

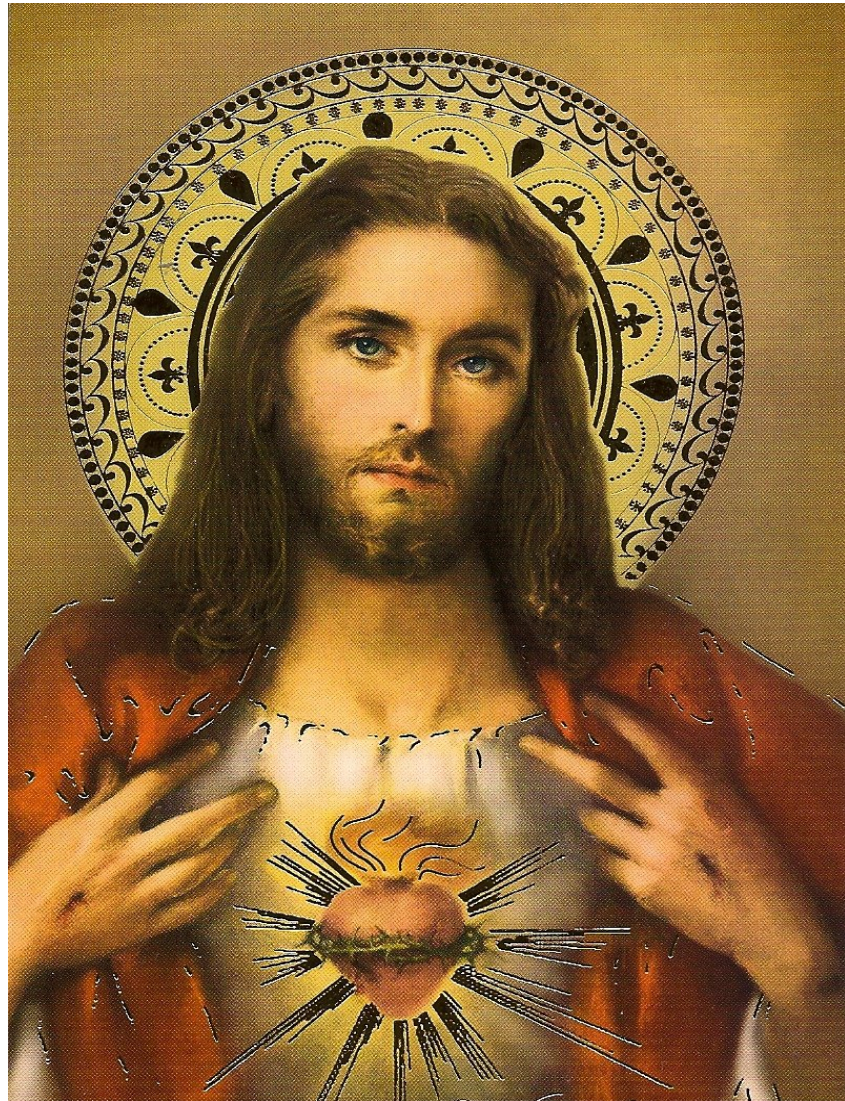
Our Mother of Good Counsel Community
Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites
St. Peter's Catholic Church,
Huber Heights, OH 45424



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Newsletter
June 2009

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Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like your own!
May Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, enkindle in us that fire which our Lord Jesus Christ sent upon the earth from the innermost recesses of His Sacred heart, and which He willed should burn with exceeding warmth: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Greetings and God's blessings upon you! May this find you overflowing with love of the Mary beseeching the Holy Spirit to take over our hearts. Our next meeting is on the **3rd Sunday, Jun 14th from 1-4:30 pm** in the **Family Life Center** at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Huber Heights, OH

Schedule for the day:

- 12:30 – Set up/Social time if you want to come early
- 1:00–1:55 -- Formation Classes (Visitors should go with Catherine Murphy)
- 1:55-2:15 -- Social Break
- 2:15-3:25 – Community meeting/presentation “Humility & our Carmelite Saints”
- 3:30-4:30 – Exposition/Adoration/Evening Prayer/ Benediction in the Church
- 4:30-5:00 – Clean up/Adjournment

On St. Teresa Margaret Redi of the Sacred Heart, Discalced Carmelite Nun

Quote from St. Teresa Margaret:

From her Act of Oblation: "Yes, my God, I do not want anything else other than to become a perfect image of You and, because Your life was a hidden life of humiliation, love, and sacrifice, I desire the same for myself. I wish, therefore, to enclose myself in Your loving Heart as in a desert in order to live in You, with You, and for You this hidden life of love and sacrifice."

