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The Society of the
Incarnation
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Dear Mrs Roberts

I am quite in sympathy
with the Women's Suffrage Movement
for many seasons, and I belong
to the ^{an} "Women's Labour League"

I cannot however for a
moment believe that the Priesthood
being confined to one sex is an
accidental limitation - but
rather a part of our Catholic
Faith which we are bound to
hand on to others?

I feel with you that Church
people & Priests (with many
noble exceptions) have been
very narrow & disappointing
over the Women's Movement
yet I cannot see that the
Church's undivided opinion

as to the Priesthood is wrong, because individuals fail us?

"The great Truths of the Faith launch us not into individualism but into a Social Order"

As you know we have an Order of Deaconesses in our Church, but their position is quite outside that of the Priesthood as far as the Sacraments are concerned?

I believe most firmly in Women as Religious Leaders. "Great was the Company of the Preachers" (Female?) and S. Paul even used them to prepare ^{men} (deacons) for the Order of Deacons.

I believe also until Women have their vote, a higher standard of morality will not be raised in England.

I think the Women's Movement

in England needs spiritualizing, we seem as a Corporate body to have left out the Holy Spirit's Aid - though individually I feel sure there is not so.

It would be a grand strengthening of our Faith, if one day could be set apart for prayer, either as a nation or as a Church.

The Day of Pentecost was for all ages, & periods of unrest -

a militant Suffragist a few months ago begged for a week-end's rest in our Community Chapel for the purpose of coming back to her spiritual standard, which had become lowered by the stress of battle. She

Will from time to time come
again - might we not make it
plain from our Church point
of view, that this is necessary
if we would win the battle?

If at any time our Chapel
can be used for individuals
in this way - we shall be
so pleased -

Forgive me if I have
misunderstood your letter
in any way and

Believe me
Yours sincerely
For Jesus Christ.
Mother + Estrella

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