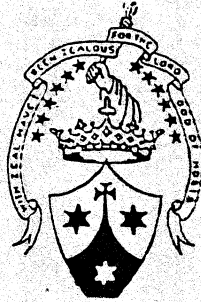


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LETTER FROM FR PATRICK FARRELL,
OCD:

Greetings to all, but especially to you who are part of my recently revised responsibility as Provincial Delegate for mostly the western section of our Washington DC province, Section One of the Eastern Region.

Fr. Ted Centala is now the Washington Provincial Delegate for Section Two, which covers from South Carolina north to Maine along the Atlantic.

A further explanation will come later in this Clarion. There will more than enough to keep both Fr. Ted and myself busy. The idea is that I can give more attention to the OCDS with only half the number of groups and isolates.

Speaking of looking at a smaller portion of the earth, I recently noticed some tiny wild flowers--the kind that caught the attention of St Therese of Lisieux.

No doubt about it, the little flowers are a far cry from the stately oaks and tall evergreens on our retreat house property. But, with the help of a magnifying glass, I discovered they have a special beauty and markings of their own.

Of course, I had to get down on my knees to discover this reality. It made me think how all of us have to get down on our knees in prayer and look through the magnifying glass of faith to see other little souls and ourselves as God sees us.

St Therese noticed the tiny little wild flower, while others were impressed with the splendid and stately oaks and tall evergreens. The little flowers gave their very own praise to God.



IN THE NEXT FIFTEEN MONTHS. . . many will be talking about St Therese because it is her centenary year. The greatest praise is to imitate her. Not all the speakers will be doing that. Why? It is hard to be humble, real.

St Therese lived with stress. When we face stress, we tend to blame others. Sometimes we are right. Sometimes we need to imitate her seeing everything as a possible sacrifice of praise and love. Everything? Isn't that a bit much? For her, no. For us. . . maybe for a while.

Did you know that St Therese was appointed to be Novice Mistress, then fired the next day, then re-appointed the following one? Again and again. Who of us is real enough to imitate her interior strength? Do you have her interior strength? Couldn't we say that she was "little" but not weak?
--Fr. Pat, OCD

THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTION PAGE OF THIS ISSUE OF THE CLARION IS page seven.

Peggy Wilkinson who has served these past three years as the Secular Rep of the Washington Province at the annual National Secretariat meetings had the honor of speaking at the TOC Congress held in the mid-west. She reports being welcomed with warmth.

There are some joint OCDS/TOC retreats I have heard about. And the new spirit of sharing between the O'Carm and the OCD may be reaching a new high as we realize we are all part of the Carmelite Family.

But it is our duty as OCD/OCDS to invite first OCDS members to attend our Eastern OCDS Regional Congress of June 97. Because St Therese of Lisieux is so popular, not only TOCs but also Franciscans, etc. are asking about signing up for it. First preference should and will go to OCDS Members. So, sign up sooner than later! I do not want to see OCDS members left out of our Congress because of pokiness! **READ PAGE SEVEN AND DECIDE!**

OUR EASTERN REGION now has a mid atlantic and a mid-western section.

My section is generally the midwestern. That means Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and western New York and western PA. Florida and the Virgin Islands will continue to be my concern. But Georgia is now re-assigned to the Province of Oklahoma.

Those in Georgia and others of the Oklahoma, California, and mid-atlantic Wash. Province can still subscribe to my CLARION. But they should be supportive of their own jurisdictions first. \$10 per annual subscription would enable me financially to oblige them. Canada costs more. Hence \$15 US.

Members (from the time of entering Formation or "receiving the OCDS Scapular" on) in the Midwestern and Florida sections are asked to give annually dues/Clarion of \$20. These should be sent to me at the new OCDS Prov. Office at Holy Hill: 1525 Carmel Rd, Hubertus, WI 53033-9770.

ARE YOU A WASTE?

