Reflection Wednesday Week 30 St Cedd and St Chad 2022

St Chad (- 672) was educated at Lindisfarne under Aidan. He became abbot of Lastingham and was chosen to be bishop of Northumbria, but St Wilfrid contested his appointment, and Chad obediently withdrew. He was then sent as bishop to Mercia, where he founded the see of Lichfield. His ministry there was very short (he died at Lichfield on 2 March 672), but he was immediately revered as a saint because of the holiness of his life, his outstanding humility, and his dedication to preaching of the Gospel. **St Cedd (- 664)** like his brother Chad, he was educated at Lindisfarne under Aidan. He founded many monasteries and was sent as a bishop to evangelize the East Saxons. He established his see at Bradwell in Essex. He died at his monastery at Lastingham in Yorkshire on 26 October 664, of the plague.

Chad and Cedd were recognised as saints even before they died. As Paul understood, obedience is encouraged by being treated with dignity, honour and respect. Being treated in this way encourages one to show dignity, honour and respect not only to the one in authority but to the whole community. Obedience is never one-sided.

Pope Francis: *The virtue of obedience is the keystone of the religious life. In persevering along the path of obedience, personal and communal wisdom matures, and thus it also becomes possible to adapt rules to the times – for true aggiornamento is the fruit of wisdom forged in docility and obedience.*
Obedience empties and humbles a person but it also lights and safeguards the flame of hope, rendering people creative because they are full of the Holy Spirit. For the Lord transforms obedience into wisdom through the action of his Holy Spirit

God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all four corners of the world.............. then He made the earth round!!