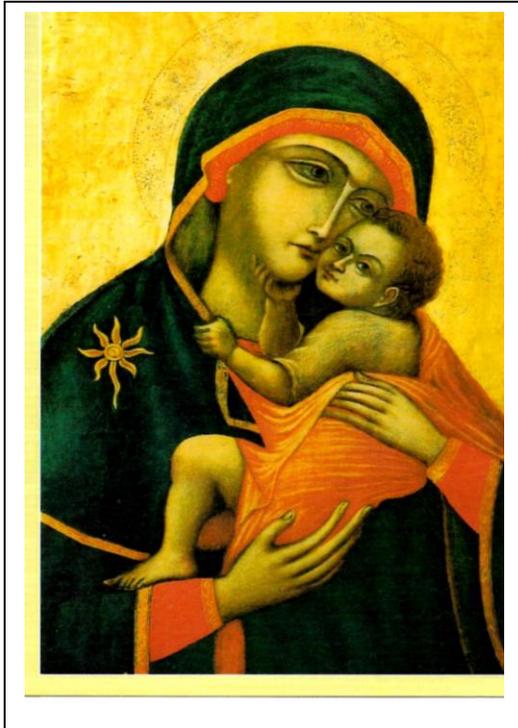


# OCDS E-Newsletter

## Washington Province of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Summer 2018

Together we celebrate our Queen of Carmel ....



### “La Bruna” — The Earliest Icon of Carmel

The icon belongs to, and can be found at, the Carmelites' Basilica Church in Naples, Italy. It bears the title “La Bruna” or “the dark one” because it darkened over the centuries with soot from oil lamps, candles and vigil lights. Painted in the 13th century, it was restored to its original beauty in 1974.

The style of the icon expresses the tenderness of the Virgin as she lifts her Child to her cheek. The Greeks named this type of icon “the sweet kiss” icon. The single star with its distinctive tail on the right shoulder of Our Lady makes this icon unique.

After many miracles were attributed to her intercession, the Carmelites approved the image for use in every chapel of the Order in 1524; hence, “La Bruna” has been intimately associated with the Carmelite Order since that time. This touching image of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is frequently imitated in other depictions of Mary, as the Queen and Beauty of Carmel, around the world. Devotion to “La Bruna” is also connected to the Carmelite tradition that dedicates Wednesdays to Mary.

(Taken from a card provided at the 2012 OCDS Congress)

## TIDBITS

### ➤ What is a Province?

The Order is composed of regions known as provinces under the direction of a Father Provincial. A province must have sufficient number of houses and personnel to be established. All the provinces throughout the world are under the direction of our Father General in Rome. It may take some time, and go through several stages before a region can be established as a self-governing province.

Other designations, such as regional vicariates and circumscriptions, may be given until a region can be recognized as a province in its own right.

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The Secular Order is likewise composed of provinces. Ours, the Province of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is so large geographically and is comprised of so many members, that we have established four regions divided into smaller districts

### **Washington Province of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

Friars came from Bavaria Germany to Wisconsin in 1906 to staff the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians also known as Holy Hill. In 1914 they added a parish, St. Florian's in West Milwaukee, to their responsibilities. In 1942 they came to Brookline, Massachusetts, to open a novitiate to accommodate the growing number of applicants. In 1947, these monasteries were joined to a 1916 Spanish foundation in Washington, D.C., to become the first Discalced Carmelite Province in the United States: the Province of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Washington Province. "Washington" is the Wisconsin county in which Holy Hill is located.

### **Oklahoma Province of St. Thérèse.**

The Oklahoma Province of Discalced Carmelite friars began as a delegation from the Province of Valencia, Spain. Three friars from that Spanish province were thrown out of Mexico in 1914. The Bishop of Oklahoma gave them permission to establish themselves in that diocese if they would undertake the care of the Mexican Catholics. Valencia's delegation of Discalced Carmelite friars in the United States continued to grow and achieved the status of a "semi-province" on January 1, 1936. The semi-province became a "province," placed under the patronage of St. Thérèse, in May 1947

**California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph.** 1924, two Carmelite friars from Ireland established our first permanent foundation in California at St. Thérèse Parish in Alhambra. Prior to the 1924 California Foundation, Discalced Carmelite Friars working in Mexico—originally from Catalonia, Spain—fled to Arizona to escape persecution. In 1964, the Catalonian Carmelite friars in Arizona affiliated with the friars in California. The official name is now the California-Arizona Province. The jurisdiction includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, and Utah.

