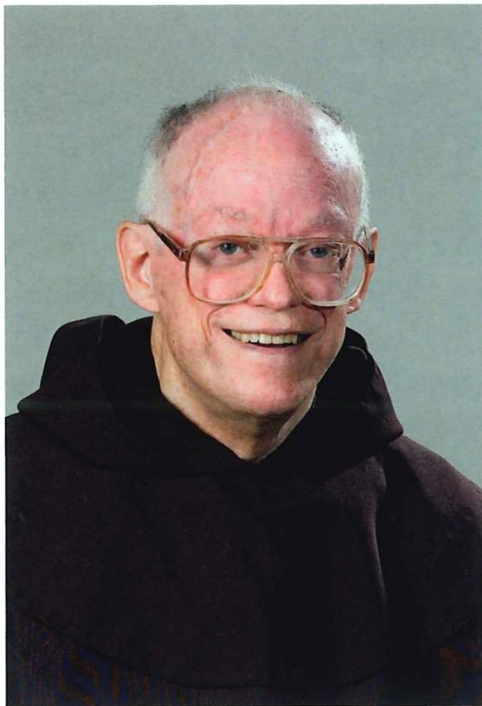


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Fr. Kieran Kavanaugh, O.C.D.
1928 – 2019

In Loving Memory of

Fr. Kieran Kavanaugh, O.C.D.

Born: February 19, 1928
Professed: August 27, 1947
Ordained: March 26, 1955
Died: February 2, 2019

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing;
God only is changeless.
Patience gains all things.
Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.
—St. Teresa's Bookmark

Francis J. Collins Funeral Home, Inc.
Silver Spring, Maryland
Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home
Hartford, Wisconsin

SO Glad You Asked....

OCDS Visitation Program

Dear Presidents,

It has been a goal of this triennium to have friars visit OCDS communities in the various regions. For a number of reasons, this practice had been neglected. I am happy to say that the Visitations have resumed and many are completed.

That having been said, we recognize that the number of communities is significant and our OCDS membership is growing. While the friars are beginning to receive vocations again, our number remains small. For this reason, the OCDS Provincial Council has decided to inaugurate a practice already in place in the other provinces of the US. In the next triennium we are moving toward having OCDS members visit OCDS communities in their area, but not their own community.

Visitations are not inspections. They are not fault finding missions. They are a way of encouraging you in your Carmelite vocation and seeing how things are going. If there are concerns, the visitor can address them and present them to the Regional Assistant. The visitor then would be a resource to your community and a liaison with the Regional Assistant.

Before this would take place, the community to be visited would be notified and prepared. Before any Visitor would be sent out, he or she would receive instruction. In order that friars do remain in contact with you, we suggest that they conduct Days of Recollection in the various districts or areas.

Finally, if there are members of your community who you think would be good "visitors," please let the Main Office know. We are looking for dedicated Seculars who are perceptive and are good listeners.

May God bless you for your goodness.

In Carmel,

Fr Salvatore Sciorba, OCD

Provincial Delegate

VISITATION PROGRAM

Summary from the Provincial Council

These visits are part of the formal *VISITATION PROGRAM*. We are visiting our *Carmelite family*. We travel with love, acceptance, kindness, and fraternal charity. The goal is to assist fellow Carmelite travelers on a journey to Carmel and enable everyone to be successful.

Similar to our individual families, each community may appear differently and behave differently. Some have smooth journeys while others have arrived over difficult terrain and are tired from their journey. Independent of how they have arrived to the point of a visit, acceptance and kindness is extended to all, unconditionally, with love. A Visitor is there to serve; they travel in servitude, as a Carmelite servant.

A Visitor will be assigned to communities in a District, visiting once in a three year period. There is a 3-year commitment and a Visitor may not visit his/her own community. Ideally visitors will go to communities in pairs.

Community News

OCDS Community
Saint Joseph the Protector
New Hartford, New York

Correction to the Spring 2018 Newsletter: Saint Joseph the Protector, New Hartford, New York, is a Recognized OCDS Community. It had been mistakenly identified as a 'group in discernment.'