Last year after giving a talk to an OCDS group, they had a social--you know, with coffee, cookies, and the like. I was asked what I do all the time. I replied that, besides visiting OCDS groups, I answered letters, wrote this *Clarion*, and prepared it for the PO. "What a waste!" I was told. "With your background of spirituality, you should be giving conferences constantly."

I thought about this on the drive back to Peterborough. Maybe I am doing everything badly, I thought. Maybe my life is a waste.

Then I asked myself what really matters. And I decided that Jesus was my yardstick. As I pondered His life, I realized it would also be classified as a "waste". Why didn't He start preaching 10 years sooner? The Incarnate Word was fooling around with cutting and hammering wood.

And, after His Resurrection. . . wouldn't He have knocked the socks off those Pharisees and Scribes, etc. (if they wore them!) by strutting around the streets of Jerusalem in His glorified condition?

Instead, he was a "waste"-- lowering Himself to grilling breakfast for a chosen few.

How many of us are "wasted"--as we imitate Him. So, holiness and greatness does not consist in celebrity status or the like success, but in imitating Jesus in our circumstances and sharing the divine evaluation of human life.

Remember what God did with the lowly girl in Nazareth. Don't let the Satans of this world put you down! As Teresa of Avila would say, "Look at Jesus". (Ignore those jerks!)

Many need to do that and are being led astray by centering no-where or somewhere else than the Humanity of Christ.

Equally bad, esteeming the false values of what society says makes a person great can put a burden on you that you do not need. (Are you really better, if when you die and are embalmed and buried, you left behind \$7 million you were "worth"?) If you want the bank to decide your "worth"....let them reward you. Their way. A longer obit?

DISCALCED

CARMELITE

August 1996

SECULAR

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Perseverance is required at first in making a habit of converse with God and of referring all we do to Him. But, after a little His love moves us to it without any difficulty.
 --Br. Lawrence of the Resurrection

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7 Albert of Trapani, priest

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9 Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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Expenses involved in the apostolic and charitable undertakings of the Community should be met by the contributions of the members according to their means.
 --Art 28 OCDS Rule

To be reborn in the Holy Spirit during this life is to become most like God in purity, without any mixture of imperfection --St John of the Cross A5:5

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While on this earth we must be attached to nothing, not even the most innocent things; for they will fail us when we least expect it.
 --St Therese of the Child Jesus

Great things come from little things and what is small in the beginning may be immense in the end. St. John + A3;20:1.

I offer myself as a victim to Your Merciful Love.
 --St Therese

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Let us begin to be devoted to Him in earnest. Let us cast everything besides out of our hearts. Beg this favor of Him. If we do what we can on our part, we shall soon see that change wrought in us which we aspire. --Bro Lawrence

In eternity only will the dawn of understanding break in its radiant brightness and we shall know why God willed it so. Mother Aloysius of the Concord Carmel.

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Mary of Jesus Crucified.

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Teresa of Jesus's Transverberation

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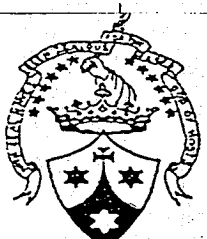
It is certain that the love of God does not consist in experiencing sweetness or tenderness of heart but in truly serving God in justice, strength, and humility.
 --St Teresa of Jesus

Blessed are they who, setting aside their own pleasure and inclination, consider things according to reason and justice before doing them. S. John of the Cross Sayings 45

