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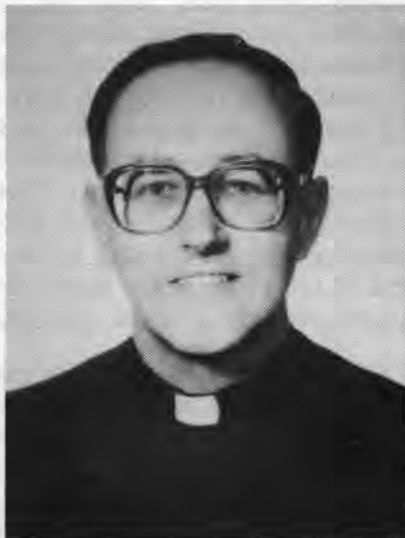
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FOR THREE

YEAR TERM



This last February 9th Father John Sullivan OCD was elected Provincial Superior of the Washington Province of Discalced Carmelites for three years. Father Sullivan was born in Brooklyn, NY, on May 27, 1942, and raised in the Catholic school system of the area. He then entered the Carmelites, taking his novitiate at Brookline MA, his philosophy at Holy Hill WI, and his theology in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on April 21, 1968. He completed his doctoral studies in liturgy at Paris' Catholic Institute in 1973.

Father Sullivan has been assigned to our monastery in Washington DC. For the last twelve years he has been chairman of the Institute of Carmelite Studies. He was prior from 1979 to 1984 and has held many province-wide positions. He has led some Carmelite spiritual renewal groups to Spain. He was also a part-time lecturer for Catholic University's Master's Program in Liturgical Studies.

As chairman of ICS Father John has recently been occupied as General Editor of the Collected Works of Edith Stein (Bl Teresa Benedicta OCD). He also led a pilgrimage to Cologne in West Germany for her beatification in 1987. At present he is busy with the publication of the Darien Symposium Papers in the next issue of Carmelite Studies.

Father John Sullivan has taken up his residence at St Florian's Monastery, 1233 S 45th St, Milwaukee WI 53214-3693. He is most welcome at the Clarion headquarters! Among his first duties is to designate a delegate(s) for the Secular Order.

SAN DIEGO CONGRESS AUGUST 2ND

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites will hold their SEVENTH WESTERN REGIONAL CONGRESS on August 2, 3, 4, 5, 1990 at the University of San Diego, San Diego, California.

The purpose of the Congress is to promote a spirit of fellowship and cooperation between the First, Second and Secular Orders of Carmel.

The theme of the Congress is 'ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS: A CHALLENGE FOR US ALL'. We are celebrating the 4th Centenary of the death of St. John of the Cross in 1991 and these congresses and symposia that will be held are a means of honoring our co-founder.

We encourage participation and attendance by one and all who share the charism of the contemplative life. Cost particulars are: Housing: Double Occupancy \$149, Single Occupancy \$187, Commuter (non-overnight) \$107. Registration Fee is \$85.

Speakers will include our Friars, Brothers and Seculars of our Carmelite Family. They will speak on various aspects of the spirituality and life of St John of the Cross.

For further information regarding reservations and registration, contact: Mrs Betty Creagh OCDS, O C D S, PO BOX 5357, San Diego CA 92105.

TORONTO SEMINAR REPORT ON "LIFE, TIMES, AND WORKS OF TERESA OF AVILA"

Our Seminar on the Life, Times and Works of St Teresa of Avila held at St Joseph's Centre in Willowdale, was more than we could have ever hoped for, and for many reasons. Those brothers and sisters of the Secular Order who like ourselves are without the presence of one of the First Order members at our monthly meetings, will understand when I say that the first and most important bonus of the Seminar was the bonding with our precious Friars present to us at the Seminar for the entire weekend. It was with love and gratitude that we welcomed them, and with equal fraternity they welcomed us.

Father Dominic Borg OCD, our Founding Father in Ontario, was the first. He started things off with the official opening Mass and he gave the homily. Father Dominic's love is the Scriptures, and his gift is interpreting them. He wields the word of God

like a scalpel which does indeed pierce the heart like a two-edged sword. After Mass the Seminar proper began. The conferences were given by Father Regis Jordan OCD and Father Albert Tittiger OCD, whose interesting contrast in personalities added balance to the presentations. They both presented with sincerity and good humour material that was well prepared, clear and easy to follow. That maintained a high level of interest to the very end.

The titles of the lectures were as follows: St Teresa, Her Life and Times. St Teresa The Person. St Teresa's Teaching on Prayer. Other Key Concepts of St Teresa.

The logical sequence of the topics developed gradually making for a good understanding of our Holy Mother and her works. Teresa of Avila came alive in flesh and bones so to speak, not only because of the amount of material being presented, but more importantly because of the love for our Holy Mother that so obviously animated so sincerely every word and the hearts of these sons of hers, a love that we understood and could identify with because we shared it. This made us feel all the closer as family.

Art. 9 The local Communities of the Secular Order should normally meet once a month to provide for the permanent formation of all members by a spiritual conference for the group, to transact business of the Order, to pray together, and to further fraternal charity. Other meetings, for retreats, spiritual exercises and conferences, etc., are to be encouraged.

The titles of the lectures speak for themselves on the educational value they have for any aspirant to a Teresian Carmelite spirituality. The depth perspective into our treasure of Discalced Carmelite literature that these lectures impart should be a part of every formation program, and hopefully one day they will be put on Video tape and at the disposal of our Secular Order Communities. How much more fruitful is our reading of Holy Mother's WAY OF PERFECTION. With what greater understanding and interest are we now able to read Holy Mother. How appreciative we are of the greatness and worth of our heritage, with the opening our eyes, as it were, that these Friars have done for us.

Teresa's humanity is such a consoling aspect of what we learned. The simplicity that she encourages and teaches us to approach God with is well within everyone's ability, which spurs us on. Many areas of the WAY OF PERFECTION have been clarified, and therefore made so much more understandable and interesting.

Other aspects that made for the success of this event were the comfortable Centre that hosted the event; the hospitality of the Nuns also; the hard work and planning that went into putting the event together by our Council; the cooperation of the Community members by their

support and presence at the event. For some this meant long plane or car journeys and financial sacrifice. Thankfully all agree it was all worth every sacrifice and want it to happen again next year. The smooth flow of events that make for a relaxing atmosphere was appreciated. The informal question periods were very friendly and helpful and encouraging. Fraternal interaction was good. All are blessings from God for which we are truly grateful.

Then there were some unexpected surprises that were of tremendous help. All our programs were xeroxed and bound for us free of charge by someone who is not a Carmelite. Flowers for the altar were donated. The gentleman that we hired to do the taping wrote a very nice letter and enclosed a donation for the Order. Here is an excerpt from his letter: "Thank you for a most enlightening, fulfilling peace giving weekend. It is comforting and exhilarating to know that even in this world of upheaval, chaos and disharmony, there is an organization such as yours - the Discalced Carmelites."

On the lighter side, one of our members who is visually impaired was given special needs accommodation, a room with its own bath facilities next to the suite for the priests. On Saturday evening her companion left her in the Oratory to pray. When Donna had finished praying, rather than waiting for Isabelle to fetch her she decided that she could find her way back to her room by herself. She felt her way around and found the door knob, opened the door and entered just as Isabelle came back and found to her horror that Donna had entered the priest's room. There was much screaming and explaining done. Fortunately the Friar concerned is placid and good natured, or has reached a high level on the 'mountain.'

There was another such embarrassing event when the M.C. not only forgot to bring dinner for the poor Friars, but forgetting that there was one more lecture to go, officially thanked the Friars for the event and invited Father Dominic to close the event with leading us in singing the Salve Regina. All taken with good humour.

This has been a truly memorable occasion for each and every one of us attending. It has breathed life into Teresa of Avila the person we all have been struggling to know, and has also created a feeling of greater union and oneness with the greater family of Discalced Carmelites.

This little report on our seminar has been compiled from all the written comments made by all our members who attended.

Before closing it is important to acknowledge with thanks that it was due to the suggestion of Brother Edward O'Donnell OCD that we were introduced to the idea that such a Seminar was possible. Love and thanks Brother, we miss you.

