



SMM-Memorial Expansion in Schimmert (the Netherlands) Blessing of the New Monument at 'SMM-Memorial'

SCHIMMERT, Netherlands - After the Requiem celebration on Saturday, November 6, 2021, four new menhirs were blessed at the monastery cemetery 'Op de Bies' in Schimmert by Father Peter Denneman, SMM.

The 1st menhir commemorates the Daughters of Wisdom, buried throughout the world. On the 2nd and 3rd menhirs, the names of the confreres buried in Oirschot are written. The 4th menhir shows the names of the confreres reburied from Voorschoten.

In 2018, a monument was placed in Schimmert, commemorating all the Montfortians buried abroad as well as the Montfortians buried in various smaller cemeteries in the Netherlands. Since it was not clear at that time what would happen with the convent cemetery in Oirschot, the names of the confreres buried there have not yet been included in the monument. The present board of 'Groot Bijstervelt' has agreed that the monastery cemetery in Oirschot will be subject to perpetual grave rest. Clearing the cemetery by the Montfortians is therefore no longer necessary.

To commemorate all deceased Montfortians in one place, the names of the confreres buried in Oirschot are immortalised on a new monument in Schimmert. A section of the monument

is also intended to perpetuate the memory of the sisters, Daughters of Wisdom, buried throughout the world. The names of the reburied confreres of Voorschoten will be inscribed on a section of the monument.

The monument consists of 4 menhirs, similar to the menhirs of the large monument already present. The menhirs are made of 'Henegouwse' hardstone, the type of stone from which all monuments at the cemetery in Schimmert are made. The tops of the menhirs are broken, which is a symbol of broken life.

With this new monument at the cemetery in Schimmert, a place has come into being where all deceased Montfortians belonging to the Dutch Province, are commemorated.

Montfortians of the Netherlands