OCDS Community, Saint Joseph the Protector, New Hartford, New York Continued

- Our Community celebrated Tami Doolittle making her Temporary Promise on November 10, 2018. Also, we welcomed a new Aspirant, Elaine Gruzca in June 2018.
- Joan Nolan was honored as “**Humanae Vitae Hero,**” at “**The 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae Conference,**” Ontario CA, July 27-28, 2018. As a Creighton Fertility Care Practitioner Joan works tirelessly to help Catholic families live the teachings of Humane Vitae. She is the co-founder and Executive Director of the John Paul II Center for Women and co-founder of the National Gianna Center for **Women’s** Health and Fertility.
- Lydia Sexton was honored with the “**Window of Hope Award,**” at the “**13th Annual Catholic Charities Window of Hope Award**” ceremony on September 20, 2018. The Window of Hope Award recognizes organizations or individuals who assist those in need, especially those who empower the poor and vulnerable in Herkimer County. Lydia is involved with the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program with HOPE Ministries at Catholic Charities, and serves as the prayer coordinator for Saint **Joseph’s** House of Prayer.



Community of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Detroit Michigan

Pictured, left to right, are:

Diane Korzeniewski, Formation Director

Erika Dzwonkowski (SCAP)

Christine Panyard (SCAP)

Helen Bixler (TP1)

Gail Monte (TP1)

Carmen Norkiewicz, President

Community of the Holy Spirit, Louisville KY



Theresa Smith made her temporary promises. To the right is Deacon David Smith.



Left to right: President Jim Garvey, Ish Hill, Patty Farrell received their scapular. To the right is Deacon David Smith.



Left to right: President Jim Garvey, Scott Hedges, Phil Fortwengler, Jean deGraffenreid, and Rachel Begley made definitive promises. To the right is Deacon David Smith.

Clothing Day
The Journey to Mt. Carmel*

Carmen Norkiewicz
June 2, 2007

Year of discernment in the valley of unknowing
 contemplating God in the shadows of the towering heights of Carmel.
Nourished daily with the fruits of Mt. Carmel's past:
 whispered encouragements from Elijah's pilgrim eremitic, prophetic heart;
Echoing God's voice down through the ages
 blossoming into the spirituality of St. Albert's Rules.
With waxing and waning moons, mendicant orders flourished,
 stretching outward beyond Mt. Carmel's lofty grandeur.
Reform, modifications, renewal—
 A returning home to the Primitive Rule
 via the road less traveled by Teresa of Avila.
Trials, opposition, danger and physical hardships,
 under the loving mantle of Our Blessed Lady
 and the quiet, paternal protection of dear St. Joseph,
 become as nothing in Teresa's journey to Carmel
Impelled by a desire born of the Holy Spirit
 Santa Teresa de Jesus humbly submits her ego to God's will,
 In sublime contemplation, silence, and apostolic works.

Clothing Day:

The journey to Mt. Carmel now begins for you in earnest.
 The valley of unknowing becoming a misty memory
 Time to don the armor of God
 and to wield the sword of faith and the shield of the Holy Spirit.
Clothed with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Discalced Secular Order
 Eyes shining, focused unwaveringly upon the glorious summit
 and the beautiful flower, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
May you be graced to witness to the world
 in the spirit of Our Lady, our dear Lord, gentle St. Joseph
 and all of our Carmelite saints

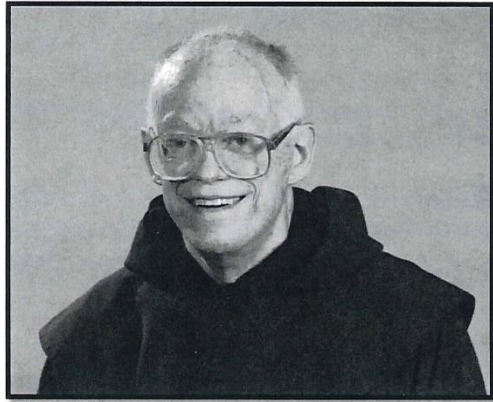
the vocation you were called to become.

*Additional poetry will be published in upcoming newsletters

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Fr. Kieran of the Cross, OCD
(Thomas Morgan Kavanaugh)

Born into Eternal Life

February 2, 2019

Profession of Vows

August 27, 1947

Ordained to the Priesthood

March 26, 1955