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From Our Provincial Delegate

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Carmel,

Praised be Jesus Christ!



Fr. Donald Kinney

As the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel approaches, it's good to be in touch for our first *OCDS Provincial Newsletter* of this new 2014-2017 triennium. This is a time of grace and renewal: Those of you in canonically established communities have completed your elections, and your new officers have been installed. We rejoice that Fr. Stephen Watson is our new Provincial, and I am delighted to be continuing as your Provincial Delegate. I am also happy to be moving to our community in Redlands, California, at the end of August.



Cindy

Our OCDS Provincial Council met June 26-29, in San Jose. It was a poignant meeting: the last for Cindy Sliger, president; and Rebecca Lambert, secretary. We are deeply grateful for their dedication to the Secular Order these past few years, and we'll keep them in our prayers. At that same meeting, following Sec. XXVII, (3) of our *Provincial Statutes*, we reviewed the nominations received from around the Province. After considering names from all communities and groups in the Province, we chose two new councilors: Lee Ann Trunk, from the Portland, Oregon Community and Amy Holmes from the Alhambra, California Community. Many of you know LeeAnn, who was co-chairperson of the 2013 Portland OCDS Western Regional Congress. She



Rebecca



LeeAnn



Amy

served two terms as president of her community and is now on the council. Amy Holmes has also served two terms with her community and is now on the council. Both of these women are fine Carmelites. Each will be a great asset to our Province in the years ahead.

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We will give you the contact information for Lee Ann Trunk and Amy Holmes after our first meeting. I am also a member of the OCDS Provincial Council. As mentioned above, I will be moving to Redlands on August 28. After that date, please send personal mail, dues, and anything needing my signature, such as Delegation of Faculties forms for signature, to me as follows:

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The former OCDS telephone line (408) 259-7786, has been discontinued. To call me, please use **(408) 772-2936**.

The OCDS Central Office, where our records are kept, will remain in San Jose. Please continue to send all roster updates and other paperwork to:

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This “Newsletter” summarizes the important information of the CA-AZ Province, which we are excited to share with you. Our first meeting for this triennium is October 31-November 2 in San Jose. If you have an item for our agenda, let us know. Please feel free to contact any of us for help. We are here for you! Please keep us in your prayers! We assure you that we are praying for you!

As always we ask Presidents and Group Leaders to please make a copy of this “Newsletter” for each of your members—and for your extended members as well.

A blessed Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel!

Fr. Donald Kinney, OCD

Two of Our July Commemorations

Bl. Louis and Zélie Martin, Parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Saturday, July 12, is the Optional Memorial of Bl. Louis and Zélie Martin, parents of St. Thérèse. As we pray for family life in our world today, we want to call attention to this feast in a special way. There are 217 letters from Bl. Zélie that have come down to us, but only thirteen from Bl. Louis. For your inspiration, we’ve included one of his letters written to his daughters while he was on pilgrimage to Paris, Munich, Budapest, Constantinople, Athens, Naples, Rome, and Milan.

Milan, October 6, 1885

My dear big girl and my first,¹

I’m writing to you in haste because we’re about to leave, and Father Marie² is hurrying me.

I received your lovely letter, as well as my Pearl’s³, and they made me very happy. I needed them because while leaving Rome I was *like a black one-eyed cat, purring at the corner of a post on a rainy day*.

You ask when I’ll arrive. I hope it will be Saturday night at nine-thirty. But plan on my returning from Alençon⁴ because I have to go there next Tuesday.

I thought of you in all the sanctuaries that we visited, but there was no way of seeing the Holy Father. I’ll tell you about that.

Everything I see is splendid; but it’s always an earthly beauty, and our heart is satisfied with nothing as long as we’re not seeing the infinite beauty of God.

Soon we’ll have the intimate happiness of the family, and it’s this beauty that brings us closer to Him.

I kiss all five of you with all my heart.⁵

Your father who loves you.

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Footnotes:

¹ Marie was Louis' oldest daughter.

