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OUR NEW OCDS PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Our new OCDS Provincial Council met for the first time on August 26-28 at the Carmelite House of Prayer in Oakville.

In accordance with our Provincial Statutes, Sec. XXVI, Cindy Sliger was appointed president of the Council and Rebecca Lambert was appointed secretary. Also in accordance with our Provincial Statutes, listed below is the contact information for each of these provincial councilors so that you can consult with them, as need be.

In the above photo, pictured from left to right, are Cindy Sliger, Rebecca Lambert, Erin Foord, Thelma Prisco, Lucy Okoh, and Fr. Donald Kinney.

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The most important agenda item of our meeting was beginning the plans for a Leadership Training Conference for all presidents and group leaders in the Province. This conference will be held Monday, March 12—Thursday, March 15, 2012, at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands, California. It will be similar to our very successful formation conference in January of 2010 for directors of formation that was attended by a record seventy-two people.

Topics for the March 12-15 conference will include: the ideal council as a model of our promise, conflict resolution, planning dynamic meetings, motivating better attendance, the spiritual assistant, the community apostolate, helping members learn the Liturgy of the Hours, and administration tips. Because this is the only leadership meeting in the Province this triennium, it is mandatory. If your president/group leader cannot attend, another council member may substitute. However, it is preferable that your council not send the same representative who attended the January 2010 conference. There is space at El Carmelo for only one representative from each community and group.

More information with a registration form will be mailed in a few days.

Our new OCDS Provincial Council is excited about this triennium and this meeting, and we appreciate your prayers and support.