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From the Coordinator's Desk

May Easter Joy be yours! The beauty of new life everywhere reflects the new life which is ours in Christ Jesus! Alleluia is indeed our song forever!

This is my final CCA Newsletter note as Coordinator. My heart is full with gratitude for the gift it is and has been to serve. I have shared with the CCA membership that I *anticipate* withdrawing my name from the slate of nominees for the coming term of service. It has been a joy and a blessing to serve CCA not only these past two years but also from 1995-2001 when I served on the CC, as Assistant Coordinator (the "one" term we had such an elected position!), and Coordinator. The loving affirmation of the membership has always been a wonderful support for the work of the Association. In many and varied ways God has provided what is needed through each dear sister. At this moment in my life wisdom invites

me to give myself and my energies in other areas.

I look forward to ongoing contact with all of you in a different capacity. Sr. Ellen Mary Looby, our gifted and generous newsletter editor, has accepted to renew her service as editor for the coming term and has also accepted my offer to continue to send out the newsletter notices. That is a joy for which I am thankful.

CCA's 24th National Assembly is almost upon us. It promises to be an exciting and invigorating meeting as the bonds of friendship are renewed and as stimulating reflections are shared and discussed. At each meeting we evaluate where we are and we look to the future, we vision and dream, we begin again. Thank you for your own prayerful presence which will help to open our eyes and ears and hearts to the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Dear Carmelite family all over the world: thank you for your faithfulness to our vocation, thank you for being Love in the heart of the Church, thank you for being a Praise of God, thank you for pondering God's Word day and night and allowing it to transform you.

*We are ever united in the abyss of God's infinite Love,
Mary Margaret*

Meetings and Gatherings:

- *CCA 24th National Assembly - May 29-June 4*

Theme - Silence & Hope in our Changing World: Challenges and Dreams

Campion Renewal Center, Weston, MA

Resource Persons: Sr. Sandra Schneiders, IHM, Sr. Jean Alice McGoff (Indianapolis), Sr. Claire Sokol (Reno), Sr. Leslie Lund (Carmelite Sisters of Mary), Sr. Agnes Ahn (Baltimore), Sr. Eileen Nasser (Barrington), Sr. Christine Congtang (Alhambra)

- *Carmelite Forum - June 17-23* St. Mary's University, South Bend, IN

- *Carmelite Institute Program - July 25-29*

Theme - The Prophetic Dimension of our Carmelite Rule

Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI (See the Institute's web site for details.)

Presenters: Kevin Culligan, OCD, Vilma Seelaus, OCD, John Sullivan, OCD, Andrew Bacevich, PhD, John Haught, PhD, Craig Morrison, O Carm, Michael Crosby, OFMCap, Peter Hinde, O Carm, Edward McCormack, PhD

Musical Evening - CCA Sisters

Claire Sokol, Clorinda von Stockalper, Mary Margaret Yascolt

CARMEL OF THE SACRED HEART
AND HOLY FACE

Elysburg, Pennsylvania
Sr. Joan Bourne



It goes without saying that Sr. Christine's death was a grief and a shock to us. Yet, it was a mercy for her, for she suf-

fered very much in being so aware of the diminishment of her mental powers which she experienced as an "emptiness" and this was compounded by her severe hearing loss. Following the massive brain hemorrhage on March 4, she became comatose within a day or so and never regained consciousness. The doctor said her death was imminent and our sisters kept vigil with her day and night both in the hospital and then, after the fifth day, here in the monastery. March 13 was Sr. Margaret's 80th birthday and during a visit with Christine that day, she said, "Christine, wouldn't it be a gift if you decided to go to heaven on my birthday, then you and I would share the same day!" And so it happened. In early afternoon, shortly after Sr. Pat and the hospice nurse, Tara, repositioned Christine, she quietly and so peacefully breathed her last.

Rita, Sr. Christine's only remaining sibling, and her son, John, flew in from Sacramento, but due to the bad weather made it only for the Mass of Christian Burial. Audrey, Christine's niece, and her son, Michael, braved the roads and traveled from Connecticut, arriving in time for the wake service at 7:00 p.m. the night before. That weekend brought a severe ice/snow blizzard. Our sisters from Sugarloaf, Beacon, Baltimore, Barrington and Latrobe made plans to travel, but each had to cancel; we did feel their presence in spirit and prayer.

Fr. Stephen Sheetz, Sr. Christine's confessor, was celebrant and homilist at the Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, March 17. Our vicar for reli-



Sister Christine O'Brien

gious, Fr. William Waltersheid, and our good friend, Deacon Michael Grella, drove from Harrisburg to participate in the Mass.

The reception was handled by four ladies who come to Mass here daily; they artfully arranged the tables and did the serving. The luncheon was joyous with about 50 friends attending. We want to thank all of you, so many who prayed for Christine and kept vigil in spirit with us. The power of prayer and the peace it brings were so strongly felt. God Bless and reward all!

Two items of special interest from Sr. Josephine Koeppel of the Elysburg Carmel:

1. Edited reprint of *Edith Stein--Philosopher and Mystic*.

This biographical edition, originally published by Michael Glazier Books, went out of print within a year of the canonization of St. Edith Stein (Sr. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross). Because of the sale of Michael Glazier Books Publishing to Liturgical Press, there was no automatic reprint of this biography.

Sr. Josephine, ever energetic, enthusiastic and devoted in all things related to St. Edith Stein, found a storage site for eight cartons of archival material related to Edith Stein which she has collected. This material was accepted by Scranton University for their collection of archives.

In the course of negotiating the storage of these archives, the Scranton

University archivist offered the news that the university was going to put their press back into service and extended to Sr. Josephine the opportunity for publication if there were a need.

Sr. Josephine has expressed her belief that St. Edith Stein arranged all of this in time for the 20th anniversary of her beatification (May 1).