² Fr. Louis Marie, a priest from St. Jacques Parish in Lisieux, was Louis' traveling companion.

³ Louis' nickname for Pauline, his second daughter, who entered Carmel 10/1/1882 and was given the name Sr. Agnes of Jesus.

⁴ The Martins moved to Lisieux from Alençon in 1877 after the death of Zélie.

⁵ Marie, Pauline, Léonie, Céline, and Thérèse.

Excerpt from *A Call to a Deeper Love: The Family Correspondence of the Parents of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Blessed Zélie and Louis Martin (1863-85)*, Society of St. Paul / Alba House, translated by Ann Hess, 2011.

We also thought you would like to have a copy of the Collect of the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours for their feast.

O God, who gave to Blessed Louis and Marie Zélie
the grace to lead a life of holiness
as Christian spouses and parents,
grant that, through their intercession and example
we may be able to love and serve you faithfully
living worthily our own vocation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

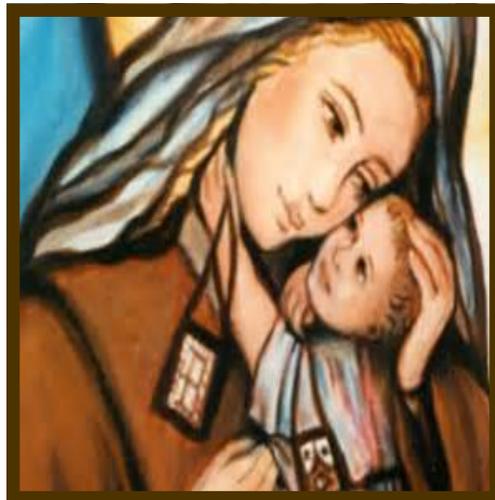
Solemn Commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel

Wednesday, July 16, is the solemn commemoration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Her novena begins on Monday July 7. The traditional Novena Prayer, "Flos Carmeli," attributed to St. Simon Stock, is a fine way to honor her:

"Flos Carmeli"

O Mary, beautiful flower of Mount Carmel,
fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven,
Virgin Mother of the Son of God,
assist us in our present necessities.
O Star of the Sea, come to our aid
and show yourself a Mother to us.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Queen of Heaven and earth,
we humbly ask you to help us,
for nothing can withstand
your powerful protection.
O show us that you are our Mother.



Celebrating the 2015 Centenary of the Birth of St. Teresa

As you know, our Province's friars, nuns, and seculars have been preparing to celebrate Our Holy Mother St. Teresa of Jesus' 500th birthday. This big event will take place on August 21-23, 2014 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose. It is described as a celebration of "The Creative Spiritual Genius of St. Teresa of Avila Today." Please make every effort to attend and to encourage others. For more information and registration, contact the website for this event (www.stj500westernus.com).

Besides this main event of our province, we encourage you to organize your own public event to celebrate Our Holy Mother Saint Teresa of Jesus' centenary. One example of what your community can do is the public event planned by the Shoreline (Seattle) OCDS Community. It begins with Mass with the Archbishop, then a talk on Holy Mother, and concludes with sharing over coffee. A brochure table will be set up to assist with OCDS vocations.

For more ideas, please visit the St. Teresa Fifth Centenary website (<http://www.teresa-5th-centenary.org/index.html>), which is a collaboration of the Discalced Carmelites in the U.S. The calendar lists the events that many of our communities and groups have scheduled.

To assist in the organization of such an event, we would like to remind you that the OCDS website (www.ocds.info) has the OCDS Brochure under the "Miscellaneous" heading. Now it is available in a color version as well.

We have also prepared a general sample parish bulletin announcement that could be used and modified for your purposes. In this announcement, we do not list the time of your meeting, since first-time "visitors should preferably have a conversation with President or Director of Formation before attending their first meeting" (*Provincial Statutes*, Sec. IX, #5).

