

# Press release: The Queen's Birthday Honours: Sister Imelda Poole

On 9th June 2018, Sr Imelda Poole, IBVM was made Member of the Order of the British Empire in The Queen's Birthday Honours 2018, for her achievements and services to end modern slavery.

On the announcement of the award, the British Ambassador to the Holy See, Sally Axworthy, said:

I am delighted to learn that Sr. Imelda Poole has been awarded this honour by Her Majesty The Queen.

It is well-deserved recognition of Sr. Imelda's outstanding service in combatting human trafficking and modern slavery, through the European religious sisters' anti-trafficking network RENATE which she leads, and through and Talitha Kum, the religious sisters' worldwide anti-trafficking network.

Sister Imelda is a key ally in Her Majesty's Government's campaign to eradicate modern slavery. It is wonderful to see such a distinguished friend of this Embassy honoured in this way.

Note for editors:

· Read more about Sr. Imelda Poole in the [case study](#) written by HM Ambassador Sally Axworthy to mark 2017 International Women's Day.

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