The 20th Anniversary Edition of *Edith Stein – Philosopher and Mystic* is an edited reprint of the original and includes two new small chapters. This book is now ready for sale from the Chicago Distribution Center. Scranton University Press is the publisher.

Our sisters in the Shoreline Carmel and Brother Claude, whose icon of St. Edith was written at the Shoreline nuns' request, were willing for Sr. Josephine to use the icon for a new cover for the book.

2. English translation of the biography of Edith Stein by Sr. Amata Neyer of the Cologne Carmel and Dr. Uwe Mueller, priest and teacher in a German academy.

Sr. Josephine has been invited by Sr. Amata to translate this biography into English. The book, originally in German, has been translated into Spanish and French. The book has had a very successful run in Europe and the authors are eager to have it translated into English. It has been noted that it is very easy to read.

Sr. Josephine will begin the work of this translation this summer. As she has described it, "It is next on my agenda!"

Sr. Josephine has expressed a joy and gratitude at the gift God has given her in being able to do the work of translation from German into English. For her it continues to be **Translation: a Vocation Within a Vocation.**

We all give thanks to God for this gift and for Sr. Josephine's generous service of time and labors so that we all might benefit from the writings and witness of St. Edith Stein.

CARMEL OF OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS
Reno, Nevada
Sr. Patricia Kelly



It has certainly been an advantage to have Sr. Mary Margaret, the CCA Coordinator, in our community during the last 16 months. We have first-hand knowledge of the many dimensions of that job and the skill and hard work involved in managing it so faithfully.

We wear “hats” rarely but I am still tempted to say **HATS OFF TO MARY MARGARET!** You have done an unparalleled job and Reno Carmel as well as all the CCA Carmels thank you!

We thank all who serve CCA in whatever capacity and are happy that our Sr Marie Louise can contribute as well.

The sound of beautiful music is heard as Sisters Cloe, Claire and Mary Margaret practice for the concert they will give at the CARMELITE INSTITUTE. A lovely gift was offered when Sr. Cloe phoned to inquire about renting the appropriate CLAVINOVA for the performance. Ray Tortaro, from BOSTON ORGAN AND PIANO said he “did not charge Carmelites.” He just asks for prayer. The use of this magnificent instrument is to be his gift for the Concert during the CARMELITE INSTITUTE and also for the CCA Meeting—for free. His Mother had been well cared for by Carmelite sisters and his gratitude extends to all Carmelites. Isn’t this remarkable!

Our postulant, Sa Ra Lee, is also planning to attend the CARMELITE INSTITUTE. This will be a wonderful immersion for her in the broader family of Carmel.

Sa Ra is completing another class at the local community college which aims at building English comprehension and writing skills. Sa Ra has worked very hard and enjoys the class and the interaction with other students. We are justly proud of her.

March 27 was a happy day as we welcomed Sr. Melanie Patterson (formerly

Sr. Pauline) from the Carmel of WOOD HALL in Wetherby, England. After an initial rest from her travel and the time change, Melanie was eager to enter right into our life, prayer and work. She is a joy to have and it is great fun to listen to the different voices around the table.

Traditionally, Teresa Hahn and Diane Pendola spend Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday with us. This year when they returned to SKYLINE HARVEST, an eco-contemplative center in CA, they took Sr. Carol with them. Carol is having a 30-day retreat there in honor of her jubilee.



SaRa (postulant), Sr. Alice, Sr. Dianna Ortiz and Claire

It was our privilege to offer hospitality to Sr Dianna Ortiz, OSU and Alice Zachman in April. They spoke to large crowds at St Albert’s Church and on the TV program SINCAT. Both work at TASSC (Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition INTERNATIONAL). Dianna is a founder.

Srs. Mary Margaret and Marie Louise returned from the Carmelite meeting in Mahwah, NJ filled with enthusiasm. Not even the torrential rain in the area seems to have dampened their spirit.

Sr. Roz initiated a visit by Sr. Mary Neil, OP who spent two days with us giving input on the Enneagram and JOURNALING. Included was information that might help those offering spiritual direction a chance to use journaling with those who come for direction.

Years ago we began the practice of setting aside about five days for spring cleaning. With the focus on this and the

coordination of our “labor force,” we are able to do a remarkable sparkle and shine job!



Sr. Rose Holland

Sr. Rose Holland will celebrate her 70 years in Carmel on June 11. Rose has the honor of being our oldest member. She is probably our tiniest one as well, but that does not deter her in any way. She is working out in the garden, cooking, baking, being sacristan etc etc. An example to us all of “contemplative focus” and a happy community member. **CONGRATULATIONS, ROSE!**

Sr. Rosemary will go to Long Island to visit her father, who at 91 maintains a bowling average of almost 180, continues to live alone and maintains the home where Rosey and her siblings grew up. Before Christmas Tony Kluepfel turns into “Santa” as he prepares and wraps gifts for each of us in Reno! What a role model.

And of course we have other family members who are role models not only to their own children but to us as well. Prayer is needed for several who are experiencing major health problems or await surgery. Under the heading “please pray for our community and for all we hold in our hearts,” I will close our contribution to the newsletter.

The Cross is wooden
And hanging there Incarnate,
Love kindles New Life

-Roseann Gillice

CARMEL OF THE RESURRECTION

Indianapolis, Indiana

Sr. Betty Meluch

Since the Colts won the Super Bowl, it is difficult to remember anything else of note. In one of our newsletters we inserted a photo of our dog Lucy wrapped in a blue Colts T-shirt, and now our own fans refer to her as LucyBlue. She would be great on the field. She would tackle anyone for a ball.

In February we celebrated the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig, an opportunity to annually review under which animal each sister was born. Jean Alice has the joy of being born in the Year of the Dragon, which the Chinese declare is the most desirable year. Three of our sisters were born in the Year of the Monkey, and we are not sure what that says. Helen made her home visit to China in April; she is not about to forget her roots.

