



23rd June – 1900 hrs – a Zoom-based webinar

A Radical Spirituality of Welcome

The Life and Legacy of Mother Maria Skobtsova

Seeking Sanctuary' is organising a webinar to discuss the life and legacy of this remarkable woman. Although raised devoutly Orthodox, the death of her beloved father at the age of 14 caused her to have a lapse of faith. As a result, she spent several years as a sworn atheist and took part in the Russian revolution in 1917 before returning to the Orthodox Faith.

She next emigrated to Paris where she became a nun. Working tirelessly to welcome refugees and exiles she established houses of welcome, which after 1940 welcomed Jewish refugees. She was deported to Ravensbrück in 1943 where she died two years later. She has been proclaimed a Saint in the Orthodox Church.

Alongside her outreach work she developed a theology of the Cross which is particularly relevant to our welcome of refugees and asylum seekers.

Our webinar will be facilitated by Ben Bano. from 'Seeking Sanctuary' and Brother Johannes Maertens, missionary-monk of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd and the Catholic Worker movement.

For further details please email migrantsupport@aol.com to receive a link to the webinar.