Sincerely, Teresa Martinez, Community of St Joseph

UPDATING OF OUR MEMBERSHIP - THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE SCAPULAR IN 1989

<u>NEW MEMBER:</u>	<u>COMMUNITY PATRON:</u>	<u>CITY & STATE:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
Phyllis Akai	St Joseph	Toronto ON	10 18
Rose Allegato	Mary, Queen of Carmel	Lakeland FL	06 03
Marilyn Almond	St Joseph	St. Joseph MI	04 06
Peter Almond	St Joseph	St. Joseph MI	04 06
Nancy Arquette	St Joseph's Community of Carmel	Massena NY	08 19
Georgia Atwood	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord NH	11 11
Marianne Augustinia	St Joseph	St. Joseph MI	04 06
Maureen Avila	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York NY	01 14
Anna Bailous	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York NY	01 14
Alice Balonis	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	01 22
Anthony Balsamo	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Baltimore MD	01 08
Larry Banks	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Camden IN	07 19
Donald Barney Jr	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Damascus PA	01 29
Lu Ann Batt	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Orchard Park NY	04 02
Kathryn Beach	St Joseph	Malone NY	07 30
Valeria Behon	St Joseph	Toronto ON	10 18
Irene Betteris	St Joseph	Malone NY	07 30
Marian Bigel	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Manitowoc WI	05 22
Clara Boevingloh	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Melbourne FL	05 19
Edythe Bonato	St Joseph	Washington DC	10 08
Thelma Bonner	Trinity, Our Lady of MC & St Teresa	Clearwater FL	12 08
Rose Marie Borja	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Arlington GA	05 06
Norma Boussey	St Joseph	Malone NY	07 30
Carolyn Bourke	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York NY	01 14
Marie Bridey	Virgin of Mt Carmel and St Joseph	Elysburg PA	11 19
Cecelia Bromley	St Joseph	Toronto ON	10 18
James Brown	St Joseph	Washington DC	05 14
Eugene Cadorette	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	01 22
Terrence Cahill	St John of the Cross	Chicago IL	06 25
Mary Cantwell	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Roxbury MA	05 21
Eileen Carr	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Roxbury MA	12 17
Marian Case	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	La Fayette GA	09 09
Elizabeth Cassavaugh	Virgin of Solitude	Keeseville NY	09 30
Julie Caudell	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Greer SC	05 27
Brian Chisholm	St Joseph	Toronto ON	10 18
Gina Cimini	Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Latrobe PA	02 19
Timothy Clifton	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	11 12
Annie Converse	Virgin of Solitude	Keeseville NY	09 30
James Cooney	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Jersey City NJ	11 17
Kenneth Copeland	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Colombia SC	10 21
Ann Cordick	Virgin of Solitude	Keeseville NY	09 30
Richard Cousineau	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Gainsville GA	07 16
Anna Czyzewski	Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Latrobe PA	10 22
Justine Darling	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York NY	12 09
Grace Davey	St Joseph	Toronto ON	04 19
Celia Decowski	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord NH	11 11
Manuel Diaz-Franjul	St Joseph	Washington DC	06 11
Cecile Disotelle	St Joseph	Malone NY	07 30
Peggy Doerrie	Our Lady of Divine Providenc	St. Paul MN	06 10
Betsy Donigan	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	01 22
Jane Dowling	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	11 12
Boots Drey	Our Lady of Divine Providence	St. Paul MN	06 10
Susan Drollinger	(No Patron chosen yet)	Huntington NY	10 15
Ronald East	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Yeoman IN	12 14
Fred Eccles	Mother of Sorrows	Stamford CT	11 10
Jane Eccles	Mother of Sorrows	Stamford CT	11 10
Louise Edmunds	St Joseph	Washington DC	10 08

Dorothy K. Ellis	Our Lady of the Annunciation	Virginia Beach	VA	02 12
Diana Endries	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Manitowoc	WI	05 22
Loretta Frangen	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Manitowoc	WI	05 22
Leonard Gabriel	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens	MI	01 22
Lily Gabriel	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens	MI	01 22
Mary Virginia Galt	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Athens	GA	08 14
Melecia Garcia	St Joseph	Washington	DC	05 14
Kimberly Gardner	The Holy Annunciation	Sugarloaf	PA	07 02
Monique Gaudry	St Joseph	Toronto	ON	10 18
Victoria Goluch	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Brooklyn	NY	05 25
John J. Griffin	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Villas	NJ	02 06
Fran Grosch	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Decatur	IL	12 15
Joan Hallett	(No Patron chosen yet)	Huntington	NY	10 15
John Francis Hansen	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Superior	WI	07 06
Rev Rolland Hart	St Joseph	Malone	NY	07 30
Ruthellen Hastbacka	Ruthellen Hastbacka	Washington	DC	05 14
George Hecimovich	The Holy Cross	Iron Mountain	MI	05 23
John Heiser	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Buffalo	NY	05 17
Marsha Ann Hnat	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Orlando	FL	02 28
Mary Hoinacki	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Carabondale	IL	06 16
Basil/Irene Hurly	Mary, Queen of Carmel	Lakeland	FL	04 15
Elizabeth Javorek	(No Patron chosen yet)	Huntington	NY	09 10
Marilyn Jerussi	St Joseph	Washington	DC	05 14
Donna Johnson	St Joseph	Washington	DC	05 14
Edward Jurewicz	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Buffalo	NY	05 17
Kathleen Kirschner	St Joseph's Community of Carmel	Massena	NY	08 19
Joan Kishel	St Joseph	Washington	DC	05 14
Mary Cath Krizan	St Joseph	St. Joseph	MI	04 06
Theresa Kump	Our Lady of Divine Providence	St. Paul	MN	06 10
Elma LaForce	St Joseph's Community of Carmel	Massena	NY	08 19
Mary Lange	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Cincinnati	OH	05 28
Mary Langenderfer	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	Toledo	OH	03 13
Lucille Lilienthal	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Watkinsville	GA	08 11
Rose Marie LoGiudice	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York	NY	01 14
Katie Magnuson	Our Lady of Divine Providence	St. Paul	MN	06 10
Lee Martin	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	St. Cloud	FL	06 05
Constance Mass	St Joseph	Washington	DC	05 14
Rev Leonard McAlpin	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Smock	PA	05 17
Catherine McCarthy	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Roxbury	MA	03 19
Rita McDonald	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Buffalo	NY	05 17
June McElhinny	Mary, Queen of Carmel	Lakeland	FL	12 29
Daniel C. McKenzie	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	La Crescent	MN	06 08
Joseph Messina	Espousal of Mary and Joseph	Brighton	MA	02 18
Mildred Miller	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord	NH	11 11
Margaret Mobus	St Joseph	Prescott	MI	02 23
Patricia Moffitt	Virgin of Solitude	Keeseville	NY	09 30
Richard Monroe	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Union City	MI	06 11
Adrienne Montillet	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Scarsdale	NY	05 01
Joseph Mooney	St Teresa of Jesus	Milwaukee	WI	11 01
Mary Rose Moroschan	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Brown City	MI	10 04
Harriet Mrotek	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Manitowoc	WI	05 22
Ann Mulholland	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York	NY	12 09
Joann Murphy	St Joseph	Washington	DC	10 08
Diane Naatz	Our Lady of Divine Providence	St. Paul	MN	06 10
Ursulina Nierste	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Vincennes	IN	05 13
Fe Nojadera	Our Lady of the Annunciation	Virginia Beach	VA	05 21
Joan O'Neil	St Therese	Pelham	NH	04 19
Frank O'Sullivan	Espousal of Mary and Joseph	Brighton	MA	03 18
Curtis P. Ortt	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Allentown	PA	07 16
Richard Palie	Espousal of Mary and Joseph	Brighton	MA	01 21

Cindy Palladino	St Joseph	Washington	DC	05 14
Sarena Palmer	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington	RI	02 19
Teresa Park	Our Lady of Loretto	Loretto	PA	10 22
Rose Paul	Our Lady of Divine Providence	St. Paul	MN	06 10
Vern Paul	Our Lady of Divine Providence	St. Paul	MN	06 10
Marietta D Penna	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York	NY	01 14
Genevieve Pikusa	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Des Plaines	IL	09 03
Judy Pollack	St Joseph	Malone	NY	07 30
Bessie Poulas	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington	RI	11 12
Felicidad Prohibido	St Joseph	Washington	DC	05 14
LaVerne Rascher	St Joseph	Washington	DC	06 11
Connie Ray	(No Patron chosen yet)	Munster	IN	08 27
John E. Reilly	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington	RI	01 22
John Reilly	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington	RI	01 22
Patricia Reneman	St Joseph	Washington	DC	05 14
Jean Rizos	St Joseph	Malone	NY	07 30
Jan Robinson	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Roxbury	MA	05 21
Valentine Rogers	St Joseph	Washington	DC	11 12
Ann Rogers	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington	RI	11 12
Linda Roggy	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Greenville	SC	05 27
Charles Rolando	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Auburn	IL	05 21
Ed Romaine	(No Patron chosen yet)	Huntington	NY	10 15
Kathy Rubin	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington	RI	11 12
Marjorie Rufft	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Cincinnati	OH	05 28
Christine Rush	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York	NY	01 14
Joseph Sailer	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Cincinnati	OH	05 28
Judy Sampson	The Infant Jesus of Prague	Travers City	MI	07 16
Miss Terese Sasso	Jesus, Author of Life	Terre Haute	IN	06 15
Rosario Sijera	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Baltimore	MD	11 12
Pat Skaritka	(No Patron chosen yet)	Munster	IN	04 30
Olga Souehik	The Holy Annunciation	Sugarloaf	PA	07 02
Connie Spadell	The Holy Annunciation	Sugarloaf	PA	07 02
Walter Stodd	St. Teresa & St John of the Cross	Pontiac	IL	05 10
Betty Swed	The Mother of God	Rockville	VA	11 19
Molly Thibault	Our Lady of Divine Providence	St. Paul	MN	06 10
Deborra Thurston	The Resurrection	Indianapolis	IN	06 15
Raymond Tiernan	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York	NY	12 09
Geraldine Tryon	St Joseph	Malone	NY	07 30
Dorothy Vanstone	St Joseph	Toronto	ON	04 19
Margaret Verkon	St Teresa of Jesus Community	Raleigh	NC	01 15
Janet Verni	Holy Family	Cleveland	OH	11 18
Lynn Vincentnathan	The Blessed Trinity	Lemont	IL	10 08
Dona Warren	St Joseph	St. Joseph	MI	04 06
Marianne Welch	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Brampton	ON	10 06
Maria Williams	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens	MI	10 08
Barbara Wright	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington	RI	11 12

MT CARMEL PROJECT UP-DATE

Fall, 1989. Despite the vandalism which took place in September, the fifth session of the Mt. Carmel Project was a great success. Some new areas of excavation were opened and all damage was repaired.

