



Newsletter

Number 274, October 2021

Carmel OCDS Community Meeting Sunday 3 October 2021

12:00pm Formation Groups

12:45pm Community Meeting

Welcome & opening prayers

Roll call & apologies

Minutes of previous meeting

Treasurer's report, Correspondence

General business, General discussion

Closing prayers

1:45pm Community Formation

St Thérèse of Lisieux

"Story of a Soul: Study Edition"

(Community Study: Chapter 4, from p.120)

2:30pm Father's Teaching

Divine Office in Chapel

Leader: Lyn, Reader: Christine

Afternoon Tea

Prep. & Serving: Pat C. & Eddie

Dishes: Claire & Megan



For Goma and
Musoshi in DR Congo

Bethany Day

Tuesday 19 October 2021

(10:30am – 1:00pm)

10:30am Morning Tea

11:00am DVD

12:00pm Chapel – Quiet Prayer

12:30pm BYO Lunch and Study

Birthdays

Patricia Sutherland Wednesday 20 Oct

Stephanie Tabley Thursday 28 Oct



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October: Dedicated to the Holy Rosary

Dear brothers and sisters in Carmel,

Hope you are all safe and keeping good health. It was indeed disappointing not to be able to meet in September for both our Community meeting and Bethany Day. God willing all shall be well and back to normal before our next meeting in October.

October – dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It is also the special month where we celebrate the feasts of the two great Carmelite saints: St Thérèse of the Child Jesus on 1st October, and, that of our mother and foundress St Teresa of Jesus on 15th October. Eternal gratitude to God for His love in gifting these great Carmelite role models to us.

Due to the uncertainty of alert level changes, Odette has indicated that she shall not be making her First Promise at our October meeting. We shall advise any further decision as soon as it is available. Please continue to keep Odette in your prayers.

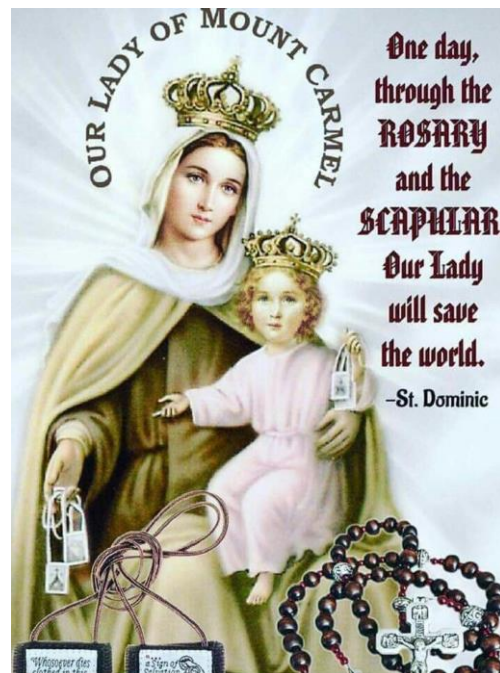
Prayers, please, that all goes well with our forthcoming annual retreat in November. Also please pray unceasingly for the many prayer requests asked of us.

May God bless you and your precious family always.

Blessings in Carmel,

Maureen William, OCDS

(President, Peace of Christ Community, Christchurch)



"By the Rosary you can obtain everything. According to a graceful comparison, the Rosary is a long chain that links Heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin. As long as people pray it, God cannot abandon the world, because this prayer moves His heart powerfully." (St Thérèse)

**ADDRESS OF OUR NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL, FR MIGUEL MÁRQUEZ CALLE, OCD,
TO THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS – ROME, 11 SEPTEMBER 2021
(Approximate translation using www.DeepL.com/Translator)**

Dear Holy Father Francis,

It is a great joy for us to be able to greet you on this Saturday morning.

Here we are, the entire General Chapter of the Discalced Carmelites, children of St Teresa of Jesus, of St John of the Cross, and of so many Carmelite saints, faithful sons of the Church, as we also want to be so resolutely.