About St. Teresa Margaret:

She lived in the 18th century, 126 years before St. Therese of Lisieux was born. But like St. Therese, she died at a very young age of twenty three. As we go through the Novena, I will also highlight other similarities between the two saints.

She died in 1770, but was not canonized until 1934, nine years after St. Therese was canonized. So even after her death she has remained hidden that she can almost be called the "Saint of hidden life".

This fact that she was not canonized earlier is also noteworthy because St. Teresa Margaret was not destined for the people of her own century. G.K Chesterton once said: "each generation seeks its saints by an instinct and they are not so much what the people want, as what they need." Pope Pius XI said in her Beatification in 1929: "... modern society, obsessed and distracted by material things, should look to the young and humble Carmelite's example to find remedy for those ills that afflict souls when they lose the sense of supernatural in their absorbed and distracted pursuit of riches, pleasures, and comfort." In the twenty-first century, we are even more distracted than ever and so we do need the example of St. Teresa Margaret.

Meditation:

To be a contemplative is to see as God sees. We have to learn how to see through God's eyes. Oftentimes, things happen in our lives that make us suffer. But if we are able to see our suffering through God's eyes, we realize that He allows things (even suffering) to happen for the good of our soul. To be a contemplative means we have to be silent, to be able to hear God's voice in our hearts. The world has become so noisy and it is now more challenging for us to be silent. But if we desire to be in the presence of God, we need that silence. So during these nine days, let us try to find some time to be quiet in the presence of our God.

Even before St. Teresa Margaret became a nun, she had a little altar in her room and she made it a point to have a quiet time. Because she came from a large family she would bribe her younger brothers and sisters so they would leave her alone and she can pray.

Let us pray:

Lord, in the silence of our hearts teach us to see things, events, and people as You see them. Like St. Teresa Margaret may we experience your presence in our daily activities. And when suffering comes our way, may we endure it knowing that whatever you allow in our lives, in the end it is for the best of our soul even though we may not see it at the moment.

We pray for all who are going through difficult times in their lives, for victims of natural disasters and for the ravages of war. May they receive love and support from others, may they have peace in their hearts by uniting their sufferings with your suffering.

True Peace as our present Pope said recently, "is not the absence of conflict but fruit of the constant struggle against evil." So we pray also for those tepid souls who do not even realize that God is slowly being removed from the public arena. In flame their hearts with your consuming fire that they just don't remain by the wayside with all the distractions of the world, the flesh, and the devil

St. Teresa Margaret, intercede for us

St. Bartholomew, pray for us

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, make our hearts like yours.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Charism of the Teresian Carmel By Fr. Luis Arostegui Gamboa, OCD

In the history of what is called Carmel (taken from the mount of this name in former Palestine) there has flowed over the years personalities whom, we can say, had an influence beyond Carmel. There is in Carmel a theological and biblical path to the depths of theology, represented by St. Teresa of Jesus and St. John of the Cross, and other Carmelite figures, such as Therese of Lisieux or Edith Stein (and, of course, Jerome Gracian, and others, including those who have not been canonized). Their authentic spirituality in and for the Church shows us that our charism has not been fixed for ever, set in concrete, so to speak, for all time, only to be reproduced in the same way. But these Carmelite men and women have forged a path to the centre and origin of Christianity, "to the deepest centre", "we enter more into the inner depths". Without ever intending to be, they became the criteria of a charism and a source of inspiration.