The Prior's Cell. It had been thought that the Prior's Cell had been completely excavated by Fr. Bagatti, OFM. But the area was reopened as "Area E" and then given to a new staff member, Dr. Corethia Qualls. Some marvelous results were obtained, namely: the original

floor was located and an exquisite glass lamp was discovered, as well as beautiful imported Cypriot pottery fragments. This has added greatly to our knowledge of Carmelite life in the 13th Century and the actual physical plan of the monastery and range of Carmelite influence.

More Threats. The vandalism of the ruins was caused by a radical group which opposes the presence of Carmelite Nuns at Auschwitz. In spite of threats of further vandalism the Project staff and volunteers continued working. However, on October 11th a Haifa newspaper carried an article reporting death threats against Sister



Chapel Entrance Arch After Vandalism

Damian if the work did not cease. Sister and the entire group decided to keep working until the scheduled ending date of October 27. On Saturday, October 21, after finding 5th Century pottery in the Stable-Chapel, Sister Damian looked up on the North Wadi face and saw the round glass of a gun-site glinting from the sun in the bushes. She stood and faced a man with a rifle pointed at her, but the shot never came. She saw him stand and put the rifle down. After that, all was quiet.

A rare lamp in the shape of a boat was found in Area A. The interior design shows a cross surrounded by a net; meaning that the cross of Christ is the net which catches all men.

Further complications. Upon her return home, on November 15, Sister Damian suffered a stroke which left her blind and partially paralyzed. Five days later she suffered a second stroke which left no physical impairment, although a CAT-scan showed that she should have either died or been severely physically handicapped.

PLEASE NOTE: Although Sister is recovering well, she is delayed in her work. Those who have ordered materials are asked to please be patient.

The Stable-Chapel. Evidence continually mounts for the identification of this unique structure. On

October 19, three plaster floors were found west of the chapel's entrance under a build-up of modern debris. A square recess was also found under the altar which would have held Saints' relics for the altar's foundation. The three plaster floor surfaces were removed with the hope that datable materials would be found. Under the lowest floor, three pieces of 5th Century pottery were discovered; this gives a strong indication of the date of the chapel's original use.

Fall 1989 Staff and Volunteers:

- Karen Arnold, Area Supervisor
- James Baer
- Larry Belkin, Architect
- Sr. Damian, OCD, Chief Archaeologist
- Marc Ditmer
- Alan and Virginia Fox, OCDS
- Deanna Gavin
- Margaret Hyon
- Gary Kent
- Roger Larre, OCDS
- Barbara MacRae, OCDS, Pottery Registrar
- Joseph Mooney, OCDS
- Fr. Anthony Morello, OCD, Executive Director
- The Rev Mary June Nestler, Area Supervisor
- Fr. Brendan O'Reilly, O.Carm
- Fr. Anthony Peters, O.Carm, Chaplain
- Jane Powanda
- Michael Pytlik
- Ann O'Hara
- Dr. Corethis Qualls, Area Supervisor
- Fr. Patrick Staunton, O.Carm
- Judith Stones
- Dr. Bjornar Storfjell, Ceramicist
- Joseph Violetti, OCDS, Stone Mason
- Brother Michael Whitman

New Field Director. Because of her worsening health, Sister Damian wrote to the Father General asking to be replaced as the Project's Field Director. Her resignation was accepted with the condition that she remain the Chief archaeologist, supervising as best she can from her monastery in Salt Lake City, Utah. After careful consideration and numerous recommendations, Joseph Violetti, OCDS, four-year-veteran of the Project and stone mason, was chosen; he was heartily approved by the Father General.

Special Announcement. Because of the problems faced by the Project staff and volunteers in the Fall, the Father General has canceled the Spring 1990 Dig. The next working session in the Wadi will be in the Fall of 1990.

Can You Help? The archive of the Mt. Carmel Project is trying to build its library; we need a copy of Father Peter-Thomas Rohrbach's book: Journey to Carith. If you could either donate or sell us the book we would be grateful. Please contact Sister Damian, OCD, Mt. Carmel Project, Carmelite Monastery, 5714 Holladay Blvd, Salt Lake City, Utah 84121.

UPDATING OF OUR MEMBERSHIP WHO TOOK TEMPORARY PROMISES IN 1989

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>COMMUNITY PATRON:</u>	<u>CITY & STATE:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
Jennifer Ambroziak	St Joseph	Toronto ON	10/18
Mary Lou Ames	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Baltimore MD	02/12
Marilou Aportadera	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Des Plaines IL	09/03
Mary Araujo	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	11/12
Helen Atkins	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	11/12
Vernonia Benabio	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	11/12
Cathi Boatright	St John of the Cross	Chicago IL	06/25
Margaret Bots	St Joseph	Toronto ON	10/18
John W Bowker	Mother of Sorrows	Stamford CT	05/11
Carol Braga	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord NH	05/13
Matthew Bristow	Bt Elizabeth of the Trinity	Springfield MA	12/12
Opal Busch	(No Patron chosen yet)	Plattsburgh NY	09/09
Leo Bussey	Virgin of Solitude	Keeseville NY	11/26
Libania Cabaco	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Toronto ON	04/01
Sandra Carroll	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	01/22
Donald Carron	(Patron not chosen yet)	Huntington NY	03/12
Therese Carron	(Patron not chosen yet)	Huntington NY	03/12
Thelma Cartwright	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Sun City Center FL	02/07
Brenda Cattell	St Joseph	Washington DC	10/08
JoAnn Chamberland	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord NH	05/13
Virginia Chromazak	St John of the Cross	Endwell NY	05/06
Jane Clements	The Infant Jesus of Prague	Travers City MI	07/16
Pauline Conley	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord NH	02/11
Thomas Coonan	St Teresa of Jesus Community	Raleigh NC	04/30
Constance Corkins	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Roxbury MA	12/17
Bernardette Correia	St Joseph	Toronto ON	04/01
Marian H. Crosby	The Mother of God	Rockville VA	11/19
Elaine Dedischew	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens MI	10/08
Harry Dee	(Patron not chosen yet)	Huntington NY	09/10
Ann Donahue	The Resurrection	Indianapolis IN	11/01
Eileen Dreisbach	Bread of Life	Erie PA	04/09
Suzanne Dubois	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	01/22
Dorothy Duffy	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord NH	05/13
Maria Do Car Dutra	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York NY	04/01
Carmen Ealdama	St Joseph	Toronto ON	10/18
Olga Everaert	St Teresa & St. John of the Cross	Chicago IL	10/18
Blaise Falbo	Bt Elizabeth of the Trinity	Springfield MA	02/12
Billie Filipovich	Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Latrobe PA	10/22
Marilyn Fix	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens MI	10/08
Dorothy Foran	Mary Immaculate & Mary Magdalen	Flemington NJ	05/06
Josephin Gancz	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington RI	11/12
Marie Gerich	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens MI	10/08
Helen Goldkamp	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Roxbury MA	02/19
Mary Grant	St Joseph	Toronto ON	04/19
Rita Groulx	Trinity, Our Lady of MC & St Teresa	Clearwater FL	12/08
Chester Hacias	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens MI	10/08
Virginia Hacias	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens MI	10/08
Alice Hallenborg	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord NH	10/14
Christin Heinrich	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York NY	09/09
Berneice Herron	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Sun City Center FL	02/07
Eleanor Herron	Our Lady Queen of Peace	Sun City Center FL	02/07
Gene Horaszewski	The Infant Jesus of Prague	Travers City MI	07/16
Virginia Jones	Our Lady of the Annunciation	Virginia Beach VA	05/21
Leonine Joseph	St Joseph	Toronto ON	10/18
Frances Kann	Mary, Queen of Carmel	Lakeland FL	06/02
Kevin Keller	Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners	Milan MI	12/13
Mary Kennedy	Bt Virgin of Mt Carmel & St Joseph	Elysburg PA	11/19