DISCALCED CARMELITE

SEPTEMBER

SECULAR ORDER CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1 Teresa Margaret Redi</p> <p>What a wonderful thing it is that even when we are amusing ourselves and not thinking a bit of Him nor ourselves, our good Jesus continues to intercede with His eternal Father for us. Teresa Margaret Redi</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4 Anyone who does not love his neighbor abhors God. St. John of the Cross</p> | <p>5 I must always have some work.....so I do not waste time. St. Theresa of the Child</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7 O Consuming Fire Spirit of Love Come upon me. Elizabeth of the Trinity</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>In prayer I took refuge, but solitude is so hard to find. St. Raphael Kalinowski</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion". Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and the common good. Catechism of the Catholic Church 1807 p.44</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12 Bl. Mary of Jesus, Virgin</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>Prayer and the apostolate, when they are genuine, are inseparable, and each profits the other. The Secular Carmelites are therefore bound to the fervent practice of fraternal charity and must take their share of apostolic responsibility in the Church and in the world. Art. 8 Secular Order Carmelite Rule</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17 Albert of Jerusalem Law Giver of Carmel</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Must we not admit that often we let ourselves be occupied with the thoughts that concern our own interests rather than the great ones of our Lord? Mother Aloysius of Concord Carmel</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>Neither skill nor knowledge is required to go to God, but just a heart determined to turn to Him only, to beat for Him only, and to love Him only. Br. Lawrence of the Resurrection</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>It is always vain to be disturbed since being disturbed is never any help. St. John of the Cross</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> <p>I should like strong faith to break these bonds that hold me prisoner. Teresa Margaret Redi</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>Nothing renders community life more unhappy than unevenness of disposition. Therese of the Child of Jesus</p> | <p>30</p> | | | | |  |

DISCALCED CARMELITE

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| | | <p>1 Therese of the Child Jesus</p> <p>To be little is to recognize one's nothingness, to expect everything from God as a little child expects everything from its father. St. Therese of the Child Jesus</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> <p>As Carmelites it is not enough for us to do our work for God; it must always be done with Him too. Mother Aloysius of Concord</p> | <p>5</p> |
| <p>6</p> <p>If you wish to be a saint, it is not hard. Have one aim: to please Jesus and to unite yourself more intimately with Him. St. Therese of the Child Jesus</p> | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9 Those who are devoted to prayer should cherish devotion to St. Joseph Teresa of Jesus</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Along with giving a religious sense to the Secular custom of patronage and taking Mary as the "patroness" of her servants, Carmelites regard the Mother of Jesus as their spiritual mother and as the "sister" they imitated in their own lives of faith and prayer. Welcome to Carmel p. 120</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> |
| <p>13 ⁶⁷</p> <p>God would not have given me the desire of doing good on earth after my death, if He didn't will to realize it; He would have rather given me the desire to rest in Him. Therese</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Oh, my God, how much you suffer for one who grieves so little over Your pains! The time will come, Lord, when You will have to make known Your justice and whether it is the equal of Your mercy. Behold, Christians, let us consider it carefully and we shall never finish understanding the splendor of our Lord's mercies and what we owe Him. Teresa of Jesus Soliloquies</p> | <p>16 Teresa of Jesus</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>Oh! how I complain! However, I wouldn't want to suffer less. Therese of Lisieux</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Fix your eyes on the Crucified and everything will become small for you! Teresa of Jesus</p> | <p>22</p> <p>The soul that walks in love neither tires others nor grows tired. St John of the Cross</p> | <p>23</p> <p>We must adjust our trials to ourselves and not ourselves to our trials.</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Recollection is just looking at Jesus more and more. It is our sweet occupation throughout the day. It has its consummation at our hours of prayer. Mother Aloysius of Concord</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p>If souls are humble they will be moved to give thanks. If there is some lack in humility, they will feel an inner distaste for which they will find no reason. For perfection as well as its reward does not consist in spiritual delights, but in greater love and in deeds done with greater justice and truth. Teresa of Jesus Interior Castle III 2:10</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> | | |