This Carmel always keeps safe in its heart the jewel of solitude and silence, but above all contemplation, that loving gaze into the depths of the human condition, into the light of God (in which consists the depths). But this Carmel is also itinerant, it lives in the midst of people, in towns and cities. It is in sharing the knowledge of the theological desert that is the world, that the desert has become, above all, something spiritual, and the pain of this knowledge is converted into prayer. This spiritual desert is also called "night" in the experience of Carmel which has gone to the centre of this night, which was what it wanted and for which it searched. Our Holy Parents discovered, in this solitude with nature, the transparency of the divine beauty, footprints and reminders of He who, "pouring out a thousand graces, he passed these groves in haste". Teresa of Jesus underlined how we are descended "from these our holy Fathers, who in the profoundest solitude searched for "this treasure, this pearl beyond price". Having praised these men she, in fact, founded her Carmels in such a way that there was great togetherness and recreation, in simplicity, with common sense, joy and naturalness. She asked the Friars to be well educated and work fervently in serving the Church, according to its needs. But in their togetherness and community life and joy etc., they were to transport in their hearts the desert or the "night", "longed for more than the dawn", searching for the "pearl beyond price" of contemplation (that finally, for Teresa of Jesus, found its truth in the love of God and ones' neighbor; a love manifested by deeds).

The Carmel of Teresa of Jesus was the basis of her spirituality, (as it was for other true witnesses who followed her), in other words, it was a living intimate friendship, trusting in Jesus. Her Carmel existed only for the Church and for humanity. All the striving, hopes and sufferings of this humanity were embraced (contemplation) as hers, in an active and committed way, without limitations.

It is true to say that this Carmel can be reborn again today, because it does not depend so much on its past as on its "deepest centre" of what is human and evangelical.

FAQs @ Carmelites

What does "discalced" mean in referring to Discalced Carmelites?

You will often see the designation, OCD after a friar's name. It stands for the Latin designation Ordinis Carmelitarum Discalceatorum, which literally translated means 'Order of Carmel Discalced', the understanding being 'the Discalced Order of Carmel'. 'Discalced' comes from the word for 'shoeless' and was used as a designation for the reformed branches of religious Orders.

The Carmelite Order was founded on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land (Israel) in the year 1209 AD. The members of the Order migrated to Europe in the middle 13th century, living in monasteries rather than as hermits as on Mt. Carmel.

During the latter part of the 16th century, St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross engaged in a reform of the Carmelite Order in Spain and brought about the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites as a separate branch of the Carmelite Order. Discalced, meaning barefoot, was a sign of reform. The ministry of the Discalced Carmelites flows from their life of prayer and is oriented toward leading others to intimacy with God.

The older branch of Carmel exists and is referred to as the 'Calced' or 'of the Ancient Observance'. The abbreviation is O. Carm.

What is a friar?

From its Latin origin 'frater', the term literally means 'brother', as in fraternity. In the early Church, it was a general term used among the Christian faithful, as in the frequent use of the words "brother" and "brethren" in the New Testament writings. Later the term was used more exclusively by members of religious orders. Since the thirteenth century, it referred to those who belonged to one of the mendicant orders, such as the Franciscans, Dominicans, and Carmelites and others in the monastic tradition. Strictly speaking, however, a friar differs from a monk in that his ministry engages him in work outside the monastery, whereas traditionally the prayer and labors of a monk are within the monastery to which he belongs. Also, a friar is not bound to any locality or house, as a monk is. A friar is bound to a province, which usually consisted of the entire number of houses in a country or, as in America, a region.

<http://www.mountcarmelcenter.org/answers.php#contemplativeprayer>

Evening Prayer for June 14th:

Body & Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi Sunday

Hymn: "I Am the Bread of Life"
#114 in the one volume of Christian Prayer
p. 617 in 4 volume set, Vol. III

One Volume (Christian Prayer):
Evening Prayer II, p. 658, p. 545

4 Volume Set (Liturgy of the Hours):
Vol. II, Evening Prayer II, p. 617



No Council Meeting Held in May--Our next meeting is scheduled for Jun14th@ noon

Plenary Indulgence in Year of the Priest Vatican City, May 12, 2009 / 01:47 pm (CNA).-

The Vatican has announced that during the Year for Priests, which will run June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010, the Pope Benedict will grant plenary indulgences to priests and the faithful.