Gerri King	Virgin of Solitude	Keeseville	NY	09/30
Maisy C. Lae	St Joseph	Toronto	ON	10/18
Dorothy Larricie	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Buffalo	NY	06/21
Theresa Lewis	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Mississauga	ON	10/18
Eleanor Majewski	St Teresa of Jesus	Milwaukee	WI	09/01
Michael Martinez	St Joseph	Toronto	ON	04/19
Agnes Mazzullo	Mary Immaculate & Mary Magdalen	Flemington	NJ	05/06
Patricia McGill	Virgin of Solitude	Keeseville	NY	09/30
Mary McErlean	St Joseph	Toronto	ON	10/18
Joseph D. McMahon	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Chicago	IL	01/01
Bernardette Melo	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Mississauga	ON	04/01
Linda Miller	The Resurrection	Indianapolis	IN	11/16
Pam Nacci	The Infant Jesus of Prague	Travers City	MI	07/16
Mary Niemann	Our Lady of Divine Providence	St. Paul	MN	02/11
Anthony O'Donnell	St Teresa & St John of the Cross	Chicago	IL	05/22
Mary Omasta	Our Lady of Loretto	Loretto	PA	10/22
Joan Panjian	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Roxbury	MA	02/19
Angela Pillai	St Joseph	Washington	DC	05/14
Cherylyn Polakowski	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens	MI	10/08
Patrick Pratico	St Joseph (Isolate)	Toronto	ON	04/02
Jean Price	Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Latrobe	PA	04/16
Ethel Quinkert	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens	MI	10/08
Rev. John Quinn	St John of the Cross	Endwell	NY	05/06
Martha Reed	Jesus, Author of Life	Terre Haute	IN	09/24
Rosemary Reid	Mother of Sorrows	Stamford	CT	05/11
Leon Rendon	Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners	Milan	MI	12/13
Virginia Richards	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord	NH	02/11
Sharon Rivet	St Joseph & Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Concord	NH	05/13
Helen Robel	Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Latrobe	PA	10/22
Susan Roberts	Espousal of Mary and Joseph	Brighton	MA	03/18
Laurey Robinson	St Teresa of Jesus	Milwaukee	WI	03/01
Thomas Rooney	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	New York	ON	09/09
Cynthia Samit	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Therese	Barrington	RI	01/22
Susan Satterwhite	St Teresa of Jesus Community	Raleigh	NC	04/30
Eric Sawyer	Virgin of Solitude	Keeseville	NY	09/30
Patricia Scanlon	Our Lady of Mt Carmel & St Teresa	Roxbury	MA	12/17
Michaela Seckar	Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Latrobe	PA	10/22
Lucy Silva	Bl Teresa Benedicta	Danvers	MA	04/01
Kathy Smith	St Teresa of Jesus Community	Raleigh	NC	04/30
Ellen Stanley	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens	MI	10/08
Richard Sylvester	St Joseph	Peterborough	NH	01/08
Isabelle Tate	St Joseph	Toronto	ON	04/19
Hedwig Thelian	St Joseph, Protector	Mt. Clemens	MI	10/08
Rose Toppenburg	Trinity, Our Lady of MC & St Teresa	Clearwater	FL	12/08
Albin Urbanski	The Holy Cross	Iron Mountain	MI	02/21
Elizabeth Verkoczy	St Joseph	Toronto	ON	04/19
Rosemary Vrscaj	Our Lady of Victories	Cambridge	ON	04/19
Joan Wilczynski	Mary Immaculate & Mary Magdalen	Flemington	NJ	05/06
Donald Wrobel	Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners	Milan	MI	12/13
Kathleen Zipf	Mary Immaculate & Mary Magdalen	Flemington	NJ	05/06

A BOOK REVIEW

GOD AND YOU: Prayer as a Personal Relationship, by William A. Barry, S.J., Paulist Press, 1987, \$4.95, paperback. By Hilda Calabro, OCDS, Barrington, RI.

Today with a remarkable rise of interest in prayer among people of all walks of life, books on prayer are becoming a hot item in the world of publications.

although different people approach prayer in different ways, many human beings need to be awakened to the full reality of who they are, namely God's beloved children. It is this conscious relationship that William A. Barry, S.J., hopes to develop in us as he gently invites us to get to know God in Prayer as a Personal Relationship.

This book about prayer does not derive from theory,

JULY 1990

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Canada Day</p> <p>You are not the only one to be troubled with wandering thoughts</p> <p>Brother Lawrence</p>	<p>2 You can be sure that I admire the loving designs of our good Master, who has led me to this holy mountain of Carmel.</p> <p>St Teresa Mgt. Redi</p>	<p>3 St. Thomas the Apostle</p> <p>There is no companionship which affords comfort to the soul that longs for God.</p> <p>St John of the Cross</p>	<p>4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal</p> <p>The education of women is even more important than the education of men, for the woman will educate the man.</p> <p>Bl Teresita of the Andes</p>	<p>5 St. Anthony Zaccaria</p> <p>It must be understood that not all imaginations are capable of meditating.</p> <p>St Teresa of Jesus</p>	<p>6 St. Maria Goretti First Friday</p> <p>Comfort yourself with Him who keeps you fastened to the Cross. He will release you from it when He deems it proper.</p> <p>Brother Lawrence</p>	<p>7 First Saturday</p> <p>The purpose of woman's formation ...an imitation of Mary.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Benedict</p>
<p>8 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>As a result of them the Lord will give you grace for courageous deeds.</p> <p>St Teresa of Jesus</p>	<p>9 Four Carmelite Nuns arrive in the States to begin Carmel in this country: 1790.</p>	<p>10 When we got there I found a poor old house that was to be my little convent. Its poverty spoke to my heart, and I felt attracted to it.</p> <p>Bl Teresa of the And</p>	<p>11 St. Benedict</p> <p>We can retire to the chapel of our hearts to commune with Him, peacefully, humbly, lovingly.</p> <p>Brother Lawrence</p>	<p>12</p> <p>It is pleasant to listen to the words of Jesus, but more pleasant to do His will.</p> <p>Bl Mary of Jesus Cru. "The Little Arab"</p>	<p>13 St. Henry</p> <p>Memorial Feast of Blessed Teresita of the Andes, 1900-19</p>	<p>14 Bl. Katéri Tekakwitha</p> <p>You (Mary) know us all, our wounds, our imperfections.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Benedict</p>
<p>15 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>The Carmelite Order derives its name from the holy mountain of its beginning.</p> <p>Bl Titus Brandsma</p>	<p>16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel</p> <p>It was on Carmel's summit that the Prophet after sevenfold prayer saw a little cloud... a prototype of Mary.</p> <p>Bl Titus Brandsma</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bl Teresa of St Augustine & Companions, Martyrs. Memorial.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Elizabeth Catez born in 1880 in military camp; later move to Dijon, France.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>I have been captured in the loving nets of the Divine Fisherman ...I am going to be a Carmelite.</p> <p>Bl Teresa of the Andes</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Solemn Feast of the Prophet Elijah.</p>	<p>21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi</p> <p>In her son's tragic hour she (Mary) appeared publically.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Benedict</p>
<p>22 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Waiting had become very difficult for me. I had become a stranger to the world.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Benedict</p>	<p>23 St. Bridget</p> <p>St Teresa makes a new foundation of Nuns in Pastrana in 1569.</p>	<p>24 Carmelite Martyrs of Guadelajara. Memorial feast.</p> <p>Bl John Soreth, O Carm Optional Memorial.</p>	<p>25 St. James</p> <p>Be as careful about your kitchen as about your prayers.</p> <p>Bl Mary of Jesus Cru. "The Little Arab"</p>	<p>26 SS. Joachim & Ann</p> <p>It is necessary to work peacefully, tranquilly lovingly with God, begging Him to accept our work.</p> <p>Brother Lawrence</p>	<p>27 Memorial feast</p> <p>Bl Titus Brandsma, O Carm, Martyr.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Suffering for God is better than working miracles.</p> <p>St John of the Cross</p>
<p>29 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Little Therese' father died in 1894.</p>	<p>30 St. Peter Chrysologus</p> <p>There is a vocation which consists in suffering with Christ and thus in His redemptive work.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Benedict</p>	<p>31 St. Ignatius of Loyola</p> <p>It is not necessary to be always in church to be with God, we can make a private chapel of our heart.</p> <p>Brother Lawrence</p>				