We represent about 4,000 of our brothers from all over the world, and we also bring here our Discalced Carmelites Sisters, the Secular Carmelites, the whole great family of the Teresian Carmel. We come to ask for a blessing and a confirmation of our journey, to enliven our dedication and to be Carmelite on departure. We would like to be the Carmelites that the Church and the world are asking of us.

The Carmelite Saints knew how to live intensely the present moment. They fell in love with God and let him be the protagonist of their lives: with fearless faith, courageous humility, fraternal joy, bold trust. Teresa said: *"the world is on fire"* (C 1, 5), and she wanted to put into play the little that she could: *"the little that was in me"* (ibid.).

The essence of Carmel is *"quiet love"* (John of the Cross, "Sayings of Light and Love" 131), selfless dedication and creative trust. You said it yourself, Holy Father, quoting Edith Stein: *"In the darkest night the greatest prophets and saints emerge..."* ("Gaudete et Exsultate" 8). The decisive people in history do not appear in history books, or in newspapers. For we want to cultivate a contemplation that does not take us away from real life, but immerses us more in it and brings us closer to the wounds of today's people, so that we can heal them with the tenderness we have learned in friendship with Jesus, which is prayer.

The best pages of Carmel have been written in the most difficult moments: "The Mansions" of St Teresa; the "Spiritual Canticle" of St John of the Cross in the prison of Toledo, the "Offering to Merciful Love" of St Thérèse (to whom we know he is so devoted), the dedication of Edith Stein in the concentration camp, the passionate love of Teresa of the Andes and Mary Felicia of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, *Chiquitunga...*

Holy Father, I want with my brothers and sisters to risk our lives, not waiting for tomorrow, without fear of being wounded, like knights without wages, as Teresa said, ("Life" 15, 11), helping Jesus to carry the cross, helping the Pope to carry the cross, from our obedience and service, without backing down, desiring to know and love Jesus more and more, to make him known and loved, in the words of Thérèse of Lisieux.

Mary is at the heart of a Carmelite's life. The scapular is Mary's presence. We want to live disarmed of ourselves and clothed in Mary. Under her white cloak we put the life of the Pope, dear Holy Father. Next to her, Joseph, so dear also to us Carmelites. I take this opportunity to thank you warmly, in the name of my sisters and brothers, for the letter you wrote on St Joseph, 'Patron Saint of the Church'. In the school of Teresa, we ask him to teach us to be fathers, to know how to be sons and brothers. We feel protected by Mary and Joseph, and that is our trust.

And now, Holy Father, I allow myself, with Teresian audacity, to ask you an important question: What do you expect from us? What does our dear Pope Francis want from the Discalced Carmelites today?

On behalf of all my brothers, thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. Holy Father, you will not be lacking in our prayers and affection. Thank you for receiving us.

Miguel Márquez de María



Poem given to us by Eddie

***I needed the quiet so He drew me aside
into the shadows where we could confide.
Away from the hustle where all the day long
I hurried and worried when active and strong.***

***I needed the quiet, though at first, I rebelled
but gently, so gently, my cross He upheld
and whispered so sweetly of spiritual things.
Though weakened in body, my spirit took wings
to heights never dreamed of when active and strong,
He loved me so gently, He drew me along.***

***I needed the quiet, no prison my bed,
but a beautiful valley of blessings instead.
A place to grow richer, in Jesus to hide,
I needed the quiet so He drew me aside.***

Prayers for October

Thank-you, Lord, for all the blessings you give us each day.