Our website continues to engage people, and our pod casts support it. Jean Alice and Terese were invited to give a talk about Carmel and our web site at the Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. It was gratifying to hear several women comment that the sharing confirmed their own experiences of prayer. Students from various denominations who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation have been coming to Carmel to experience our liturgies and to hear something about our life. The ecumenical in-reach is inspiring for us and hopefully rewarding for our visitors too. The group of Methodist ministers that meets here weekly presented us with a lovely framed declaration of what coming here means to them. This year marks the twentieth year of our relationship.

Jean Alice attended the annual meeting of the bishops and major superiors of



Indiana at which Saint Mother Theodore Guerin received significant attention. This was followed by a meeting of the leaders and council members from religious congregations who have their motherhouses in Indiana. This group has changed their name from PBFCJV (initials of the congregations) to ARC, science's connecting term for the leap of energy from one point to another.

Recently we received two requests to have someone buried from our chapel. In the same vein some who have celebrated the funeral liturgy elsewhere have driven the funeral cortege through the semi-circle driveway in front of the monastery on their way to the cemetery while we tolled our bells. All of this seems to answer a longing to manifest what Carmel has meant to the deceased and their families, and it remains a comfort to those who mourn.

We cherish our relationships with those who have shared life with us in the past, and recently we had visits from Suzanne Molleur Bebe and Janice Finney. Both just missed the bad weather on the east coast. We had planned a visit from Francis Freeland Williams, but her illness (Alzheimer's) prevented it. Some of you may remember her as Sister Marie of the



Sr. Anna Mary's 60th Entrance Anniversary

Sacred Heart.

We had a great celebration for Anna Mary's 60th entrance anniversary. She is a hard act to follow, but we give it a try.

May we all know Easter joy and courage as the season unfolds.

CARMEL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Cleveland, Ohio

Sr. Vera Lea Virant

THE FRAGRANCE OF SPRING. Remember the children's story, "The Little Princess Who Couldn't Cry?" The only person in

the kingdom who was able to help her was the scullery maid who asked the princess to join her in peeling and chopping onions. The royal child came to mind as we entered our kitchen after Bernadette had uprooted, peeled, and then was grating her garden horseradish in our cuisinart. The only difference was that we were weeping more than crying, and also any bugs in our lungs were being asphyxiated by the fumes. But we certainly enjoyed the horseradish on our Easter ham.

CHRISTMAS OR EASTER? Should we have the blessing of the fire inside or outside? Usually the answer is a toss up as we monitor the temperature. Of course this year the decision was sent from heaven as Cleveland's heaviest snowfall of the year blew in across Lake Erie to bless us with a white Easter two-feet deep. The stalwart people who celebrated with us must have all felt like the woman who said, "I wouldn't miss this Easter Vigil no matter what the weather." For quite a few years we have been proclaiming the Exultet and all the readings preceding the Gloria in almost total darkness. The darkness, the silence from which the reading and chanted responses emerge, create an atmosphere fitting for this most holy of nights.

MAKING OUR LIFE KNOWN. Thanks to our website, a woman in Eastern Pennsylvania learned about us. She visited for a few days recently. As a secular Order member, she was at home with the Divine Office and Carmelite spirituality, especially *La Madre* whom she reads in Spanish.

Barb Losh and Maria Viatori have much of the computer savvy here. Barb



developed and keeps up the website. Maria has developed two PowerPoint presentations, one on our life and the other on our saints. Both her script and her artful choice of images inspired us, our Guild women and some students from John Carroll University (just two miles away) who attended the “premiere.”

On Good Shepherd Sunday Annamae, Mary and Vera Lea took part in a prayer service for vocations arranged by our diocesan office. We’ve been hesitant to go other places for vocation purposes; we prefer to have groups come here. But our participation at a centrally-located parish in a nearby town proved to be a prayerful and worthwhile experience.

OUR ST. JOSEPHS. For the second year a group of alumni from the local Jesuit high school gave us their time and manly energy for a Saturday morning. We had a packed list of mostly outdoor work for them to do, and were we ever happy when the day was bright and beautiful! Amazing, all they accomplished.

May the Lord keep blessing all those who make possible our life of prayer.

CARMEL OF THE ASSUMPTION **Latrobe, Pennsylvania** **Sr. Marie Elizabeth Krug**

The best news from this house is that our construction project is 99.44% finished. We had the last contractor walk-through this week and hope that the final few nails and adjustments will be done in the next week. Now we can concentrate on clean-up.

Our elevator was finally inspected on Holy Thursday. Anyone who has been through this knows it requires a flock of representatives of the various sub-contractors plus the inspector, who came with two apprentices in tow. We have our Washing of the Feet ceremony in conjunction with Midday Prayer, and we had the unique experience of a long pause



between the psalms and the ceremony, while Sr. Mary Paul went to get final instructions from the departing inspectors. As soon as dinner was over, Sr. Anne Marya was loaded on the elevator in her electric cart and taken for a tour of the three other levels, especially the Upper Room which was built in 2000 and which Sister had never seen.

A few weeks earlier, we received the gift of a very beautiful icon of the Transfiguration from two of the carpenters who worked on the building. They were so pleased to present it to us and happy to see it in a place of honor in our new lobby.

On the feast of St. Joseph, our chaplain, Fr. Anthony Grossi, blessed the elevator and the new rooms immediately after Mass. The new prioress’ office, novitiate, sewing room and computer room, and especially the elevator, have already made our life so much better. In prayerful gratitude, we remember all you who helped us when we use our new facilities and invite you to come and enjoy them with us.

Our Easter Vigil was presided over by a Benedictine Father who was ordained just last year. Fr. Maurice sang the *Exultet* and sailed through the various parts of the Vigil like he had been doing this for many years.