## **What Does the OCDS Provincial Council Do?**

The Provincial Council (PC) comprised of 5 definitively professed OCDS members meets monthly by conference call and once a year in person with the Provincial Delegate and Regional Assistants. The Provincial Council is also member of the Interprovincial Council comprised of the Provincial Councils of the Oklahoma and the California-Arizona Provinces. The IPC meets annually, usually in conjunction with an OCDS Congress. In the past couple of years, the PC has developed the Guidelines for Praying the Liturgy of the Hours in Public, created an OCDS brochure suitable for a public audience, worked with the Main Office on the publication of the Book of Documents, and is currently working on the OCDS Visitation Program. The PC also recently embarked on providing an E-Newsletter as a vehicle to inform members and share.

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*IF you would like to receive the newsletter directly, just send us your name and email address to*

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**[Ocds-pc-washprov@googlegroups.com](mailto:Ocds-pc-washprov@googlegroups.com)**

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*OR Presidents may send a listing of members names and email addresses.*

## Announcements

➤ My dear sisters and brothers in Carmel,

The Frederick Maryland OCDS Community of the Sacred Heart is appealing to you for assistance in facilitating a Spiritual Day with Marie-Paul Stevens OCDS, whose healing was accepted as the miracle for the canonization of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. This Spiritual Day has been organized entirely by OCDS members for all-comers but particularly for the Carmelites of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

In 2002 Marie-Paul Stevens was terminally ill after suffering from Sjogren's disease for five years. She made a pilgrimage to the Carmel of Flavignerot, the community of Blessed Elizabeth, and on April 2 prayed there in the chapel thanking Elizabeth for giving her strength during her illness. Afterwards, she rested on the grounds of the monastery, and those with her heard her cry out in amazement "I am no longer sick!" Marie-Paul was healed.

Now, we are very fortunate because Marie-Paul is making her first ever visit to the United States, and the Frederick community has arranged a visit to Maryland. She will be speaking of her healing and of her relationship with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity at two events in October of this year. **She is a featured speaker at the 2018 OCDS Congress that will take place in Columbus, Ohio from Thursday, Oct. 18 to Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 at the Polaris Hilton.**

**In addition, she will be the central speaker at a special day on Saturday October 27 in Emmitsburg, MD, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.** This is a unique opportunity to hear the testimony of the recipient of an authenticated healing, a tale of endurance, faith and love. To ensure the success of the event on October 27 at the Basilica in Emmitsburg, the Frederick Community is asking for your assistance in three ways. **First**, please pray for the event itself, that it proves to be a source of lasting spiritual blessings for all who attend. **Second**, please come to Emmitsburg and be part of the Day, hear the witness of Marie-Paul. This is an OCDS-organized occasion at which the wearing of the large Brown Scapular would be suitable.

**Third**, please help to meet the cost of Marie-Paul's visit to Maryland. The Frederick Community has committed to paying all expenses associated with this portion of her trip to the USA, including airfare, hospitality, accommodation, meals and incidentals. I recommend that each OCDS community in the region contribute \$3 for each of its members, an amount will go a long way towards meeting the costs involved. Send your community's contribution to Henry Koh OCDS, Treasurer, Community of the Sacred Heart, 7163 Masters Road, New Market, MD, 21774. Henry will send you a receipt, will keep a strict accounting of expenses and will send you a final statement showing all contributions and all expenses when the event is over. Any shortfall will be the responsibility of the Frederick community; and surplus will be donated to the Friars of the Washington Province. I urge you, in the spirit of fraternal fellowship, to contribute towards this OCDS-organized event.