We pray for:

- Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Paul, SM, the appointment of a new bishop for our diocese and all our priests, religious and seminarians
- Our Provincial, Fr John Grennan, OCD, our new General, Fr Miguel Márquez Calle, OCD and all our Carmel family, especially our Carmelite Sisters. Also, vocations to Carmel and to our own Peace of Christ Community (**Please offer a decade of the rosary daily for this, as requested by Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD.**)

Special Intentions:

- Fr Jérôme, OCD and our Goma school mission
- Fr Arsène, MAFR and his Musoshi project (DR Congo)
- Fr Michael-Thérèse, Fr Antoine and CSJ
- Fr Philip, CSJ and the University Chaplaincy Team
- Sr Mary Teresa and our Carmelite Sisters
- Our upcoming retreat and director, Fr Sean-Mary, CSJ
- Our Special Members, especially Dorothea, Stephanie, Rosaline, Margaret and Peb
- John Paul II Centre for Life and prayers for life
- Those who have died recently, especially Fr Eugene McCaffrey, OCD, Kathleen Kilkelly, and the consolation of their families
- Those who have asked for, or need our prayers, especially all those affected by the coronavirus. Also, prayers for Fr Benito (cancer), Annette and her daughter, Stephanie, Marian's son, Stephen, Noeline and Hec, Gary Miers (cancer) and his wife, Carol, baby Carter, Gay (broken wrist), Shaun Hickland (NET Ministries), Wendy Harte (knee replacement), Lauren Butler (joining the Carmelite Sisters), Megan's sister, Debbie (cancer), Lilan (fractured skull), Heather O'Neill's grandson, Jake (court trial), and Megan as Burwood Chaplain

Our Holy Father's Intentions for October:

- We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in **evangelization**, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

CARMEL RETREAT

"A Retreat with Jesus, Mary and Joseph"

Retreat Director: Fr Sean-Mary Britto, CSJ

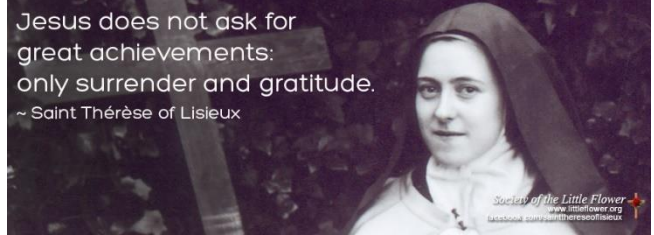
November 26th – 28th 2021

Rochester Hall, Canterbury University, Ilam

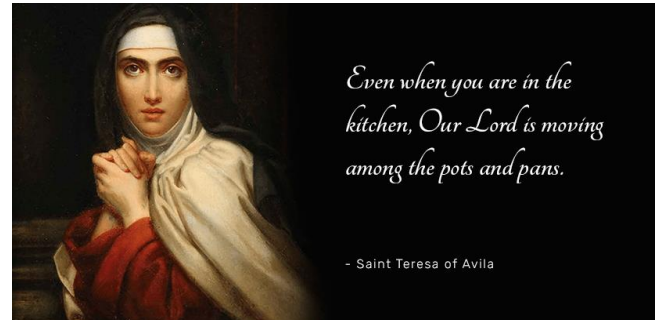
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Our October Carmelite Saints

1 Fri. St Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face (virgin, doctor)



15 Fri. ST TERESA OF JESUS (virgin, doctor, our Mother)



30 Sat. Bl. Maria Teresa of St Joseph (virgin)

NATIONAL STATUTES PART VI – FORMATION IN THE SCHOOL OF CARMEL

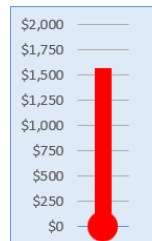
Section Eleven – Ceremonies & Symbols of Carmel

"I confidently entrust this, my Promise, to the Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel."

24. The ceremonies of Reception and more especially those of the Promises are very joyful and prayerful occasions for the whole Community. They are liturgically celebrated according to the norms laid down in the Ritual with as many of the Community as possible present to support their new sister or brother and to welcome them into the family of Carmel.

OUR MISSIONS PROJECT

To help Fr Jérôme, OCD in providing education for the children in Goma



New Total



Way of Perfection School

The Seal of Carmel: "Zelo zelatus sum pro Domino Deo exercituum"

"With zeal have I been zealous for the Lord God of hosts"