We continue to be blessed by a group of volunteers who helped us move into our new rooms and who continue to work around our property. Volunteers are a new phenomenon for us and we are touched by their dedication and kindness.

Our vocation awareness efforts continue as we attended several vocation days in the grade schools in the diocese, a weekend at a college in Virginia and a day at the Catholic high school that serves the southern part of our diocese.

Sisters Mary Paul and Barbara will celebrate golden jubilees this year: Sr. Mary Paul’s in May and Sr. Barbara’s in October.

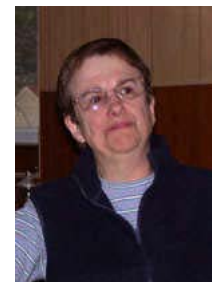
The sycamore spreads (Matthew’s Gospel)
Good News—climb up and climb down
Dine! Be sick no more

—Roseann Gillice

CARMEL OF THE OUR LADY AND ST. JOSEPH **Concord, New Hampshire** **Sr. Louise Marie Aylward**



In a simple ceremony on February 2, 2007, we joyfully welcomed



Hilary Case as a postulant to our community. Hilary had been a member of the Benedictine Community of Pecos, New Mexico, prior to coming to us.

Hilary Case

Our Diocesan Vocation Commission continues working on ways to encourage interest in priesthood and religious life. The commission is blessed with several sisters who are assigned full time to vocation ministry. Sr. Lorraine Aucoin, a Presentation of Mary Sister, had the idea to contact parish CCD programs and to offer to speak to the students about religious life. She further developed her idea by assigning students to research religious orders in the diocese. This resulted in a phone call to the monastery from a seven-year-old boy who had a list of questions he wanted to ask about Carmelite life. Sr. Louise Marie received the call and was impressed by his sincerity and interest. The boy, aided by his mother and younger sister, proceeded to put together a large display with facts about Carmelite life, quotations of Holy Mother, statistics, and his own thoughts on our life. For example: St. Teresa said the purpose of prayer is not for enjoyment but to strengthen our soul so that we can serve others. Sean’s interpretation, “So if you have a strong soul you can serve a heavier amount.” His parents, sister and younger brother came to the monastery to visit bringing the display for us to see. God works in mysterious ways, and who knows what may come from this very original way of reaching young people!

After a winter of not having to think

about the new road under construction adjacent to the monastery, the work began again on Monday, April 2. There are still major issues that need to be worked out with the city. We will give an update as the work progresses.

Carmel of Our Lady of Confidence Savannah, Georgia

Sr. Teresa Margaret Brinkman



Many blessings have come our way! In January, an *ad hoc* committee com-

posed of several men skilled in the various construction trades came to meet with the sisters. Our project goal was to replace the 50-year-old chapel and sacristy ceilings of acoustical tile. They all graciously worked together to achieve this and other needed renovations with high quality results as well as keeping costs low. The new and greatly improved ceiling tiles were partially donated and the lighting is a great improvement! Amazingly, the whole process was accomplished by Palm Sunday, April 1!

On February 17, Sister Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB gave a retreat day for the sisters of the Diocese of Savannah. Sister is from Little Rock, Arkansas, and has written several books. All enjoyed her prayerful day.

St. Patrick's Day was quite an experience for Sister Mary Elizabeth and Mary. Never had they seen anything like the "wearing of the green" in Savannah! We watched the special Mass at the Cathedral which was followed by the parade. They could not imagine how St Patrick could have so much celebration it seemed to overshadow the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Well, God had His own plans for Savannah!

On St. Joseph's Day we had a beautiful Mass followed by a special community breakfast and a festive meal at din-

ner. Then, as we were gathering for supper the door bell rang ... it was a surprise visit from Sr. Mary Elizabeth's little sister, Priscilla! They had not seen each other for thirteen years and it was a very joyous and delightful reunion!

Our English-speaking Definitior, Father Stephen Watson, OCD visited us April 10-13. Father shared our meals and gave us a wonderful conference on St. Joseph. As Father also knew Sr. Mary Elizabeth in Nairobi, this occasion became another wonderful time of Carmelite sharing!

Despite a stage-two drought in Georgia and bothersome critters, the sisters have done an amazing job of growing a vegetable garden. We have already enjoyed spinach, Swiss chard, collard greens, radishes, lettuce and turnips fresh from the garden to the table. The best is yet to come because corn, tomatoes, beans and more are coming along well.

We are happy Sr. Mary Elizabeth and Mary will be attending the Queen of Carmel ongoing formation seminar in Detroit in early May. It is so fitting since we are celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Rule of St. Albert this year and Mary is studying it in formation class. This should be a very wonderful experience for them. Sr. Joann looks forward to seeing you all at the up-coming CCA meeting.

All the Sisters send loving and prayerful greetings to you.

Leaves wait to unfurl.
Winter clings to bare branches
Warm rays signal change.

—Rosemary Kluepfel

Pansies in the breeze,
serene blue tones, strong, swaying.
Seattle sundance.

—Rosemary Kluepfel

Carmel of Our Lady and St. Thérèse Barrington, Rhode Island

Sr. Marian Steffens



What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding, the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.

That's how it is with God's love.

Once you've experienced it you want to sing.

It's fresh like spring;

you want to pass it

on. (verse 2)

This 1969 song, entitled PASS IT ON, by Kurt Kaiser copyrighted by Lexicon Music Inc., expresses well the sentiments of this Easter Season, when our liturgies and homilies encourage us day by day with the tremendous reality of RESURRECTION. Here in Barrington, we have just been enriched by DanielChowning's excellent input on our sister Elizabeth of the Trinity. Although, we will be ending the centenary year in her honor on Trinity Sunday, Elizabeth is special patroness for the year 2007, and we continue to pray to her each evening at our Office of Readings for the gift of vocations to the Order and to our community.

