



Christina Gallagher and the “House of Prayer” in Brewster

It has come to our attention that an Irish woman and self-proclaimed visionary named Christina Gallagher has bought a closed down Jewish synagogue in Brewster and has opened a "House of Prayer" as she has already done in Achille, County Mayo, Leander, TX, Sauk Center, MN, and Lake Placid, FL as well as another location in Mexico. She claims to have had visions of Our Lady since 1988 and many healings through her "houses of prayer". Her website is filled with what she says are revelations of the Blessed Mother. They tend to be rather extreme. One major theme is that those who are close to one of the houses of prayer will escape a coming chastisement.

This former synagogue has now been renovated with 16 bedrooms, chapel, and conference rooms. There is an Irish priest involved as her "spiritual director" named Father McGinnity who apparently vouches for her. From what we can tell from her website, the local diocese in Ireland disapproves of her but she invokes the authority of the Blessed Mother over the local bishop.

They appear to be misguided people who follow a false visionary. This has led to confusion among the faithful. This is not an approved Catholic site, and there are no faculties granted to any priests to minister at this location or to reserve the Blessed Sacrament. The purported apparitions and messages are unapproved by Church authority. Therefore, we do not recommend the faithful participate in any way.

The main activity at the site seems to be the rosary several times a day. They never requested permission to celebrate the sacraments there and were never granted any. There is no permission to perform sacraments at that site.

Apart from having no approval nor even seeking any, the House of Prayer is promoting teaching such as three days of darkness and chastisement, which are not part of Catholic doctrine, and seems to promote aggressive fundraising and sales of images to its followers on the false belief those items provide protection. Beware of this house of prayer.