



OCDS Provincial Newsletter

California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph – January 2022

Bl. Marie-Eugene of the Child Jesus & Other Important Information

“We do not aspire to the accidentals of the supernatural world, to mystical graces properly so called, which affect the senses. But we do desire knowledge of God, and we may ask for it.” (From *Where the Spirit Breathes* by Bl. Marie Eugene of the Child Jesus, OCD)

Notables

Annual Provincial Dues & Financial Report

Each OCDS member is required to submit annual provincial dues of \$35 in the month of February. The treasurer for each Community or Group collects the dues from the members and sends a consolidated check to the OCDS Central Office, P.O. Box 347, Oakville, CA 94562. A financial report for the Community or Group should also be included. (A year-end bank statement is sufficient.) Aspirants and Study Group members are not required to submit dues.

Apostolate Reports

The requirement to submit 2021 Apostolate Reports in February 2022 has been waived due to the pandemic.

Membership Rosters

Remember to submit an updated membership roster to the OCDS Central Office (see address above) whenever ceremonies are completed or other changes in membership occur. You can obtain the Excel form on ocds.info/forms. Be sure to include the name and location of your Community or Group when submitting your roster to the OCDS Central Office.

Meeting in Person

Remember that OCDS monthly meetings should be held in person, if at all possible, when there is no dispensation from attending Sunday Mass in your diocese.

Legislative Documents

A printable version of our Legislative Documents booklet, including the Rule of St. Albert, OCDS Constitutions, and Provincial Statutes, is available on ocds.info/LegislativeDocuments. The printable file is located at the top of the page along with instructions that will allow you to print the document in the small booklet format.

Bl. Marie-Eugene of the Child Jesus, OCD



Many of you are familiar with Bl. Marie-Eugene of the Child Jesus from reading his spiritual classics: *I Want to See God*; *I Am a Daughter of the Church*; *Under the Torrent of His Love*, *Thérèse of Lisieux, a Spiritual Genius*; and *Where the Spirit Breathes, Prayer and Action*.

Bl. Marie-Eugene has been added to the Carmelite Proper as an Optional Memorial on February 4. This year we are celebrating the 100 year anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The Optional Memorial may be celebrated with the Common of Pastors and the Proper Prayer: **O Lord, You are rich in mercy, and you gave Blessed Marie-Eugene of the Child Jesus grace and light to lead your people on the paths of contemplative prayer and missionary witness, towards the fullness of Christ. Grant us, by his prayers, to grow in docility to the Holy Spirit and to work, in faith, for the coming of Your Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.**

Bl. Marie-Eugene was born in 1894 in Southern France. His father, a miner, died when Bl. Marie Eugene was ten years old. He was able to receive an education, and he entered the seminary in 1911. However, his preparation for the priesthood was interrupted when he entered the army in 1913. He served during WWI in several campaigns before returning to the seminary.

In 1920, while on retreat in preparation for his ordination to the diaconate, Bl. Marie-Eugene experienced a strong call to the Discalced Carmelite Order while reading a book about the life of St. John of the Cross. His desire was met with opposition, and he was ordained as a diocesan priest on February 4, 1922. But, his call to Carmel could not be denied. A few weeks later on February 24, 1922, he entered the Discalced Carmelite Order. Over the years, he held several positions within the Order, but his great love was teaching our beautiful spirituality. He died on Easter Monday, March 27, 1967, the feast day he had established to celebrate the Institute Notre-Dame de Vie, which he founded.

Source of biographical information and for more information, go to <https://www.notredamedevie.org/fr-marie-eugene/his-life/biographical-summary/>

Please Remember Our OCDS Members Who Have Died Since October 2020

Joeann Mielke, OCDS

Juneau, AK

Art Wehr, OCDS

Auburn, CA

Magdalena Keith, OCDS

Covina, CA

Henry J. Zeiter, OCDS

Lodi, CA

Ramona Lapid, OCDS

Ricardo Manuel Valadez, Jr., OCDS

June Thompson, OCDS

San Diego, CA

Doreen Ramiro, OCDS

Edgardo Laqui, OCDS

Julia Laqui, OCDS

San Francisco, CA

Pam Tanimoto, OCDS

San Jose, CA

Charlotte Louise Haughian, OCDS

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