Daniel's four talks to us on April 23 and 24 included some of the newer work of Conrad De Meester, OCD, not yet available in English. De Meester, considered the world expert on Elizabeth and editor of her Complete Works, has recently published an essay on Elizabeth the Writer. This essay precedes the Concordance, produced by the Carmel of Bourges. You can read more about this and other foreign-language publications in the special end of Centenary Issue of MOUNT CARMEL, coming from the Carmelite Priory in Oxford, Great Britain (Vol.55, No.2, April-June 2007). Biographical information helped to give further insights

into her doctrine and experience of God. Therese's influence on both Mother Germaine and Elizabeth helped us to see the impact on Elizabeth's letters and her other writings. The other talks on Elizabeth's experience of the Trinity and her understanding of her Carmelite vocation led us into some good sharing on personal call and mission. We look forward to seeing Daniel again when he



Community retreat with Fr. Daniel

comes to be main celebrant and homilist for Marian's Golden Jubilee celebration on the Solemnity of Pentecost.

On Mercy Sunday, April 15th we celebrated a special Liturgy of Thanksgiving for the doctors, nurses, medical persons, secretaries and care givers, who are so generous in their service to each of our sisters. Over 80 invitations were sent out to inform these friends of our sisters of the special Mass. The readings and homily, the hymns and intercessions, all seemed to help in the awareness of the gifts of the healing ministries. Those who joined us were invited to have cof-



Coffee and cake with those in healing ministries after Mass of Thanksgiving on Mercy Sunday.

fee and cake with the community. This setting provided an informal way for all to meet the doctors and their families. Among the many who joined us were a couple living here in Barrington. Dr. Gwen Vittenberger, a skin specialist, and her husband, Dr. Victor, a surgeon, have long been benefactors of the community. They have adopted two young girls from different parts of China. The young girls were delighted to be with us and after feeling more at home did sing some songs in Chinese and even danced for us. Everyone appreciated the opportunity it provided to acknowledge something we all need, a personal doctor (s)!!

In preparation for the Sacred Triduum, we had special sessions with Pauline Reynolds, the choir director at St. Patrick's parish in Providence. We had learned some of Pauline's own musical pieces when Mary Yascolt had joined the community after her years as choir director at St. Pat's. Now, Pauline who succeeded Mary, is helping to bring out the best in our singing.

Vilma, as you know, is a presenter at the Carmelite Institute's Fifth Conference to be held here in Rhode Island July 25-29, 2007. The hotel is about forty minutes from our monastery. The title of Vilma's presentation is A Prophetic Journey: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus the Mystic with Teresa and John.



On the diocesan level, celebrating Sr. Marian's 50th Anniversary.

Swiftly, gracefully,
Full moon ascends above clouds.
Frog serenades her.

Rosemary Kluepfel

CARMEL OF THE SACRED HEART Baltimore, Maryland Sr. Fran Horner



For this report we want to draw upon events of the last four months (since January) to highlight three areas of community life:

our use of facilitated processes to assist with significant community discussions and decisions; our efforts to design and develop creative liturgies; and our vocation/formation work.

FACILITATED PROCESSES

For many years now our community has been using facilitated processes of discussion and deliberation for major community decisions, in order to ensure effective listening, to elicit participation by all community members and to build consensus. For example, the evaluation of our sisters in formation for reception/profession is a facilitated process in which the person being evaluated participates. Perhaps the most indepth example of facilitated decision-making is our election process, which took place at the end of this past January. We undertook a three-day indepth reflection on all areas of community life for the past triennium: our contemplative prayer ministry (outreach to the broader community); contemplative prayer and solitude; work within the house; and community life and relationships. These discussions were facilitated by a professional psychologist who is well known to our members and with whom all feel comfortable. We identified the movements forward during the past three years—what we celebrate; and we identified the challenges or struggles—what we grieve. We also gave considerable attention to dreaming and envisioning the future, helping to lay the groundwork for later goal-setting. We further identified criteria for good leadership and “followership.” For these discussions all community members were present, includ-

ing our newer members not in solemn vows. Thereafter, the chapter met separately with the aim of establishing a consensus for the choice of new prioress. A formal vote was taken on the fourth day, presided over by one of our bishops.

Connie FitzGerald was completing two successive terms as prioress, and Colette Ackerman was elected to succeed her. Our community incorporates a three-month transition period into our election timetable to facilitate a smooth change. And so, while the election was held on February 1, the actual confirmation of the new prioress took place on May 1. Our sisters expressed great satisfaction in the use of this process to build community and consensus at the time of each triennial election.

CREATIVE LITURGIES

We have a large congregation from the wider community that has come to expect an engaging and topical liturgical experience relevant to their lives and concerns. Since Pentecost of 2006, we have led our people through a “Year of Prayer for the Earth,” using guided contemplative prayer liturgies, Calls to Worship and other liturgical enhancements at the Sunday Mass, and other special events. In the past few months, we carried this theme through our Lenten and Easter services. On Thursday nights in Lent we offered guided contemplative prayer with a focus on the environment. Each week we paired the next Sunday’s Gospel text with a contemporary reading on one aspect of ecological concern. Among our topics were the interdependent relationship between wasps and fig trees in the African rainforest, the central role of oysters in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, the relationship between ecological neglect and injustice/oppression, and the effects of global warming on the “sky islands.” We used our new video projector and screen to enhance the prayer environment quietly with a few meditative photographs relevant to the week’s theme. A *lectio divina* format was used, giving 25 minutes of silent prayer and time for reflections from participants.