AUGUST 1990

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1 St. Alphonsus Liguori</p> <p>He does not force our will. He takes only what we give Him.</p> <p>St Teresa of Jesus</p>	<p>2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli</p> <p>Bl Teresa Benedict arrested in 1942.</p> <p>Come, let us go for our people.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Benedict</p>	<p>3 First Friday</p> <p>He sometimes permits the body to suffer to cure the illness of our souls; be courageous, make a virtue of necessity. B Lawrence</p>	<p>4 St. John Vianney First Saturday</p> <p>During this time the Virgin helped me to cleanse my heart of every imperfection.</p> <p>Bl Teresa of the And</p>
<p>5 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>I am not seeking Tabor but Calvary, for I understand that the life of a Carmelite is a continual abnegation...</p> <p>Bl Teresita of the And.</p>	<p>6 Transfiguration</p> <p>Contemplation is nothing else than a secret and peaceful and loving inflow of God.</p> <p>St John of the Cross</p>	<p>7 SS. Sixtus II & companions St. Cajetan</p> <p>I beg You to take away my freedom to displease You.</p> <p>Little Therese</p>	<p>8 St. Dominic</p> <p>In order to be a "Praise of Glory" I must be moved only by His touch.</p> <p>Bl Elizabeth</p>	<p>9 Memorial feast of Bl Teresa Benedict, Martyr, known also as Edith Stein. 1891-1942</p>	<p>10 St. Lawrence</p> <p>Remember what you promised when you entered Carmel: to express in yourself the life of the Crucified.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Mgt Redi</p>	<p>11 St. Clare</p> <p>St Claire promised to help St Teresa to re-establish the Primitive Rule in Carmel.</p>
<p>12 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>The holy RULE and Constitutions are for us the expression of the divine will.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Benedicta</p>	<p>13 St. Pontian St. Hippolytus</p> <p>I fear I am a great trial of bad example. I wonder how our Holy Mother can endure to have me among her daughters.</p> <p>St Teresa Margaret</p>	<p>14 St. Maximilian Kolbe</p> <p>St Teresa made new Foundations of Nuns in Medina del Campo 1567, and Valladolid in 1568 on the feast of the Assumption.</p>	<p>15 Assumption Holy Day of Obligation John Carroll consecrated first U.S. bishop, 1790</p> <p>Carmelite Nuns are first religious women in the United States.</p>	<p>16 St. Stephen of Hungary</p> <p>St Teresa authorized to expand reform to include the Friars.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Those who look upon sickness as a gift from God ordinarily bear it with great contentment and solace</p> <p>Brother Lawrence</p>	<p>18 St. Jane Frances de Chantal</p> <p>The world is your Calvary, the observance of the RULE the Cross and the Vows the nails that fix you to it.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Mgt.</p>
<p>19 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Little Therese receives Viaticum in 1897 and prepares for death.</p>	<p>20 St. Bernard</p> <p>There is no need for beautiful thoughts, only an outpouring of the heart.</p> <p>Blessed Elizabeth</p>	<p>21 St. Pius X</p> <p>Make a firm resolution to overcome all the difficulties which are met in the spiritual life - with God's grace.</p> <p>Brother Lawrence</p>	<p>22 Queenship of Mary</p> <p>Now He has given me a sign (Scapular) that I am obliged to change my whole life and also to become a saint.</p> <p>St Teresa Margaret</p>	<p>23 St. Rose of Lima</p> <p>St John of the Cross was declared Doctor of the Church on August 24, 1926.</p>	<p>24 St. Bartholomew</p> <p>St Teresa of Jesus on this day in 1562 made the first Foundation of Discalced Nuns at San Jose Carmel.</p>	<p>25 St. Louis St. Joseph Calasanz</p> <p>Memorial feast of Bl Mary of Jesus Crucified: The Little Arab</p>
<p>26 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady of Czestochowa)</p> <p>In my heart...was the likeness of a burning fire. St Teresa of Jesus</p>	<p>27 St. Monica</p> <p>A woman will find her strength in the intention of the concrete and the living.</p> <p>Bl Teresa Benedicta</p>	<p>28 St. Augustine</p> <p>I shall do otherwise than fall if You leave me to myself; so keep me from falling correct what is wrong.</p> <p>Brother Lawrence</p>	<p>29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist</p> <p>The mirror we have to consult to arrive at divine union is the Sacred Heart...</p> <p>St Teresa Margaret</p>	<p>30 The practice of the presence of God is at the root of all spiritual life...though the methods may differ.</p> <p>Bl Titus Brandsma</p>	<p>31 Sometimes it may seem to us that if we do not do more than the RULE, we shall not be saved. That is an error!</p> <p>Bl Mary of Jesus Cru.</p>	

SEPTEMBER 1990

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 First Saturday Feastday of St Teresa Margaret Redi of the Sacred Heart.
2 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time God is always there but He is hidden, and He keeps silence. Bl Teresa Benedicta	3 St. Gregory the Great Labor Day During our work we we should stop as often as we can, for a moment to adore God from the bottom of our hearts. Brother Lawrence	4 Therese wants us continually to contemplate God's works and notice the proofs of His love. Bl Titus Brandsma	5 I made my prayer. I had no recollection. Nevertheless I felt consoled in being with God. Bl Teresita of the And.	6 Sometimes I think of myself as a block of stone before a sculptor and present myself thus to God and I beg Him to form me. Brother Lawrence	7 First Friday My idea of being a Carmelite is to be a victim, constantly immolated for souls. Bl Teresita of the And.	8 Birth of Mary If you are faithful you will hve a holy life and a holy death. The Little Arab
9 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time I long...to become docile that I may learn all from Thee. Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity	10 A vocation is the greatest blessing that God can give to a creature. Bl Teresita of the And.	11 My Jesus, I am determined to be all Yours, whatever the cost, and despite every repugnance. St Teresa Margaret	12 Consider what it is God wants, and then do it. St John of the Cross	13 St. John Chrysostom May Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament be praised, loved and worshiped in all the tabernacles of the world. St Teresa Margaret	14 Triumph of the Cross John Carroll appointed first U.S. Bishop, 1789 The spirit of the RULE is, above all, the spirit of the CROSS. The Little Arab	15 Our Lady of Sorrows For St John of the Cross, Our Lady is the ideal of the soul that strives upward toward God, and is drawn by God to Himself. Bl Titus Brandsma
16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday In Him everything is found. In Him everything is also forgotten. St Teresa of Jesus	17 St. Robert Bellarmine Feastday of St Albert of Jerusalem Law Giver of Carmel.	18 Without showing Himself, without making His voice heard, Jesus teaches me in secret. Little Therese	19 St. Januarius Once you have given God something you must never take it back. Bl Mary of Jesus Cru.	20 SS. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang & companions The image of the rose shedding its petals had a particular charm for her (Ther). Bl Titus Brandsma	21 St. Matthew Lord, you return gladly and lovingly to life up the one who offends you. St John of the Cross	22 She (Mary) used to listen to me when I told her of my joys and sorrows. Bl Teresita of the And.
23 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Little Therese died the 30th, 1897	24 St Teresa in her masterly way describes how the life of grace is built on natural foundations. Bl Titus Brandsma	25 Complete surrender...is at the same time the only adequate fulfillment of a woman's aspirations. Bl Teresa Benedicta	26 SS. Cosmas & Damian It is the life of a Carmelite to commune with God from morning to night. Blessed Elizabeth	27 St. Vincent de Paul St Teresa of Jesus was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church this day in 1970.	28 St. Wenceslaus St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions I offer myself as a victim of holocaust to your Merciful Love. Little Therese	29 SS. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael In the evening of life I shall appear before You with empty hands. Little Therese

LAST MINUTE NEWS!

The mailing of this issue of the **Clarion** has been intentionally delayed. The editor apologizes that the July Calendar will not have much of a chance to be used. This is due to the changes which the elections and appointments among the Friars create every three years. We wanted to include the news of the changes in the Secular Order administration.

Eastern Regional Office Moves. The Eastern Regional Office, with the **Clarion**, will move as of September 1st to the following new location:

Eastern Regional Office
THE COMMON
174 Old Street Road
Peterborough NH 03458- 1644
Telephone: (603) 924 6060

All correspondence, dues, Clarion articles, etc., should be sent to the new address after September 1st. The Isolated Members will continue to be directed by Ruby Alexander in Chicago.

Fr. Bruno Cocuzzi OCD, New Provincial Delegate for the Secular Order. Fr. Bruno has been appointed the new delegate for the Secular Order for the Eastern Region of the United States. Father Bruno was born on February 7, 1927 in Rochester NY. He was professed as a Carmelite on August 15, 1953 and ordained a priest on December 22, 1956.

Father Bruno taught at our Minor Seminary in Peterborough NH from 1957 to 1960. He was then elected prior of our monastery in Brookline MA, when he was spiritual assistant to the Secular Order. He was then transferred to Waverly NY when the novitiate was transferred there. He returned to teach at Peterborough from 1964 to 1966. He then went to law school and passed the bar in 1973. He worked in the inner city of Boston as legal advocate for the poor and indigent from 1974 to 1989. Fr. Bruno has also been spiritual assistant to the Secular Order in the Boston area for the past three years.

Father Bruno will be in the Midwest during the summer. He will then move the Eastern Regional Office to Peterborough NH and open the new office at the new address about September 1st.

