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NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH (FOURTH SUNDAY)

Phase II Year II Instructor - Diane with Stephanie and Neil

Mentoring Year I Instructor –Luciana with Rose, Aurea, Mary Ellen, Lisa S. (Call Luciana)

Mentoring Year I Instructor – Ellen with Teresa (Talk to Ellen to set up your Mentoring)

Mentoring Year I Instructor – Linda with Lisa M. (Talk to Linda to set up your Mentoring)

Mentoring Year I Instructor – Michael with Bill (Talk to Michael to set up your Mentoring)

Mentor Year II Instructor – Michael with Tom (Talk to Michael to set up your Mentoring)

Mentor Year II Instructor – Linda with Annabelle R. (Talk to Linda to set up your Mentoring)

Mentor Year II Instructor - Ellen with Annabelle S. (Talk to Ellen to set up your Mentoring)

Mentor Year III – Luciana with Leonora, Margaret and Durney (Talk to Luciana to set up your Mentoring)

ALL TEMPORARY PROFESSED CARMELITES PLEASE CALL YOUR MENTOR - ALL MENTORING MUST BE DONE EVERY THREE MONTHS IN THE CHURCH

12:00 – Mass & then the Angelus in front of the statue of Our Blessed Mama

1:00 - Social/Refreshment

1:30 - The Joyful Mysteries of The Holy Rosary

OPENING PRAYER AND SCHEDULE FOR THE MEETING:

2:00 – (LOTH) Midafternoon Daytime Prayer – CANTOR 1 ANNABELLE R.

CANTOR 2 - ROSE

2:30 – Business and updates of Our Community READER -BILL

**3:00 - ONGOING FORMATION: THE GLORIES OF MARY–PLEASE READ PAGES 349-362
& NEW CARMEL’S CALL – PLEASE READ PAGE 14, CHAPTER 21
(READER FOR CARMEL’S CALL – LISA S.)**

4:00 – Lectio Divino

4:20 - Closing Prayer

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st. at 1:00 pm.
PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT OUR COMMUNITY MEETING IF YOU WILL BE
ATTENDING.**

THE MASTER ARTIST OF OUR SOULS



“In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters” (Genesis 1:1) The image of the Holy Spirit hovering over the waters at the dawn of creation has been coming to mind often in preparing for this new year. The Spirit over the waters is indicative of His mastery over the forces of chaos because water was a symbol for chaos and fear to the

Hebrew people. Additionally, the Spirit's action sets a stage of anticipation. **HE IS ABOUT TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW.** In the following verses, the **BEAUTIFUL, GOOD, ORDERED** unfolding of the story of creation occurs.

In Servant of God Archbishop Luis M. Martinez's classis work on the Holy Spirit, "The Sanctifier," he writes, "By efforts both ardent and gentle He can penetrate hard and shapeless materials with the light of His soul. The instruments He uses can impart to these materials exquisite proportions and shapes. That is the way one may conceive the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, Artist of souls."

The Holy Spirit is the master Artist of our souls. As He did with the beginning of creation, so He can do in our lives. When we surrender to Him all our troubled waters, He can come in and set aright with His gentle mastery. He is poised to create something new in our souls, to conform us and trace in us more deeply the outlines of His master ideal, Jesus.

As we begin this new year, let us entrust ourselves more **DEEPLY** to the **HOLY SPIRIT**. We see only the tiniest fragment of the work in progress that our lives are-the past stretching out behind us from which we seek to find meaning, healing, and wholeness and the future with its great unknown before us. **WE HAVE ULTIMATELY ONLY THE PRESENT. AND HE IS THE ALL-PRESENT ONE WHO SEES ALL AND IS DRAWING ALL TO ITS FULFILLMENT. WE CAN TRUST COMPLETELY THAT HE WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING.**

(Sister Laetitia Therese, O.C.D. – Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles)



To my Dear Family in Carmel,

May the peace of The Divine Child Jesus & His Most Sacred Heart be with you and the Love of Our Mama Mary, Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel wrap you in her mantle. Please take note of our change in our community meeting which will be on the FOURTH SUNDAY of January this month. In these times that we are in let us continue to “Look up to the Blue Heavens and Love Him” (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton). Let us Hope in Our Lord. Hope is the sound of a heart that stakes its stability in what Chris says. St. Paul tells us, “Let us boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT, because the love of God has been POURED OUT into our HEARTS through the HOLY SPIRIT that has been given to us. May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13). As always you are in my heart and prayers every day.

