



OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL

Discalced Carmelite Friars



To. Members of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelite of the Washington Province

August 8, 2023,

Feast of St. Dominic

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm writing to inform you of the changes in Central Office of the Secular Carmelites of the Province of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Washington Province).

As of September 1, 2023, Br. John-Magdalene will replace Fr Leonard Copeland as the Provincial Delegate for the Secular Carmelites of our Province. Br. John-Magdalene has completed his theological studies at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. He has ministered to some of the Secular Carmelite communities in the Boston area and is eager serve the Secular Order.

We want to thank Fr. Leonard for his ministry to the Secular Carmelites over the past few years. We are grateful for his generosity and dedication over these years.

Lorretta Gallagher will continue as the secretary for the Central Office. We are also grateful for her love for the Secular Carmelite vocations and dedication to this important secretarial task.

The Regional Assistants and the regions to which they are assigned are the following:

Northeast Region: Fr. Donald Brick

Mid-Atlantic: Fr. George Mangiaracina

Midwest: Fr. Fred Alexander

Florida: Fr. Salvatore Scurba

As we begin this new triennium, let us ponder St Teresa's desire when she founded her first monastery of St. Joseph's in 1562: "All my longing was and still is that since He has so many enemies and so few friends that these few friends be good ones." Good friends of Jesus Christ, and good friends of one another dedicated to a life of prayer at the service the Church. This is our Carmelite vocation!

Fraternally in Carmel,

Fr Daniel Chowning, OCD

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