We also found ways to highlight our ecological theme at the Easter Vigil. For the first Genesis reading, we recorded a DVD combining beautiful video scenes of creation, the reader’s voice, and background music from Haydn’s oratorio, *The Creation*. The video scenes and music were timed to reflect the descriptions in the Genesis reading. We also used video of waterfalls to enhance one of the Isaiah readings (*All you who are thirsty, come to the water*). In addition to the videos, we continued our practice of using stirring classical music recordings as backdrops for the Vigil readings. Our Easter services were further enhanced this year by the presence of Meghan Meros, a liturgical dancer and junior from nearby Goucher College who had attended our *Come and See Weekend* (see below). She choreographed and performed a beautiful liturgical dance to bring the Easter water into our sanctuary, and also danced a special recessional on Easter morning as we sang in harmony a joyful choral piece, *I Will Rejoice*.

On May 19, we will celebrate the anniversary of our Year of Prayer for the Earth with a Blessing of Grounds open to the public (remember the rogation day processions). We have invited noted geologist and environmentalist George Fisher from Johns Hopkins University to provide commentary on the geological history of our grounds as we walk around. Professor Fisher will tie his comments in with the concept of sacred place. He believes our geological foundations are a core whose fruits have touched and beautified much of our region. Sacred place will also be the focus for our second annual triduum for Our Lady of Mount Carmel in July. Knowing that “place” has been central to our Order since its origins, we will look at the Chesapeake Bay region as our own “place” in special need of environmental protection. The triduum will include a documentary, guided contemplative prayer and a special Mass.

VOCATION/FORMATION WORK

We held our fifth annual *Come and See Weekend* in February over the Presi-

dents’ Day Weekend. Five young women participated, two of whom were college students, two recent college graduates, and another friend of the community. Our newer members prepared and presented to the participants a video presentation about our history and a lecture on “The Spirit of Carmel,” drawing on their formation studies. We also showed *The Woman, The Water, The Way*, and our formation directors led an enthusiastic discussion of prayer and the Carmelite life. These weekends have been important in the discernment processes of our two newest members, and they have allowed other young women to establish close ties of friendship with us. As mentioned above, one of this year’s participants performed liturgical dance at our Easter services, and she is also organizing a small group to provide us with input as we plan a new program, *Prayer with Young Adults*, set to begin in the fall. Another participant will be visiting us on Saturdays this summer to help with our vegetable garden.

Our formation classes these past months have focused intensely on Carmelite history. Our newer members attended an excellent conference on the Rule given by Kees Waaijman, O. Carm. at Whitefriars Hall in January, and they had a special class on Cardinal Berulle and his influence (positive and negative) on the Spanish foundresses and French Carmels, given at our monastery by Leopold Glueckert, O. Carm. Most recently, our sisters in formation have been concentrating on the particular history of Baltimore Carmel as the founding Carmel in America, reading *The Carmelite Adventure* and listening to tapes by Joe Chinnici, O.F.M., on the spirituality of our foundresses as derived from our own archival documents, which our newer members had the joy of being able to examine. All this work was contextualized by weekly indepth class discussions led by Connie, our historian/archivist.

VISITORS

We were very happy to welcome Mary Margaret Yascolt and Marie Louise

Bishop to our monastery as they were en route to/from the Mahwah meeting of friars and nuns. It was a great pleasure to have them with us.

CARMEL OF THE INCARNATION
Beacon, New York
Sr. Marjorie Robinson



It has been exciting to watch the daily progress of our chapel renovations, which will soon be completed. We recently

held two small gatherings for friends and benefactors. All the sisters were involved in the preparations and were on hand to greet our guests. Sisters Carolyn, Marita and Marjorie explained our community's history and the background of the chapel renovation project, as well as the values and hopes for our transformed worship



Detail of etched-glass panel for door to the chapel.

space. The scope and costs of the project were highlighted in an accompanying PowerPoint presentation. Our friends were invited to tour the chapel and to see firsthand the work-in-progress. During the afternoon, there was opportunity to meet and visit with the community over light refreshments. Such occasions have borne fruit and deepened friendships in ways we had not expected.

Many in our community attended a one-day workshop on "Growth in Body, Mind and Spirit: Integrating Sexuality as Celibates," given by Fr. Quinn R. Conners, O.Carm. Quinn presented sexuality as the way each of us with her unique history connects with self, others and God. It is a journey that informs our very capacity to love. The Redemptoristine Nuns in Esopus graciously hosted this workshop



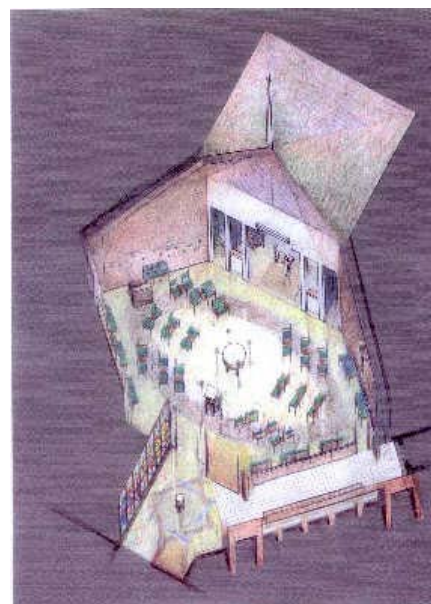
Srs. Marita and Miriam admire the refinished tabernacle: the design is repeated on each side.

sponsored by MACC (Metropolitan Association of Contemplative Communities) for ongoing formation. About 40 contemplative sisters were present, representing communities in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut area.

Sr. Sherryl White, CSJ returned to our community in April to facilitate further discussion on community health-care issues. In 2006 the community developed Guidelines for Health Care. Needs and situations continue to change and challenge us, calling for ongoing reflection and dialogue in the sensitive, complex area of how we provide care for another. Over the past few years, our community has experienced a number of health-care situations that allowed us to make use of resources outside the community, with varying degrees of satisfaction. We have found there are often no clear answers when an immediate need arises for a sister's care. Sr. Sherryl encouraged us to continue the dialogue, to use the guidelines more frequently to ground our decisions and to search for means that balance individual needs and desires with the common good. It is important that we allow ourselves the freedom to reflect on community health-care needs with both creativity and realism.