Father Bill Healy OCD, Administrative Advisor for the Secular Order. Father Bill was born on June 16, 1920 at Minneapolis MN. He was professed as a Carmelite on September 27, 1940 and ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1946. Father Bill, a seasoned retreat master, has been student master in Washington DC, Propagation of the Faith director in Brookline MA, and provincial delegate for the Secular Order from 1984-88. He will remain in Milwaukee and will also be spiritual assistant to a number of Groups in the Midwest.

Father Theodore Centala OCD, one of the out-going provincial delegates for the OCDS, has been transferred to our monastery in Washington DC. He will work in publications with **Spiritual Life** and **ICS Publications**, and be spiritual assistant to some Groups in Pennsylvania. Father Theodore wants to thank all the members and spiritual assistants for their cooperation during the last term of office.

Father Patrick Farrell OCD, the other out-going provincial delegate for the OCDS, has been elected superior of the monastery at St. Florian and also appointed pastor of the parish. Father Patrick wants to thank all the members and spiritual assistants for their cooperation during the last term of office.

THE SECULAR ORDER IN HUNGARY

Fr Theodore N Centala OCD

After SIC, the Newsletter of the Friars, carried an article about how the Carmelite Friars and Nuns in Hungary weathered the Suppression of the Church and the Order for forty years I wrote to the Provincial in Hungary and asked about the Secular Order.

"It took time and research to come up with some reliable information about our brothers and sisters of the Secular Order. After forty years of silence and suppression even this small amount of information collected so far is valuable. At present we undertake the work of contacting and reorganizing the members of the Secular Order in the vicinity of our monasteries. It will take a few years before I can give you a more promising report.

The Carmelite life slowly returns to our houses. There is a great task ahead of us. The monasteries given back to our Province are in very poor condition and a lot of repairing and rebuilding has to be done. Our novices will make their simple vows in October and we expect them home from Graz (Austria).

This is the way we bring back to life our much tortured Province.

I am sending my warm greetings to Fr Patrick Perjes OCD and am grateful to him for interpreting my letters to you. I know him well since the pre-war times."

Fr Thomas Rumi OCD, Provincial



A resume of the **Information on the Secular Order in Hungary** during the Suppression of 1950 to 1990, as taken from Father Rumi's letter of May 27.

There were seven Groups in 1950. In Pest, one of men and one of women, and one mixed. In the other four cities the Groups were mixed men and women: Buda, Keszthely, Kunszentmarton and Miskolc. The total membership was about 200. Then a new Group started in 1980 in Erd. Now there are nine Groups in 1990 with a total membership of about 150 and increasing.

How did they continue to exist under suppression? They held regular monthly meetings, had a devotional hour, and sometimes a procession, then Mass with a homily. Some also had spiritual reading in common, a period of meditation, and a time for discussion. Some also had youth groups.

Most of the Groups were located near a monastery of our Friars or Nuns and were able to have a Carmelite Friar as their spiritual assistant. Many had days of recollection, pilgrimages and annual retreats. Their total membership at present is about 150 members, but increasing.

There are some publications in Hungarian of the biographies and writings of our Carmelite saints. They include books on St Teresa, St Therese, St John of the Cross, and Bl Teresa Benedicta.

The Liturgy of the Hours has not yet been published in the vernacular. The Secular Order members use a temporary "Psalmody" the "Little Office" or the "Psalter" for the daily hours. The "Little Office of the Blessed Virgin" is out of print. Some members have the pre-war edition. The Kunszentmarton Group is praying the Office of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in manuscript edition for private use.

OCDS in Hungary is VEK, meaning: Carmel living in the world, or in civil society.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Father Patrick Perjes OCD, from the California Province, for translating my letter to Fr Thomas Rumi into Hungarian, and also for his translation of the reply from Hungarian into English.

HUNGARIAN CARMELITE ORDAINED BISHOP

Our Father Superior General traveled to Hungary for the ordination of Fr Justin Takacs OCD as auxiliary bishop of Szekesfehevar. Fr Justin was born in 1927 in the small town of Rabacsanbak in the diocese of Gyor, the eighth child of a farm family.

Some Carmelites were present for the ordination from the six monasteries of Friars and three of Nuns (all of them having to lead separate lives because their monasteries have not yet been returned to them) as well as some Friars from Bavaria, Austria and Yugoslavia. This was the first time since 1941 that the Hungarian Carmelites had been able to meet their Superior General.

On his return to Rome he sent the following message (quoted from SIC):

"During my stay, seeing you face to face and thinking of the years that you have had to spend scattered and dispersed and still are, I cannot but think of the famous text of Isaiah which our Carmelite Rule has made its own: 'In silence and hope will by your strength' (Is 30,15). These two biblical words: silence and hope, define and sum up in a perfect way your personal and group history since 1950 when the state decree suppressing our Order was enacted, affecting all the Discalced Carmelites of Hungary. . . But these years were certainly lived out in hope which was difficult and painful without any doubt. . .

Dear brothers and sisters of the Hungarian Carmel, may the Lord keep you in the strength of the Spirit which you have shown during these past years, and may He make you generous and ready to respond to the new situation which He is providentially bring about. May our Holy Mother Teresa visit and protect the vine of Carmel in Hungary that she planted, making it grow again with the fruits of new vocations and that all of us will collaborate with faith and generosity with the work which the Lord wants to do for the Hungarian Tererian Carmel in the coming years; each one working according to his duties and capacity.

I renew and send to all my deepest feelings of high esteem and confidence in a spirit of brotherly love. I put myself at the disposition of you all and send you my blessing."

Fr. Felipe Sainz de Baranda, OCD, Superior General

Some Additional Notes from the Out-Going Editor.

Welcome to the officers and spiritual assistants of each of the Groups in the Eastern Region, both the new ones and those who were re- elected to serve for another term. We should all be prepared to receive some new items as the new leadership gives us new directions in some areas.

The complete book list from **ICS Publications** from Washington DC is printed into the text of our **Clar ion**, and is also contained on a flyer-insert for your added postage-free convenience. Once you use the flyer you still have the one in the text for the future. There are discount advantages for the Group to buy some books in quantity and then re-sell them to the members.

The book list from **Holy Hill** is only a partial list. It includes only their major Carmelite books, and is perhaps only 5% of their total religious book inventory. Holy Hill also sells the ICS books.

The book list from **Clergy Book Service** is only about .0001% of their inventory. It lists only the Carmelite books not found at ICS nor at Holy Hill. They have a very good price on the Book of Christian Prayer, the one volume, the large print, and the four volume set. They also give discounts for orders over \$50.00, an incentive to purchase as a Group and save everyone from extra paperwork.

but from the experience of hundreds of people who have been given spiritual direction by the author. Maintaining that prayer is first and foremost a personal relationship and that the most fruitful prayer is that which builds upon and enhances relationship, this volume actually shows us how we can develop an intimate relationship with God. Various methods of prayer are suggested that will deepen and strengthen our friendship with him.

The experiential nature of the book is most encouraging, for what is said in this book about prayer and God, and what happens to people who consciously try to develop their relationship to God, is not based on pious hopes or wishful thinking. The author describes what has actually happened to people, although to protect the identities of persons, he has changed details, used fictitious names, and sometimes developed fictitious examples based on real cases.

How do we go about getting to know God better? We can begin by asking how one gets to know anyone. One thing is clear, however, to get to know someone better, we have to spend time at it. Regardless of whether we read the Bible, walk in the woods or listen to music, as long as we are aware of wanting God to be present, we are in conscious relationship and therefore praying. The important thing is that we take the time!

By encouraging us to do something we like to do and by asking God to be with us, the author invites us to embark upon a pleasant and exciting journey. Contemplative prayer in this sense simple means a prayer of relationship, of conscious presence to one another. Rather than brooding about creation or pondering theological theories about it, we can reflect upon how God reveals himself in trees, flowers, stars and sea. Appropriately, Father Barry reminds us to think of how an artist feels when she sees you admiring her sculpture; there is a communion between the two of you as you touch and admire. The beauty of all this is that contemplative prayer is possible for everyone. The author points out, that simply by walking near the seashore on a bright crisp autumn day, as the sun shines through red leaves and sparkles on blue water, we can feel the touch of God and a strong desire for him.

The question then is how do we develop a relationship in which we can get to know and love someone? Undoubtedly, we will never get to know the other if we are self-absorbed, nor will we get to know the other personally if we just think about him or her all the time. Some self-revelation is necessary.

Although God reveals in scripture what he cares about, values, loves and hates, we also want to know if he loves us, forgives us and cares for us as he cared for Israel. Thus developing a relationship with God involves mutuality, trust and transparency. The author warns, however, that what happens in any relationship happens even more surely in the relationship with the Lord. **“The closer we get, the more we learn about the other, but also the more we learn about ourselves, some of what we learn is not so pretty.”** Most likely we may be afraid

of rejection, of being found wanting, or of new demands that may be made on us. Perhaps the greatest fear is that of losing our very selves by being swallowed up in God’s immensity.

