

## **Saint Clare – Editorial**

In this issue we aim to give an authentic presentation of St Clare, the pioneer and co-inspirer for all women of the Franciscan movement. She was not just a follower and counterpart of Francis, but a founder in her own right, with the strength of character and the wisdom to forge a new way of life, rooting the ideal of holy poverty deeply into the contemplative pattern. Here, Poor Clares today bring together considerable scholarship and research to show Clare's development of that ideal, and its relevance for today's world.