



# Carmelite Communities Associated

## Spring 2022 Bulletin

### **Announcements from the Leadership Team**

*(Margie, Susan, Shirley, Mary)*

#### **EASTER BLESSINGS!**

##### *Danville Update*

Along with Srs. Angela, Regina and Pat, we grieve the recent deaths of Srs. Margaret Kob and Anne Mika. The Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius at Maria Hall provided beautiful live-streamed funeral liturgies for our sisters.

Aware that their community was nearing fulfillment, the Danville sisters requested affiliation with CCA for the purpose of closure. The decree for affiliation has been granted, and the LT will assist and accompany the sisters on the next steps of their journey.

##### *March 21 Meeting*

The Meeting Evaluations from the March 21 meeting are now on the Members Only section of our website. Please take a look. Thank you so much for your participation and response.

##### *CCA Website*

Work on the CCA Website continues with the recent completion of the Statement of Work between Christian Brothers and CCA. We are in the process of adding Zelle as a way of making online contributions to CCA, along with PayPal.

##### *CCA Prioress Meetings*

The CCA prioresses have continued to meet as an informal advisory group to the LT. These meetings have been very productive and informative. The next Prioress Meeting is on June 28.

##### *CCA Directory*

The LT is putting together a Directory with contact information for each of the sisters. Staying in contact is so important these days and we hope this will help. Stay tuned for your copy soon.

##### *From the Oldenburg Sisters*

The Carmelite Sisters in Oldenburg (formerly of Indianapolis) live on the campus of the Franciscan Sisters. We recently moved to a different location on the campus. Our address remains the same: PO Box 260. Our phone number is now 812-212-5901.

Baltimore, MD

Barrington, RI

Beacon, NY

Boston, MA

Cleveland, OH

Concord, NH

Danville, PA

Eldridge, IA

Latrobe, PA

Oldenburg, IN

Reno, NV

### ***Invitation from Resource Center for Religious Institutes (RCRI)***

Margie and Susan had a very productive meeting with Sr. Sharon Euart, RSM, executive director of RCRI, sharing with her the changes in recent years that have affected the governance and functioning in CCA. As a follow-up to our meeting, Susan and Margie received an invitation to attend a one-day workshop in June to be held in Chicago. The theme of the workshop, *Fidelity to the Journey: Opportunities and Resources*, promises to open doors to others' experience and expertise that will be helpful to CCA at this time in our history. We are grateful to Sr. Sharon and RCRI for the invitation to attend this workshop—all expenses will be covered by a generous grant from the GHR Foundation.

### ***Think Tank Task Group***

The implementation of *Cor Orans* has called for many changes in women's contemplative communities around the world. Within CCA we now live with the evolving experience of affiliation and the challenges to the role of association leadership (president and council).

The LT has formed an *ad hoc* task group to focus on exploring and developing alternative models of governance for our affiliated monasteries. Srs. Ann Weber, Colette Ackerman, Carolyn O'Hara, Jean Alice McGoff and Marjorie have graciously accepted the invitation to explore and develop alternative models of governance for affiliated monasteries. They will provide a prioritization of models to recommend for CCA's consideration and adoption.

The task group's recommendations, along with what Susan and Margie learn at the RCRI workshop in June and the contacts they make, will facilitate preparation for CCA's national assembly in April 2023.

### ***CCA Assembly (In-Person)***

Please mark your calendars with the dates for the 2023 CCA In-Person Assembly: April 24 to 27 (With the 23rd and 28th being the travel dates).

Four handwritten signatures in blue ink are arranged horizontally. From left to right, they read: 'Margie', 'Susan', 'Shirley', and 'Mary'.