

# DELEGATE'S COMMUNIO

| Dedicated to Carmelite Communion and Communication |

## Legislation

The Secular Carmelite also realizes and expresses communion through meeting and solidarity with other communities, especially within the same Province or Circumscription...

(Cons 24d)

## Charism

11. When I see souls very earnest in trying to understand the prayer they have and very sullen when they are in it -- for it seems they don't dare let their minds move or stir lest a bit of their spiritual delight and devotion be lost -- it makes me realize how little they understand of the way by which union is attained; they think the whole matter lies in these things. No, Sisters, absolutely not; works are what the Lord wants! He desires that if you see a Sister who is sick to whom you can bring some relief, you have compassion on her and not worry about losing this devotion; and that if she is suffering pain, you also feel it; and that, if necessary, you fast so that she might eat -- not so much for her sake as because you know it is your Lord's desire. This is true union with His will...

(IC V 3,11)

## OCDS Committees

I have tried to emphasize the theme of **Carmelite communion** (communio, Latin; or koinonia, Greek). For me, **one expression of this communion is "committees"**. The definition of a committee is a group of people appointed for a certain task.

Looking at the **diversity of gifts** that Seculars in our Province have been entrusted, I desire to call forth the use of these gifts and put them **at the service of the wider Province**.

The intention of forming certain committees is not to create "executive boards". Rather, to form **groups of service**. Groups that I have in mind are in the area of social media, technology, finances (for example, gifted people who can advise on how to set up local groups with a bank account); Spanish language and other language groups; etc. The idea is that every local community should not have to reinvent the wheel and struggle alone. Rather, to have resources where local communities can reach out for support. For example, I do not have expertise in web design. But wouldn't it be great if we had a technology committee that I or anyone could reach out to? There are many other common needs.

This will take time and discernment. The idea at this moment is for us to think along these lines, acknowledge our gifts, and begin to put them at the service of the Secular Order in our Province. Stay tuned for more information.

On a practical level, if you feel gifted in an area and think you can be of service to our **2019 Ontario OCDS Congress**, please reach out to Jim Montpas, OCDS, Chair of the Congress Committee (email: [jmontpas@earthlink.net](mailto:jmontpas@earthlink.net)). God bless you all.