**In Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s Love,
Linda**

****DUES ARE DUE THIS MONTH – PLEASE GIVE YOUR \$50.00
CHECK TO ANN MERENDINO**

**CARMELITE & SPECIAL FEAST DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY CAN BE FOUND
ON OUR NEW WEBSITE: steliaslaycarmelites.com**

HOPE IS A LITTLE GIRL

**(The Portal of the Mystery of Hope -by Charles Peguy, poet)
The following verses are excerpts from this work**

**“My three virtues , says God.
The three virtues, my creatures.
My daughters, my children.
Are themselves like my other creatures.
Of the race of men.
Faith is a loyal Wife.
Charity is a Mother.
An ardent mother, noble-hearted.
Or an older sister who is like a mother.
Hope is a little girl, nothing at all.”**

**“An yet it is this little girl who will endure worlds.
This little girl, nothing at all.
She alone, carrying the others, who will cross worlds past.
As the star guided the three kings from the deepest Orient.
Toward the cradle of my Son.
Like a trembling flame.**

**She alone will guide the Virtues and Worlds.
One flame will pierce the eternal shadows.”
“The little one, the one who’s still going to school.
And who walks.
Lost in her sisters’ skirts...
...it’s she in the middle who leads her older sisters along.
...without her they wouldn’t be anything...
It’s she, the little one, who carries them all.”**

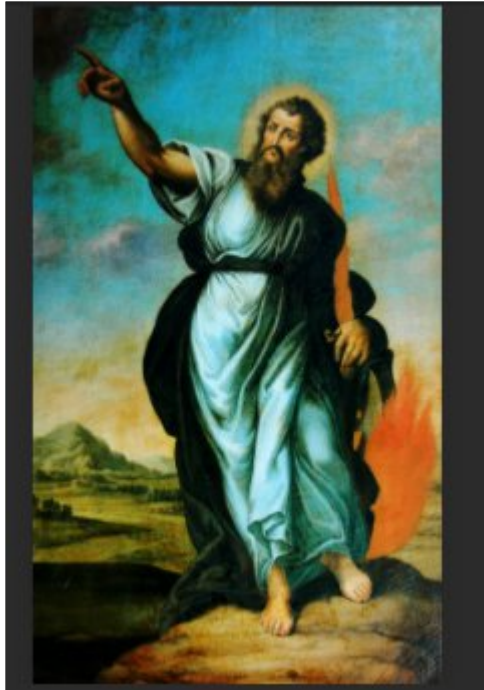
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Father Justin, Our Prayer Brother John Viet Nguyen, O. Carm, All of our Carmelite members loved ones, The Unborn, Conversion of Americas Heart to end Abortion, All Persecuted Christians, All Lay Carmelite Office Prayer requests, All of Our Inactive Members, Protection of Our Pro-life Centers & Rosary Warriors, Mary Elizabeth (Thanksgiving for Healing - the Holy Face of Jesus), Krisiti & Baby, Jennifer & Baby Alex (Fran’s Granddaughter & Great Grandchild), Protection of Students for Life, Mary Elizabeth (In Thanksgiving, Two Miracles - Our Sorrowful Mother & Mother of God) Nicholas (3Years old), Jacqueline, (Marge Little’s daughter), Fran, Britney (Anna C. granddaughter), Pedro (Brain damage), Kevin (Cancer), In Thanksgiving to Our Sorrowful Mother for Anne Merendino (Lung Cancer survivor), Evelyn Campfield, Elizabeth (Mary Ellen’s friend), Marge Little, Diane Lake, Carmen Martir, Danielle (Ovarian Cancer), Gerry (Breast Cancer). Eileen (Ann M. friend), Marin Rose, (Epilepsy), Ellen & Mike’s granddaughter, Michael, (Sarcoidosis), Bill’s brother, Veronica (Colitis), Cindy (Fourth stage Cancer), Ellen’s friend, Wayne, (Severe injuries), Bill’s friend, Anne Robinson, (Car accident), Ann (Bladder Cancer), Gail (Surgery), Annette, Evelyn Campfield neighbor, Gino & Family, Cheyenne and newborn baby, Lizette, Linda & Bob (Healing), Ellen & Michael (Healing), Aurea, George & her son Joseph and family, Rose, Her daughter, Grandsons & Sean, & son Christopher (Protection), Steve – Mary Ellen’s brother, Marge Garafano & son Michael, Msgr. Joe DeGrocco (Parkinson Disease), Eugenia, (Healing from Cataract surgery), Linda (Hernia surgery on hold right now), Mary Murphy (Healing from two surgeries), Tom & Caroline (Linda’s dear friends – Tom had a massive heart attack and five stents put in), Jessica (From Linda’s Parish, Our Deacons daughter who has special needs and is in critical condition), Father Francis Amodio (Flu)