Artist's rendering of reserved Blessed Sacrament space.



Artist's rendering of our new worship space.

**CARMEL OF THE OUR LADY AND ST. JOSEPH
Boston, Massachusetts
Sr. Mary Clare Doherty**

Our ICF program this year began in Concord with a friend of Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Mary Ann, SND speaking on Islam, and it continued here in Roxbury with Fr. Sal, OCD speaking on Père Jaques. Tim Gallagher, OVM gave us a day on the *Examen*, George Mangicarina, OCD on liturgical spirituality, and Kevin Culligan, OCD on our Holy Mother's commentary on the *Song of Songs*. Other speakers were Jack Butler, SJ on community, Nicanor Austriaco, OP on wisdom in scripture, Fr. Lenny Tighe, OCDS on Mary, and Fr. Raymond Van der Martel, OCDS on John of the Cross' *Living Flame*. We went down to Barrington Carmel for a day on *lectio* with Fr. Caedmon, OSB while Sr. Marian came up to Boston to give an excellent lecture and her slides on the history of Carmel in the US. She also agreed to give more sessions on this in next year's program. Sr. Marjorie joined us from Beacon giving some wonderfully solid, practical and inspiring input on prayer. There is one more lecture this year, which will be on Christology, and then the last meeting will be input and discussion on cosmology and environment given by those in formation. The very last meeting of the year is our party in Barrington.

The annual McCarthy lecture was given in March this year by Fr. Ela from Cameroon. It was on the resulting marginalization of Africa amidst globalization *vis a vis* the position of the Church. The talk was given in French but a Jesuit friend, who is also from Cameroon, translated. A lively discussion followed, with language apparently not being a problem.

To celebrate the centenary of Elizabeth of the Trinity with the larger com-



munity, we had a lecture on Elizabeth's spirituality by Fr. Raymond van der Martel, OCDS followed by a piano concert in which Fr. Robert Congdon played pieces that Elizabeth herself had played, as well as works by her favorite composers. For Elizabeth's feast, we learned a Mass composed in her honor by a friend of ours, Mary Amlaw. And, presently in process, our former "farm" is being turned into a little park/flower garden also in Elizabeth's honor.

On the 1st of Feb. Judy Lewis arrived in Boston from NY, and on the 2nd she entered our community to a very warm welcome. Judy is originally from the beautiful island country of St. Vincent in the Caribbean. I'm sure she will appreciate some prayers as she settles into our less-than-tropical Boston.

Visits from Sr. Teresa Keohane, OCD from Zing, Nigeria, in the area to see her brother, and from Fr. Steven Watson, OCD here doing the visitation of the Brighton community, gave us pleasant opportunities to keep our international Carmelite family bonds strengthened.

Our monastery renovations are finished, and four of the original community (those here when it all started) are still living!



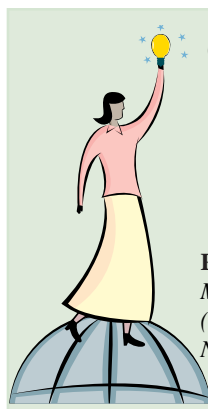
Judy Lewis (wearing rose-colored hat) who entered Boston Carmel Feb. 2 doing the scripture reading at the Good Friday Stations of the Cross at monastery entrance.



A woman holds cross at left, Sr. Juanita in brown jacket, our pastor, Fr. Waldron, to right in baseball cap during same service.



Procession arriving at the monastery during same service.



CCA 24th National Assembly -- May 29-June 4

THEME

Silence & Hope in our Changing World: Challenges and Dreams

Campion Renewal Center, Weston, MA

RESOURCE PERSONS: Sr. Sandra Schneiders, IHM, Sr. Jean Alice McGoff (Indianapolis), Sr. Claire Sokol (Reno), Sr. Leslie Lund (Carmelite Sisters of Mary), Sr. Agnes Ahn (Baltimore), Sr. Eileen Nasser (Barrington), Sr. Christine Congtang (Alhambra)

CARMEL OF THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Eldridge, Iowa

Sr. Miriam Hogan



The major news that we have to report from Eldridge concerns the elections which were held on April 24.

Sr. Lynne Elwinger was elected the new prioress and Sr. Mary Jo is our subprioress. Bishop Martin Amos was present for the election of the prioress and for Mass.



Bishop Martin Amos
with new prioress Sr. Lynne Elwinger

Barb Arland-Fye did an article for our diocesan paper *The Catholic Messenger* after interviewing Sr. Lynne and Sr. Mary Jo. The following are some quotes from the article concerning Lynne's background before entering the monastery:

Raised a Methodist in small town Pennsylvania, she became an Episcopalian as an adult and later converted to Catholicism. Sensing a need for a retreat, she scanned a listing in the *National Catholic Reporter* and found an advertisement for one at the Carmelite Monastery. The ad, however, was intended for women who might be interested in a vocation to the religious life. It had been inadvertently listed with retreats, Sr. Elwinger recalls.

She took three weeks off from her post as a nurse working on a Hopi reservation in Arizona to go on "retreat" in Iowa

"She has many leadership qualities," observes Sister Mary Jo Loebig, OCD

who preceded Sr. Elwinger as prioress. "She's a people person ... she's very insightful, she has a different way of seeing things."

While Sr. Elwinger occasionally misses her nursing career, she keeps her license active and has had the opportunity to practice her skills in her religious community, she says.

Her whole life had been spent in ministry-oriented work—serving as a U.S. Navy nurse, working in public health in Washington, DC volunteering with the Peace Corps in Chile, and working as a nurse on Indian reservations.