The year will begin with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, "a day of priestly sanctification," according to a press release from the Vatican. On that day, the Holy Father "will celebrate Vespers before relics" of St. Jean Marie Vianney, patron saint of priests.

The Year will end in St. Peter's Square, in the presence of priests from all over the world "who will renew their faithfulness to Christ and their bonds of fraternity."

See the following website for information on gaining plenary/partial indulgences:

<http://www.zenit.org/article-25885?l=english>

Carmelite Book Recommendation:

"I Want to See God" & "I Am a Daughter of the Church" – A Practical Syntheses of Carmelite Spirituality by P. Marie Eugene, OCD; Christian Classics, 1989.

This is a thorough and detailed synthesis of Teresian spirituality. It is full of the testimony and teachings of our Carmelite Saints on the interior life for the sake of leading souls up the Mount of Perfection. Anyone thirsting for God will find this set of books (Vol. I, II) invaluable as a resource to consult over and over. Father Marie-Eugene opens up the paths of contemplation and holiness to all, in the midst of ordinary life. This book is highly recommended for all those who have a love for the Carmelite Saints and want to grow in their knowledge of prayer and the mystical life.

Our Mother of Good Counsel OCDS Dayton Community Attendance Policy

Everyone is expected to attend all meetings, retreats and days of recollection.

Aspirants and members are responsible for contacting the President or their Formation Facilitator, as soon as possible, when s/he is unable to attend a monthly meeting, retreat or day of recollection.

Excused absences for individual meetings, retreats and days of recollection will be granted for illness, transportation, unavoidable family obligations, or an extraordinary circumstance.

If there are more than three absences in a calendar year, the Council will review the situation on a case-by-case basis.

New General Superior of the Discalced Carmelite Order



Fátima (2009-04-20).- Father Saverio Cannistrà of the Sacred Heart, until now Provincial Superior of the Italian Province of Tuscany, has been chosen this morning, 20 of April, the new General Superior of the Discalced Carmelite Order.

After the election and the acceptance of the position, the new Superior General made the profession of faith. Later, the Chapter participants transferred to the chapel of the “Domus Carmeli” in procession singing the Te Deum. Once in the chapel, each one of those present expressed their acceptance of the new General by means of a fraternal embrace while singing “Ecce quam bonum” and “Nada te Turbe” of Santa Teresa of Jesus.

In his first words to the Chapter Father Cannistrà affirmed that before the difficulty involved in this new position that the Order entrusts to him, “I felt that God pushed to me and that, embracing each of you, I am able to attach myself to God”.

The new Superior Carmelite General of the Order is 50 years of age and from Calabria, the city of Catanzaro. He studied philology in the Escuela Superior Normale of Pisa and has a Doctorate in Dogmatic Theology from the Gregorian University of Rome. He has given classes in the Faculty of Theology of the Teresianum of Rome and at most recently he was professor of Christology and theological anthropology in the Faculty of Theology of Central Italy near Florence.

He entered in the novitiate in 1985 and the following year made his first profession. In 1990 he made his solemn profession and it was ordained a priest in October of 1992.

Video “Address to the Order” at:

<http://fatheradam.blogspot.com/2009/05/address-to-order.html>

Some Outstanding Discalced Carmelite Friars

<http://www.ocdfriarsvocation.com/>

* **St. John of the Cross** (1542-1591) Collaborated with St. Teresa in establishing the Discalced Reform. A great lyric poet, he wrote spiritual treatises which earned him the title of Doctor of the Church. Feast: December 14

* **St. Rafael Kalinowski** (1835-1907) A hero of the Polish resistance to Russia, he was sent to Siberia, but after his release entered Carmel and was a leader in its restoration in Poland. His tomb in the monastery in Wadowice, the home of Pope John Paul II who often prayed there as a young man. Feast: November 19

* **Blessed Denis Berthelot** (1600-1638) and Blessed Redemptus Rodriguez (1598-1638) Fr. Denis and Br. Redemptus were the first Discalced to shed their blood for the faith, dying on a mission to Sumatra. Feast: November 29