Pray for our beloved Deceased

All of our Deceased members of our community & province. Fr. Brocard Connor, Sr. Joan Kellenberg RC., Steve Dondero, Mark Farina, Dora & Pat Macchia, David Campfield, Clem Cote., Serafino Giorano, TOC, Jean DeVito, John Martir, Winnie, John Paul, Marge Kulik, Jeanne R. Calise (Linda’s Mom), Lillian Setti (Linda’s Mother in Law), Father Paul G. Driscoll (Spiritual Assistant), Mary, Matilde Innusa, TOC, Jane Wigutow, Robert Little, Christine, Charles Porto (Ellen’s Father), All of the souls of our Family and Friends in Purgatory, David (Rose’s cousin), Jenny Bey (Carmen’s sister in law), Anthony Cantone, Gertrude Deegan, Marjorie Pozdrec (Carmelite Sister), Peter, (Fran’s son-in-law), Stefan Kazic, William (Rose’s Cousin), Barbara (Tom’s sons Mother-In-Law), Christine (Ellen’s Friend), Mary Connolly (Bill’s Mom), Roger (Friends of Charles & Annabelle Rufino), Leslie Malone-Walker, TOC (Carmelite Sister), Rosemary Hall, Edmund Martir (Carmen’s Brother-in-law), Jessica Lancellotti (Rosemary & Jim’s daughter), Madonna Roney (Friend of Lisa M. Family), Lorena Gregory, (Carmen’s cousin) Pope Francis, Our Sister in Carmel, Rosalie Fabrizi, TOC, Margaret

Carnovale, TOC, Mary Elizabeth Therese of the Divine Child Jesus Setti, TOC (Our Littlest & Purest Pearl in our Carmelite Community), Anna & Gilbert Lorenz, TOC, Our Dear Father Joseph in Nigeria died of Malaria, Rose Curto, T.O.C. Margot Mladinich (Lisa M.'s Mother-in-law), George Pozderec, T.O.C.



OUR CARMELITE MOTTO AND MISSION

“WITH ZEAL I HAVE BEEN ZEALOUS FOR THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS IN WHOSE PRESENCE I STAND”

MAY WE EMBRACE MARY’S PURITY OF HEART (PURITAS CORDIS), AS SHE HELPS US TO PONDER THE LAW OF THE LORD DAY AND NIGHT ASSISTING US TO BE CONTEMPLATIVES AND TEACHING US TO LISTEN. AS WE WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR FATHER AND LEADER ST. ELIJAH; WITH HIS FLAMING ZEAL AND COURAGE WHICH ALLOWED HIM TO COMBAT THE EVILS OF HIS DAY. MAY WE PRAY THAT HIS PROPHETIC SPIRIT BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CARMELITE LIFE.”