Are you called? Do you desire to learn and experience a deeper spirituality? The mystical tradition in the Catholic Church, inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, explains how to live in a closer relationship with the living Christ and the practical caring for others that flows from this relationship. We are Secular Order Discalced Carmelites (OCDS), men and women committed to living the fullness of God's love through prayer and scripture, with the aid and guidance of Our Lady. For more information, please call [your name] at [(your) number] or [alt name] at [(alt) number]. In [your city], we meet once a month at [parish name].

A Founding Father Makes the Journey Home



Thomas Wood Moore, OCDS, (1931-2014), one of the "founding fathers" of our OCDS Province, passed away peacefully at age eighty-two on June 19 at his home in Sandpoint, Idaho. His wife Terri and their four daughters were with him. His funeral was held June 23 and 24 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sandpoint. OCDS representatives from around our Province attended, along with many family members and friends.

Thomas was one of the great members of our Province. He was baptized Catholic at the age of thirty-four at the Groton, Connecticut, submarine base chapel and served in the Navy for nineteen years. On one of his submarine missions, he discovered a book by St. Teresa of Avila in the library. Subsequently, Thomas joined the Secular Order in 1988 at St. Joseph's OCDS Community in Shoreline, Washington. He received the scapular in 1989 from Fr. Bonaventure Galvin, OCD, and made his final promise in 1994 and his vows in 1996. In 1998, Thomas founded the OCDS group in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, which was canonically established in 2005.

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In 2002, Thomas was appointed one of the first members of the Task Force to help plan and write our Province's *Formation Guidelines*. He was also a founding member of our Province's OCDS Provincial Council in 2004 and helped write our first *Provincial Statutes*.

Thomas took approximately 25 flights to California for OCDS Provincial Council meetings. Returning home after one meeting in 2005, Thomas had a massive heart attack while changing planes in the Seattle Airport. Two flight attendants saved his life. After bi-pass surgery, Thomas recuperated for several months and then began attending Provincial Council meetings again until 2011.

Doreen Glynn Pawski from San Francisco, who often served with Thomas, said, "Thomas was a real gentleman's gentleman. He was always endearing and courtly in his manners. I was always in awe of how much time he gave to Carmelite projects, and his footnote documentation for our Constitutions was awe-inspiring."

Cindy Sliger of Shoreline, Washington, said, "Thomas touched many lives, some very deeply. He was my first director of formation. As I was preparing to make my temporary promise, he wrote, 'Your temporary promise is one of the milestones on your journey home to the Father.'"

We thank God for Thomas Moore and pray for him, for his family, and the community who miss him. We also ask him to intercede for us, that we may attain the noble ideals of Christ and Carmel that he lived so well.

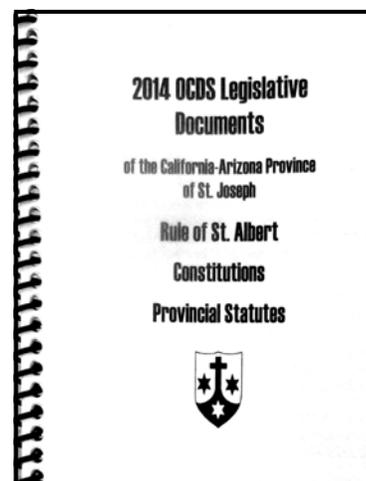
New Legislative Documents Booklet Available

As promised, we have published a handy booklet with our legislative documents, Rule of St. Albert, revised OCDS Constitutions, and Provincial Statutes. This convenient format (5.5 by 8.5, or half the size of a sheet of paper) will help people become more familiar with them. We would like to encourage our communities and groups to procure a new booklet for each of their members. We are including an order form that is furnished for this purpose on the next page of this newsletter. The cost of this booklet is \$5, which includes postage.

Make checks payable to: OCDS Central Office

Send check and order form to:

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It is our intention that only communities or groups order these booklets for their members. Therefore, we will not be accepting individual orders at this time. When you know how many copies you need, enter this number on the order form on the line next to "Qty." That figure times \$5 will be your total cost and should be entered on the line under "Total." Your check should be for that amount.

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St. Teresa of Jesus