Our anxieties diminish, however, as our prayer journey continues, for we begin to realize that we need neither elaborate rituals, nor ceremonies to contact God. Dialing the Lord’s number with the hope that he will make his presence known is like calling a friend. A moment of recollection gives us a chance to become aware of why we are calling, what it is we want and how we are feeling at this time. Most appealing also is the idea that since close relationships do not require special places, we can pray while doing anything so long as it does not make it impossible to be conscious of God who is present in our every action. Some people, however, prefer special places such as particular churches, the woods or seashore. Others have sensed the immensity of God while looking at the stars, or while contemplating a single flower.

The author clearly illustrates that once we begin to experience prayer as personal relationship, we begin to petition God differently. Before, we might have just made a petition and hoped for the best, but now we pour out our concerns and wait for God’s response. As we are slowly weaned from expecting magical solutions, we get a better grasp on his relation to us and our world.

How do we know that we have had a God-experience or “Abba” experience? Undoubtedly, this has happened if we have felt overwhelmed with gladness and a sense of wonder of life, or perhaps awed by the immensity of the universe and at the same time felt strangely safe. Being held safely and lovingly in a mother’s or father’s arms is perhaps the closest analogy for such an experience. This may be one small instance of the “Abba” experience.

The beauty of the relationship with God that is developed through prayer is that people who have come to know and love Jesus in this way do make a difference in the world. They are better parents, more diligent employees, and more faithful friends. Looking upon the world more honestly they recognize inhumanity and injustice more easily. While they are more compassionate, they are also more passionate to see justice done. As Father Barry concludes, **“prayer does have an effect on the person who prays. But the effect is not the primary motive for praying. It is a by-product. The primary motive for prayer is love, first the love of God for us and then the arousal of our love for God.”**

By accepting this endearing invitation to get to know God better in Prayer as a Personal Relationship, it is hoped that we all will come to realize at deeper and deeper levels that God is a lot better than he’s made out to be!

UPDATING OF OUR MEMBERSHIP WHO TOOK THEIR FINAL PROMISES IN 1989

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FINDING AN APOSTOLATE

Jack Carter, OCDS, Lakeland, FL

During one of our monthly formation sessions I reported on a Carmelite saint/saint-to-be as requested by our director of formation. How interesting to discover that adoration of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, as we know it today, was begun by one of our own! (See Life of Fr. Hermann Cohen, OCD)

Our parish priest and Community spiritual assistant had been considering initiating nocturnal adoration at his parish for over a year but somehow it always remained "in the future." That was until the day I was inspired suddenly to offer my assistance to Father in coordinating this devotion. The time was decided upon — the notice was placed in the parish bulletin — it was announced at all the Sunday Masses. Everything was in line.

The evening arrived and although the number of participants was few, the spirit of prayer accompanying each silent person throughout the night was evident. The visits were not brief but appeared to be lengthy chats with "One whom they know loves us." Although the faces were recognizable, it seemed that the visitors were not the usual parishioners who are able to be involved in the activities of their church.

There were the parents and their mentally handicapped child who were obviously busy responding to God's special call. Perhaps many parish activities did not appeal to them. Then there was the single mother, having the children all tucked in for the night, finding time to talk to their heavenly Father. What inspired the teenagers to amble in and spend their "valuable" time in prayerful reflection? Would this memory come to them years later when life has dealt some harsh blows?

Obviously the policeman was on his way to begin his duty. Where better could he find the strength and protection to handle what may be ahead for him that day? Yes, "where two or three are gathered in His name...." The initiation of this Eucharistic devotion in our parish would have to be considered a resounding success.

It did seem, as the months passed, that many of our Secular Order members were able to participate in this Eucharistic adoration. At any given time, there was always at least one of our Community there. Could this be an apostolate that God was giving to us? But this was only one parish. Some of our members travel great distances just to attend their monthly meeting. Our membership represents a dozen or so parishes. It wouldn't be fair to adopt an apostolate in which only some of the members could participate. Besides, this was a parish endeavor, not to be "taken over" by any one person or group.

Gradually it became evident that some of the members of our Community had different forms of Eucharistic devotion in their parishes. One mentioned that "Our parish has Perpetual Adoration and I am able to find time after I'm finished teaching the children to spend with the Lord. Sometimes one of the children will come with me!" Another, "We don't have adoration but on Fridays a group of parishioners has decided to spend quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also a time when we can bring some of our elderly parishioners to visit. They just love it!"

The primary apostolate of a Carmelite is prayer — particularly prayer for priests, St. Teresa reminds us. As Secular Carmelites we can carry this apostolate of prayer beyond the walls of the cloister into the secular world. By our encouragement and example, devotion to His presence in the Holy Eucharist can become a source of untold graces for the whole Church. It seemed to be more and more feasible.

Our Council convened and the agenda slated a discussion on our Community apostolate. A motion was made and seconded. "The specific apostolate of Mary, Queen of Carmel Community of Lakeland, Florida, will be to promote and support various forms of adoration to the Holy Eucharist." The vote was unanimously in favor. I bet Hermann Cohen is smiling!

SOME MESSAGES FROM THE EDITOR

Clarion to use new nine-number zipcode. The US Post Office made an overture to us to up-date our CLARION mailing list from a five-number zipcode to using a nine-number zipcode. So we sent them our CLARION mailing list on a computer disk and they converted most of our five-number zip codes to nine-number zipcodes for the CLARION. It also converted your addresses to capital letters with the proper type of abbreviations, all for faster and easier postal delivery.

But, it could not convert all the addresses on our list. Check your CLARION mailing label. If your label still has only five numbers in the zipcode it was rejected by the US POSTAL SERVICE as only partially correct and unable to receive a new nine-number zipcode. Or else it was typed into our computer after March 1st, when the list was up-dated. At present the postal service will still deliver your "partially incorrect" mail, CLARION included, because they know "what you mean" and they will tolerate the fact that your address is not completely correct. But, the new nine-number postal computer was not that flexible. It did not know "what you meant" so was unable to assign you a nine-number zipcode.

So, if you still have a five-number zipcode, please call your friendly US Postal Service and inquire why your address did not qualify for a nine-number zipcode. Then notify your Group secretary or the CLARION office.

Regular Members and Affiliated Members. While we are checking our mailing labels, notice also that we have included the name of the Group of which you are a regular member. We also, somewhat arbitrarily, took the 350 names which did not have a Group listed in our present records and affiliated (or sort of loosely joined) them with the nearest Group. These names also did not appear on our list of Isolated Members under the leadership of Ruby Alexander.

The purpose was to let those 350 members know that there was a "Group" in their area or State. They are free to contact that Group, or any other Group that they know. Perhaps they are interested in joining a Group as a regular member. Perhaps some are retired and are only interested in attending their annual retreat and days of recollection.

If your "Group" name or "Affiliation" is incorrect, please notify your local Group leader, or send us a postcard, using our new nine-number zipcode: 53214-3693. If you wish to be affiliated with a different Group, or do not wish to be affiliated to any Group at all, please notify the CLARION office and we will remove your affiliation. Then you will not receive any mail from the group notifying you of any of their activities. We would prefer that every member of the Secular Order be a member of a Group or be affiliated with a Group by mail and occasional personal contact.

For the future, always include your nine-number zipcode when writing to our CLARION office. This is especially important when your name is entered into the computer for the first time, as when you receive the Scapular and began the two-year formation program, and began receiving the CLARION on a regular basis.

Fr. Theodore M. Centole, O.S.A.

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25TH JUBILEE OF ORDINATION

The May 27th celebration of my 25th Jubilee of Ordination was an almost perfect event. Fr. Kevin Culligan OCD, our out-going Provincial superior, challenged priests to be a men of prayer in order to be a true Carmelites and priests of Jesus Christ. I would like to share a quote from my program. It is taken from the chapter on vocation in the book "No Man Is An Island" by Thomas Merton.

Fr. Theodore Centala, OCD

"He must keep alive in the world the sacramental presence and action of the Risen Savior. He is a visible human instrument of the Christ who reigns in Heaven, Who teaches and sanctifies the Church through His anointed priests. The words of the priest are not to be merely his own words or his own doctrine. They should always be the doctrine of the One who sent him. The action of the priest upon souls should come from something more than his own poor human power to advise and to console. Human through his acts may be, poor and deficient in themselves, they must be supported by the sacramental action of Jesus Christ and vivified by the hidden work of the Divine Spirit.

. . . In any case, his vocation is to keep alive in the world the sanctity and the sanctifying power of the One High Priest, Jesus Christ.

This explains at once the beauty and the terror of the priestly vocation. A man, weak as other men, imperfect as they are, perhaps less well endowed than many of those to whom he is sent, perhaps even less inclined to be virtuous than some of them, finds himself caught, without possibility of escape, between the infinite mercy of Christ and the almost infinite dreadfulness of man's sin. He cannot help but feel in the depths of his heart something of Christ's compassion for sinners, something of the eternal Father's hatred of sin, something of the inexpressible love that drives the Spirit of God to consume sin in the fires of sacrifice.