* **Blessed John Baptist Duverneuil** (1737-1794), Blessed James Gagnot (1753-1794) and Blessed Michael Louis Brulard (1758-1794) were all priests imprisoned after the French Revolution in a slave ship off the coast of France where they died from malnutrition and pestilence. Feast: August 18

* **Blessed Francisco Palau y Quer** (1811-1872) Driven from his monastery by the persecution of the Church in Spain, Blessed Francisco dedicated himself to catechesis and founded communities of Carmelite missionaries. His spirituality is based on his profound mystical experiences of the Church. Feast: November 7

* **Blessed Alphonsus Maria Mazurek** (1891-1944) Noted for his great love for the Rule of Carmel, Blessed Alphonsus was one of the many Polish victims tortured and slain by the Nazis during World War II. Feast: June 12

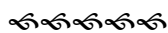
Causes for beatification have been introduced for:

- Francis of Jesus (1529-1601)
- Francis of the Child Jesus (1544-1604)
- Dominic of Jesus and Mary (1559-1630)
- John of Jesus and Mary (1564-1615)
- Thomas Aquinas of St. Teresa (1612-1642) Martyr
- Angel of St. Joseph (1622-1643) Martyr
- Peter of the Mother of God (+1643) Martyr
- John Anthony Cardinal Gaetano (1674-1759)
- Isidore of the Nativity (1696-1769)
- Jose Maria of Mount Carmel (1763-1837)
- Anthony Intreccialagli (1852-1924)
- John Vincent Zengotitabengoa (1862-1943)
- Luke of St. Joseph (and companions) (1872-1936) Martyrs
- Rafael Carlos Cardinal Rossi (1876-1948)
- Gerard Stantic (1876-1956)
- Zechariah Salterain (1887-1957)
- Aurelian Landeta (1887-1963)
- Marcelo Marton (1887-1966)
- Eusebio Fernandez (& companions) (1888-1936) Martyrs
- Eufrazio Barredo (1897-1934)
- Jacques de Jesus (Bunel) (1900-1945)
- John Vilaregut (and companions) (1907-1936) Martyrs
- Benigno Calvi (1909-1937)

Poem

*Jesus carried in His breast
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Carried on His way to death
 Love the uttermost,
 Love that sought a sacrifice
 Infinitely wide.
 Jesus could not stop and rest
 With that Flame Inside
 Now He dwells with Him Who was
 His Indweller here,
 And He casts that Fire on earth
 Wonderfully near.
 Now like Him the just go forth
 With a Flame inside,
 Love that pleads and presses them
 To be crucified.
 Since they bear the Holy Ghost
 For Whom Christ was spent,
 Where else can they go on earth
 Save where Jesus went?*

~ by Jessica Powers (Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit - she entered a Carmelite monastery in Milwaukee, WI - she took her final vows in 1943.)



Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection on "Practicing the Presence of God" (Letter 9, Page 69)

"God does not ask a great deal of us: a brief remembrance from time to time, a brief act of adoration, occasionally to ask him for his grace or offer him your sufferings, at other times to thank him for the graces he has given you and is giving you. In the midst of your work find consolation in him as often as possible. During your meals and conversations, occasionally lift up your heart to him; the least little remembrance of him will always be most agreeable. You need not shout out: he is closer to us than we may think."



June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:
 Allen Berg—Jun 6
 Mark Olson—Jun 7
 Janay Mourer—Jun 11
 Deacon Baldwin—Jun 13
 Lynn Bete—Jun 20

Washington Province 2009 OCDS Congress

Date: July 16 - 19, 2009
Place: Westin/Sheraton Complex - Baltimore (near BWI)
Theme: Embracing All Challenges with Zeal, Prayer and Action
 Additional information posted on <http://www.ocds2009congress.org/>



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*Our web site created by Lynn Bete: www.daytoncarmelites.org

Important! Save the Dates!

Jul. 16, 6 pm-8:30 pm, Evening Prayer & Mass at Ascension in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel sponsored by our community

Day of Recollection/Clothing and Promises to be Made

Date: Sun. - Nov. 15th -