Magno cum gaudio notum facimus omnibus carissimis praelatis, superioribus, consororibus et confratribus Ordinis Nostri, Canoniam nostram Tehachapensis, quae vulgo "Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph" dicitur, Americae, praesente Amplissimo Domino, Domino Praemonstratensi, Joseph Wouters, Abbate Generali, et Sororis Augustinae Vrzalova, Matris Priorissae Doxanensis et Praesidis Foederationis Canoniarum Regularium Ordinis Praemonstratensis, in die 5 mensis Decembris, Anno Salutis MMXXIII, in persona Matris Mariae Odae Jennifer Tilley, O. Praem., ad duodecennium Priorissam elegisse.*

*Gratias Deo agentes, vos omnes deprecamur ut oretis pro ea ac pro nobis, ut intercedente Beata Maria semper Virgine, Regina Ordinis Nostri, corde uno et anima una in Deum, digni efficiamur promissionibus Domini nostri Jesu Christi, semperque exemplum sectemur Sanctorum Patrum Nostrorum*

*Peramanter in Christo,  
Canoniam Immaculatae Virginis Mariae  
et Sancti Joseph,  
Tehachapensis, Americae*



With great joy, we announce to all our beloved Prelates, Confreres, and Sisters of our Order that our Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph, Tehachapi, CA (USA) has, in the presence of our Supreme Moderator, Abbot General Jos Wouters, O. Praem., and Sr. Augustina Vrzalova, O. Praem., Mother Prioress of Doksany and President of the Federation of the Canonesses Regular of the Order of Prémontré, elected Mother Mary Oda (Jennifer Tilley), O. Praem., as Prioress, on the 5th day of December, in the year of Our Lord 2023, for a term of 12 years.

Giving thanks to God, we ask you all to pray for Mother Mary Oda and for us all, that, by the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of our Order, we might be of one mind and one heart on the way to God, and be made worthy of the promises of Christ, following always the saintly example of our holy fathers, St. Augustine and St. Norbert.

Prayerfully and fraternally in Christ,  
Our Lady, St. Joseph, and St. Norbert,  
The Norbertine Canonesses  
of the Bethlehem Priory of St. Joseph  
Tehachapi, California (United States of America)