At the same time he may feel in himself all the conflicts of human weakness and irresolution and dread, the anguish of uncertainty and helplessness and fear, the inescapable lure of passion. All that he hates in himself becomes more hateful to him, by reason of his call to close union with Christ. But also by reason of his very vocation he is forced to face resolutely the reality of sin in himself and in others.

He is bound by his vocation to fight this enemy. He cannot avoid the battle. And it is a battle that he alone can never win. He is forced to let Christ Himself fight the enemy in him. He must do battle on the ground chosen not by himself but by Christ. That ground is the hill of Calvary and the Cross. For, to speak plainly, the priest makes no sense at all in the world except to perpetuate in it the sacrifice of the Cross, and to die with Christ on the Cross for the love of those whom God would have him save."

ECUMENICAL COMMON APOSTOLATE

Pamela Vergona, Erie Pennsylvania

Jesus told us to pray for one another. The "Bread of Life" community of Erie, PA is doing that in a special way.

The group has a prayer apostolate that spans denominational lines. At each monthly meeting the members of the group choose the name of a Protestant or Catholic church pastor to pray for until the next meeting. They can write to the pastor and tell them that they are being prayed for. If they do, they can include a cutout of a loaf of bread that names the community along with a scripture verse.

The Scripture they have chosen is, "The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf" (1 Cor 10:17 in the Jerusalem Bible). A shortened version appears on the back of the loaf: "We all make up the one loaf."

A few of the pastors have replied thanking the group for their prayers. So, as the Lord prayed that we may all by one, this Secular Order community is helping by praying for the pastors of all God's flocks.

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CONTEST



To honor the fourth centenary of his death, the journal **Spiritual Life** is sponsoring a contest for the best new essay on the contemporary significance of St John of the Cross. The essay should be solid but not unduly technical or abstruse, engaging but not sentimental, addressed to our general readership. The essay should be 10 to 15 pages, typed and double-spaced. Prizes will be awarded in the amounts of \$500, \$300 and \$200. Deadline for submission is September 1, 1990. The winners will be announced in December 1990, and published in a special issue of **Spiritual Life** dedicated to St John of the Cross. For further details, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: St. John of the Cross Essay Contest, SPIRITUAL LIFE, 2131 Lincoln Road NE, Washington DC 20002-1199.

CARMEL 200:

CONTEMPLATION

AND THE

REDISCOVERY

OF THE

AMERICAN

SOUL

HISTORY AND

SPIRITUALITY



Carmelite women and men are invited to celebrate together as a family two hundred years of Carmelite life in the United States. The symposium in Baltimore, from August 12th to 18th, will give the opportunity to reflect critically on Carmel's mission of prophetic presence and prayer and the role of contemplation as our third century of life in the United States unfolds.

The wider community (general public) is invited to gather and celebrate with Carmel. It is hoped through this experience to realize the richness and power of prayer and contemplation for each life and for the spiritual evolution and transformation of our world.

For detailed information on this symposium in Baltimore, write: Carmelite Monastery, 1318 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore MD 21204.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP

Julie Poindexter, Milwaukee Wisconsin

Saturday, June 9, Milwaukee's Secular Order Carmelites and friends pilgrimaged to the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Help in Robinsville, Wisconsin. This is the site of Our Lady's apparition to Adele Brice in 1858. Adele was charged to teach the local children their catechism. Eventually she was able to see to the construction of a chapel, school and staff housing at the location of the apparition.

Although the appearance of Our Lady of Good Help is not officially recognized by the Church, the site was spared from the terrific Peshtigo fire of 1871. The fire covered hundreds of square miles, surrounded Adele's foundation, but caused no harm to neither the buildings nor the prayerful people taking refuge there. Truly a miracle!

We thirty-three came to this Shrine, simple in its appearance, neighbored by farm buildings on one side and a family house on the other side — on a gorgeous day with few mosquitoes. Father Theodore Centala, O.C.D. came with us and kept us on the straight path.

During our four hour stay at the Shrine, Fr. Centala emphasized that the Blessed Virgin is our model of prayer, that we can pray as she did. Fr. Centala gave us two conferences based on the writings of St. John of the Cross.

St. John of the Cross recommends that prayer be real, down-to-earth, acknowledging and reflecting our real selves and situations. God can transform us by such prayer. Pray sincerely and thereby cooperate with God's grace!

A question and answer period followed this first conference. Asked what to do about distractions during prayers, Fr. Centala recommended that in order to defuse the distraction, write it on paper. Sometimes those distractions do need attention, maybe even prayer, but later.

We were ready for lunch after this and the three Sisters of St. Francis that staff the Chapel and the retreat house gave us a great meal! This fall, however, these sisters will be leaving and the retreat house might be used for something else (but hopefully for children, as Adele Brice had intended in the 1800s).

Some time after lunch we all met again in the Chapel for Mass. During the Mass, Fr. Centala gave us a homily that centered on St. John the Cross. The main theme was: don't get attached to sensory perceptions, i.e. visions, voices, etc., from God. If such things occur, thank God at that time, but they are best to leave untreasured and forgotten. Memories of such perceptions can become personal possessions. As Fr. Centala said, "every possession is against hope." Best to continue on the journey toward the Goal.

What a day full of blessings!

YOUR CARMEL WILL BE GOD'S MYSTICAL DWELLING PLACE AMONG YOU

Pope John Paul II (July 16, 1989)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Val d'Aosta: . . .

. . . In view of the grave difficulties of the Church and of the world, one might think that it is better to have Sisters of active life in your diocese than those of contemplative life. In other words, one who works is worth more than one who prays. In fact, it is not so.

Without taking away from the honor, merit, and gratitude due to the good Sisters who in a thousand ways bear witness to God's love for the poor, the little ones and the sick, it is necessary to recognize that the Church has yet more need of souls dedicated to contemplative prayer as practiced in the monasteries. Contemplation is at the source of action; from it are derived the spiritual forces which sustain God's People on their way to salvation.

A famous page of the Old Testament shows us Moses praying on the mountain, while his people struggle to open the way which leads to freedom and the Promised Land. Moses is the leader of God's People, a leader who instead of fighting in the plain stays praying on the mountain. The most amazing thing is, that while Moses prays, the people are victorious; however, when he interrupts his prayer, the people are beaten. Evidently, on prayer depends the victory over the obstacles which God's People encounter on the way to salvation (cf. Ex. 17:8-15).

Also St. Therese of the Child Jesus, a Carmelite like those who will dwell in the monastery now erected at Aosta, asked herself about the value of the contemplative life. The Saint found the answer to her question in the Letter of St. Paul to the Christians of Corinth (Ch. 12 & 13), where the Apostle presents the Church as Christ's body, and states that in this body there are many parts, each with a specific task. In the Church it is not possible to be apostles, prophets or doctors at the same time, just as in the body the eye cannot at the same time be the hand or the foot or another part. The vocations are different and all are necessary.

However, in the same Letter he states that in the Church there is a "a still more excellent way;" it is the way of love (cf 1 Cor 12:31). Now the contemplative life is precisely this "still more excellent" way. Contemplation is not remaining idle; rather it is loving God and, in him, loving all humanity. Out of love for others contemplative souls take on in their life and prayer all the world's needs to present them to God, and all the world's evil to make atonement for it before God.

Contemplation, therefore, encourages and sustains every form of active life in the Church; it is its profound and truest soul. The presence of contemplatives in the midst of God's People fulfills the same function as the heart in the human body; as the heart, though hidden, is the source of all the body's activities, so contemplation,

though hidden, gives life and holiness to the Church.

When St. Therese discovered this truth, she joyfully exclaimed: "I understood that the Church has a heart, a heart burning with love. I understood that love alone impels the members of the Church to action, and that without this love the apostles would not have proclaimed the Gospel, the martyrs would no longer have shed their blood. I understood that love is all that includes all vocations"(Autobiography).

I am certain that the Carmel of Val d'Aosta will be a center of love for God and neighbor, if the religious who form its community love their consecration in full fidelity to the spirit of the Foundress, St Teresa of Avila. I hope that in a short time it will become the heart of this Christian community and encourage a healthy movement of faith in all the pilgrim People of God.

I hope that the currents of prayer ascending heavenward from here will give rise to priestly and religious vocations, active and contemplative; that from here will come holiness for families, and increase in wisdom and grace for the young generations, serenity for those who suffer illness of body and spirit, joyful patience for those who through their labor carry out the work of creation; I hope that from here will arise intentions of conversion on the part of those who are afar away from the ways of God.

Truly, every monastery is the beating heart of the community which has wished to have it in its territory. Brothers and sisters of Val d'Aosta, you have built your Carmel in the very center of the valley, to affirm, as it were, even visibly, that the Carmel is the center of the diocese.

For all this I congratulate you, and, as a sign of my satisfaction, I impart my Apostolic Blessing to the nuns who will arrive here soon, to those who planned the work, the benefactors, the building contractors, and all the Church in Val d'Aosta.

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