

## Latin Mass Society / Guild of St Clare Sponsorship Scheme for the Royal School of Needlework Certificate Course

For the fourth year running, the Latin Mass Society is offering to pay half the tuition fee of a student undertaking the Royal School of Needlework (RSN) Certificate Course. This course trains students to the highest standards in skills relevant to vestment construction and repair, but can be done part-time, at the student's own pace, making it ideal for the enthusiastic amateur.

The successful applicant will join two other students sponsored by the LMS who are part-way through the course. Despite the difficulties of the Coronavirus epidemic, they were able to continue their work, as the RSN moved its tuition online.

The RSN Certificate Course takes between one and four years, depending on how intensively students wish to do it. Its great flexibility makes it ideal for those who can only spare limited time, or whose availability fluctuates over the year. The Certificate gives its graduates a thorough grounding in a range of traditional hand-embroidery skills, skills for which the RSN is renowned, and which its experts apply to historic restoration projects and important commissions.

Sponsored students will be able to reclaim half the cost of their tuition days, up to a maximum of £2,000 a year, subject to satisfactory progress and attendance (for free) at at least one of the Guild's two annual Sewing Retreats.

The sponsorship is open to anyone who is able to do the RSN Certificate Course, shares the Guild's passion for hand embroidery and the restoration of fine vestments, and is happy to join us at some of our events.

Written applications should be made by 24<sup>th</sup> June to [lucyashaw@gmail.com](mailto:lucyashaw@gmail.com)

There is no form to fill in, but your application should include the following information:

- Name and address
- Previous experience / training if any
- A short paragraph (200 words) on your interest in the course, your plans, and your creative background
- Details of a character reference if possible.

We hope to interview shortlisted candidates, by Zoom, in mid July.

The successful candidate will need to make his or her own application to the Royal School of Needlework for admission to the Certificate Course.

More details can be found on the LMS website and the Guild of St Clare blog:  
<http://www.guildofstclare.org/>