

Committee for Brother Michael's Cause

(The Cause for the Canonisation of Brother Michael Strode OCSO KSG)



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Dear Ian,

Brother Michael Strode - a saint in the making

Thank you for inviting me to write to you with a view to your including this on your Chailey alumni website. I know that you have kindly previously created a link there to our website and included a newspaper article relating to Brother Michael's generosity.

CBMC (Committee for Brother Michael's Canonisation) was formed in 2021 to commence what can be expected to be a long process, with the aim of Brother Michael eventually being declared a saint. Our website www.brothermichaelstrode.org has recently been extended and is now rich with information relating to the process and to Brother Michael himself, so I will not repeat this here, but do encourage your Chailey Heritage old pupils to view all the detail there. Of course, those who were at Chailey during his tenure as the chief medical officer will have known him as Doctor Michael, or perhaps for those who accompanied him to Lourdes, just as "Doc".

The principal purpose of this letter is to ask for help from any Chailey former pupil who knew Dr Michael or who believe their lives have been influenced by his legacy, for example at Chailey or with HCPT. Primarily the success of the CBMC venture is dependent upon our gathering as many powerful testimonials as possible. We therefore hope as many Chailey former pupils as possible will feel able to assist in this way. This could include some who never met him. The 'How you can help' page on our website now contains a leaflet to assist potential authors to start writing.

Our 2nd bulletin was published last week to mark the first anniversary of the launch of CBMC and our website. It can be found in the 'News' section of the website and it provides more detail of the help we seek, particularly to extend our database and to secure copies of any photos, film or other material featuring Brother Michael. Likely to be of special interest to your members, the website 'Archive' section now has some photos from the fifties, in addition to a charming montage of photos taken throughout his life entitled "Brother Michael – walking in His way", set to his favourite hymn. I will be delighted to hear from your members if they recognise themselves in a photo, wish to join our database or provide any material for our archive group, and specially to indicate that they are considering writing a testimonial. I will be pleased to provide any further information to enable them to do so.

Kind regards,

John Flood KSG
Secretary CBMC