In Carmel

Ken Vaughn, OCDS  
Father Salvatore, OCD

*"Here in Carmel, there is nothing, nothing but God. He is all, He suffices, and one lives for Him alone and for His glory... this life of prayer and contemplation, interceding always for His people before the Face of God..."*

➤ **OCDS Northeast Region/ District 2 Retreat**

August 24-26, 2018

Notre Dame Retreat House

5151 Foster Road

Canandaigua, NY 14424

*Surrendering into Divine Union: The Blossoming of Grace and a Wondrous Life  
In the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Mansions:* Father Michael Berry OCD

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## Questions & Answers

➤ **Liturgy of the Hours.** *How and why were the guidelines developed?*

The guidelines for praying the Liturgy of the Hours were developed in response to a request of our Provincial Delegate, Father Salvatore, OCD. The OCDS Provincial Council reviewed how the Friars pray the Office and considered the international character of the Order. The guidelines were approved by the OCDS Provincial Council, our Provincial Superior, Provincial Delegate and Regional Assistants.

Just an aside, the breviary most of us use was approved for use by the USCCB for parishes in the United States. The “psalm-prayer” is not in breviaries published for use outside the United States.

➤ **Leave of Absence.** *Who can be approved for a Leave of Absence?*

A Community’s Council may approve a leave of absence for definitively professed members for a maximum period of 2 years. For those in formation, a leave of absence is not necessary. For those in first promises, interruptions in the formation program, and the return to the community are to be monitored by the Council. The form on our web site is incorrect and will be revised

**PLEASE submit questions,  
announcements  
and suggestions for the newsletter:**

**Email**

**[Ocds-pc-washprov@googlegroups.com](mailto:Ocds-pc-washprov@googlegroups.com)**

**In the “Subject” put the  
City & State where you meet**

## Addition

- **The Indianapolis OCDS Community** has been assigned to District 2 along with the Cincinnati and Dayton Communities.

## Resources

- The Community of the Holy Spirit in Louisville Kentucky developed a form for members to convey their wishes in the event of their death. It has proven to be very useful.

In the event of your death The Community [name of OCDS Community] would like to help fulfill your wishes as an OCDS member. Please help us, and your family, by completing the following information.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I request no special Carmel observance at my funeral YES NO (Circle one.)

I desire to have The Community contacted in the event of my death. YES NO (Circle one.)

I desire to be buried in the habit as a Secular Carmelite worn externally. YES NO (Circle one.)  
(large brown ceremonial scapular).

I desire to be shown in the scapular but return the scapular to the Community. YES NO (Circle one.)

I would like the Community to attend the funeral in Scapular dress

I desire to have The Community pray the Liturgy of the Hours at the funeral home. Office of the Dead (Morning or Evening Prayer). YES NO (Circle one.)

I would like the Community to pray the rosary:

-----At mass -----At the funeral home

-----At the next Community meeting -----Individually

I desire to have the initials "OCDS" included on my headstone or other notification and identification documents. YES NO (Circle one.)

I desire to have all Carmelite books and materials be given to The Community if no family member wants them. YES NO (Circle one.)

I make these special requests for my funeral/wake

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In Case of Emergency or upon death, please contact;

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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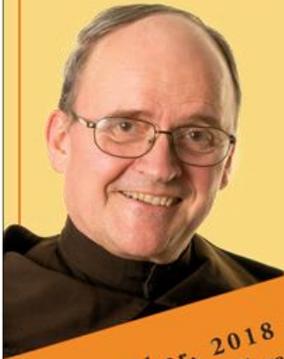
2<sup>nd</sup> Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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# HISTORY of the ORDER *Part 2*

From the Reform of St. Teresa to Present  
A seven part course presented by Fr. Leopold Glueckert, O. Carm.



In September, 2018 the Carmelite Institute will record the second half of the course, "History of the Order" as taught by Fr. Leopold Glueckert. This will be the history from the Reform of St. Teresa to present. The course will consist of seven sessions - each session will be three hours in duration. The first part of the course, "Mount Carmel to St. Teresa's Reform" is already available on our website and the others will be available shortly after being recorded.

**September 18**  
The Need for Reform and Carmelites in the Reformation

**October 2**  
Teresa's Reform  
Conflict and Separation

**October 16**  
Missions, Congregations  
and 16th century troubles

**October 30**  
Carmelites in the 17th century  
Touraine and the French School of Spirituality

**November 13**  
18th Century Absolutism, the Enlightenment,  
and the French Revolution

**November 27**  
19th Century Crises and Revival

**December 11**  
20th Century: World Wars,  
Vatican II, and Beyond

*We encourage you  
to take advantage  
of this great  
opportunity to  
learn our History  
from this esteemed  
historian!*

