

# PASTORAL CARE MESSENGER

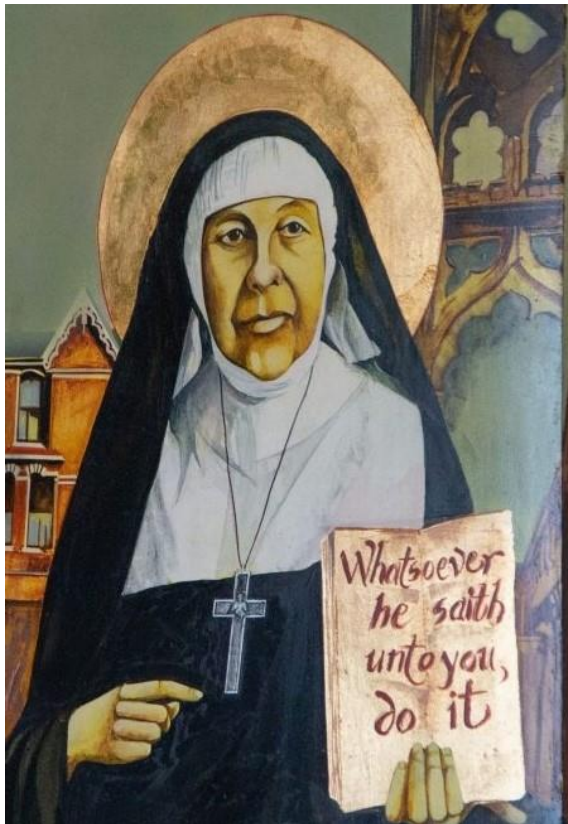
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In our prayers this month we are reminded of a great woman in the Canadian Anglican Church, Hannah Grier Coome, who in 1884 founded the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, an Anglican religious community of women. We remember her because of her ground-breaking work in caring for others.

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## Hannah Grier Coome

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine began their work in caring for others in the government's field hospitals during the Northwest Rebellion. In 1885 they founded and opened the first surgical hospital for women in Toronto, where over half their patients received medical attention free of charge. Later they established a nursing home for the elderly, one of the first in Canada. They have been pioneers in training nurses, in convalescent care, and in rehabilitation. In the history of the Sisterhood they have administered schools and an orphanage, ministered to the elderly, and worked with the poor in both large cities and in rural areas.

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Eternal God, you clothed your servant Hannah with the habit of prayer and the robe of wisdom, to guide her sisters in this nation in the ways of holiness and the works of mercy and love. Deliver us, we pray, from an inordinate love of this world, that we may be freed for the worship of your Name and for deeds that reveal your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*For All the Saints: Prayers and Readings for Saints' Days*

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