DISCALCED CARMELITES

NOVEMBER

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| | |  | | | 1 God would not have given me the desire of doing good on earth after my death, if He didn't will to realize it; St. Therese (Little) | 2 |
| 3 Dear Celine, ...Ah! Let us pray for priests; each day shows us how few the friends of Jesus are...It seems to me this is what He must feel the most, ingratitude, especially when seeing souls who are consecrated to Him giving to others a heart that belongs to Him in so absolute a way... Letters of St. Therese of Lisieux Oct. 1890 | 4 | 5 | 6 Bl. Josepha Naval Girbes | 7 Bl. Francis Palua Y Quer | 8 Bl Elizabeth of the Trinity | 9 Ah How happy I would be if He wanted to remove the veil so my soul might fly to Him and contemplate His Beauty in an eternal face-to-face. While waiting, I live in the heaven of faith in the center of my soul...Elizabeth of the Trinity L274. |
| 10 All the most beautiful discourses of the greatest saints would be incapable of making one single act of love come from a heart that Jesus did not possess. He alone can use His lyre, no one else can make its harmonious notes sound. St. Therese | 11 | 12 | 13 I see in each newly-Baptized infant a creature justified and in the Church another child capable of giving honor to God. Bl. Nuno Carmelite Lay Brother | 14 All Carmelite Souls | 15 All Carmelite Souls | 16 The Cross is the heritage of Carmel Bl. Elizabeth of the Trinity |
| 17 He who walks in the love of God seeks neither his own gain nor his reward. St. John of the Cross SC 29:11 | 18 | 19 St. Raphael Kilinoski ...The Secular Carmelites will prefer before all else to remain in the presence of God, continually fulfilling His holy will. They will...make it their constant care to foster not only a spirit of prayer, but also the exercise of prayer... practice prayer itself for at least half an hour each day in an atmosphere of interior silence and solitude...The Rule of Life Article 4 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 O Lord, how different are your paths from our clumsy imaginings! And how from a soul that is already determined to love You and is abandoned into Your hands. You do not want anything but that it obey, that it inquire well into what is for Your greater service, and that it desire this. St. Theresa of Jesus Foundation 5:6 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Bl. Denis & Redemptus | 30 Keep your heart always lifted up and dwell peacefully in the Will of your Beloved, even His little wills of every moment, for nothing happens but by His permission and for our greater good. Mother Aloysius of Concord Carmel |



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open to all.

In the last Clarion I gave the olds address of a resource for Carmelite materials. This is the correct information:

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IS YOUR GOAL TO BECOME AN ISOLATED MEMBER?

Again and again I get requests from OCDS members who say, "I cannot any longer get to the Community meetings. Please grant me Isolated Status."

Answer: It is true that the Provincial Delegate in his area of jurisdiction can grant "isolated" status.

But it is also true that everybody in your community will one day have health or physical problems preventing them from getting to meetings. Is everyone's long term goal to become Isolated? 10,000 Isolated?

One stroke, one heart attack, one bad case of a whole stack of things, and the infirmity that comes with age. . . can make you unable to attend Community meetings.

If you have a big problem that is directly physical or another--like the neighborhood is unreasonably dangerous, please communicate with your local leadership. If "they" insist that you **MUST** get there, no matter what the risk, "they" need to become more understanding; you do not need to become an Isolated member, but an inactive one.

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PLEASE NOTICE THE UPCOMING CHANGE IN ADDRESS. I WILL BE RE-LOCATING TO 1525 CARMEL RD, HUBERTUS, WI, 53033 BY THE END OF OCTOBER.--Fr Patrick J Farrell, OCD.s

If you are in my section of the Eastern Region, I ask your support. If you are not, I still wish you well. In 1988-90 both Fr. Ted and myself were Provincial Delegates for about 45 to 50 OCDS groups. Now, he will have responsibility for that many by himself. And I the other half. Thank God he is willing to do the other half.

MORE QUESTIONS ON ST TERESA OF AVILA'S WAY OF PERFECTION. . .

In the next issue I will continue to share my questions. The enormous work of moving an office, etc. has put me behind in the whole situation. I am including November in the calendar section.

I will not complete my move to Wisconsin until late October--no time to prepare a Clarion ~~for~~ November. Thank you for your patience.

The next "midwestern" Clarion may have some changes. I hope you like them. Or, better, I hope they are helpful to you. But, I invite you to join with me in thanking Alma Lum, OCDS for her help. I will be looking around the midwest or Florida, my area of concern, for some noble soul who will pick out short Carmelite quotes of help to fellow OCDS members.

Who said:
HE IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM."

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