Bearers of a Dangerous Memory

The Prophetic Legacy of Ward

Friends of Mary Ward 2017
‘Intense and Militant’: Mary Ward’s Recusant Background
“prudently and modestly [...] warn the bishops of those cities in which these Virgins have houses, that the Society does not pretend to have any authority at all over these convents of women”.
“We have decreed that such great temerity must be repressed by sharp censure and that these poisonous growths in the Church of God must be torn up from the roots lest they spread themselves any further.”

Urban VIII 1631
“WOMEN IN TIME TO COME WILL DO MUCH.”

Mary Ward

Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Sisters
“When hope and history rhyme....”
“In the course of the present dispute it was noted that the English Virgins [...] perhaps through ignorance, were accustomed to acknowledge Mary Ward as the foundress of their Institute [...].

Hence it was decreed that the English Virgins may not in any way acknowledge Mary Ward for their mother or foundress [...].”

Apostolic Constitution, Quamvis justo
Mother Michael (Frances) Corcoran (1846-1927)
Asociación Madres de Plaza de Mayo
more like brothers and sisters, more like sons and daughters of the same [God]”
I do not make a pilgrimage to the stones....
I go on a pilgrimage to identity....
There is a sense of the re-discovery of self in the landscape. To this I make my pilgrimage.
This place is holy."

Karol Wojtyła