But she came to a point where she felt as if she were plugging one hole in the dike while other holes flooded around her.

"It seemed the only way to address the ongoing issues was through prayer," she reflects.

"I think that's what attracted me to this lifestyle," she says of the Carmelite's apostolate, which focuses on prayer.



Prioress Sr. Lynne and
subprioress Sr. Mary Jo

Concerning other news.... The gardeners are all excited and hopeful as they put in various vegetables and flowers. Sr. John Fe and Sr. Susan have contributed some new insights to the process of planting and cultivating this year. We are grateful for their help in many ways as we continue to grow in our life of prayer and to nourish that life in all to whom we come in contact.

The web sites continue to attract visitors from all over the world. Sr. Mary

Anne's music is a rich source of material for those musicians celebrating Easter and the liturgical seasons. Recently Sr. Montserrat gave us permission to publish the words of Mother Cristina Kaufmann. Sister told us that the material is being used for retreats in Spain. We are grateful for the opportunity to present it to those who are serious about the contemplative life in the English-speaking world.

Wishing you all of the special blessings and joy of the Easter season.

Carmelite Institute Program July 25-29

THEME

The Prophetic Dimension of Our
Carmelite Rule

Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI
(See the Institute's website for details.)

PRESENTERS

Kevin Culligan, OCD
Vilma Seelaus, OCD
John Sullivan, OCD
Andrew Bacevich, PhD
John Haught, PhD
Craig Morrison, O. Carm.
Michael Crosby, OFM Cap.
Peter Hinde, O Carm.
Edward McCormack, PhD



MUSICALEVENING

CCA Sisters
Claire Sokol
Clorinda von Stockalper
Mary Margaret Yascolt

PRAYERS FOR OUR SISTERS, our friends & relatives

BEACON

SISTER MICHAEL ANN had a serious fall and is recuperating from surgery for a fractured hip. We are grateful for the success of her surgery and ask your prayers that her time of rehab is just as successful. She is at Wingate at St. Francis, a facility only five minutes from our Carmel. We miss her very much and look forward to her speedy recovery and return to the monastery.

CONCORD

We had much illness in the community during the winter months, but it was SR. THOMAS AQUINAS who was sickest of all. She was hospitalized with pneumonia for almost two weeks and became so weak that her doctor thought it best that she spend some time in a rehabilitation facility to regain her strength before returning home. Sister is at Pleasant View Center where several of our other sisters had been. This facility is within walking distance of the monastery which makes it easy for us to visit. We are happy to report that Sr. Thomas Aquinas is making excellent progress and is already able to get around with the help of a walker. The staff meets regularly with the patients and family members to report on progress made in the rehabilitation process. We are hopeful that Sister will be ready to return home in the near future.

SAVANNAH

An MRI showed SISTER TERESA MARGARET has a ruptured disk in the lumbar area of the spine and pinched nerves in the left leg. Surgery is scheduled for May 8 and by the time you read this she will hopefully be well along in recovery and trying to return the many charities from all her sisters! Please keep her in your prayers.

BOSTON

Please remember in your prayers Sr. Mary Teresa's sister, SR. DELORES, who was rushed to the emergency room Easter week with congestive heart failure, Jeanne-Marie's mother JEAN GRAHAM, who has been quite ill, Judy's brother-in-law who has a brain tumor, and FR. RUSSELL BEST here in our parish, struggling with cancer.

ELYSBURG

SR. JOSEPHINE KOEPEL recently had a cobalt treatment (Gamma Knife) for a tumor. Please pray in thanksgiving and petition for good results and recovery.

Prayers for Relatives who have died

Barrington

- 1) Sr. Roseann's grandnephew SEAN.
- 2) Sr. Patricia's sister BARBARA.
- 3) Sr. Mary Gehring's brother BILL
- 4) KAREN CULLEN, wife of Sr. Genevieve's nephew Michael.

Recipes

LASAGNA
Sr. Miryam Kathleen, Concord NH

For a 9 x 13 pan
Noodles for 3-4 layers

Mix:
1 lb. Ricotta Cheese
1 egg

Mix:
1 lg can V8 juice
1 lg can tomato paste
dash or two Tabasco sauce (optional)
oregano, basil
and other seasoning as desired
1 lb. Mozzarella Cheese
meat if desired, cook and drain fat

Layer
Tomato sauce
noodles
sauce
ricotta cheese
mozzarella cheese
noodles ... Repeat

Prepare the night before so the noodles
will absorb the sauce.
Bake 350° F, 40 min.-an hour,
until done.
Cool 5 min.
Makes approx 12 servings

*NEVER-FAIL RECIPE FOR
CHEESE SOUFFLÉ*
from Sr. Marian, Barrington

Bake 1 hour 350° in a Pyrex dish,
placed in another baking pan with boil-
ing water.

Melt 1½ sticks of margarine in pot
Add ¾ cup and 2 tablespoons
of flour
Cook until bubbling
Gradually add 3 cups of milk—
remove pot from heat
Stir until completely blended over
medium heat
Cook this mixture stirring con-
stantly until very thick
BOILS about 1 minute
Add ¾ lb dark yellow cheese (I use
sharp cheddar)
Let melt, not over heat

Separate 12 eggs
Beat yolks very well
Gradually add
cheese sauce (stirring all the time)
salt/pepper and 1 tsp of dried
mustard
Beat egg whites, while adding
¾ teaspoons of cream of tartar
Gradually fold cheese sauce into
egg whites;
FOLD in completely
Use large baking pan, ungreased
Put egg mixture into deep rectangu-
lar Pyrex dish inside the
other pan; pour boiling water in
bottom pan .
Around the edge cut a border
with knife
Do not open oven while baking
and serve immediately!

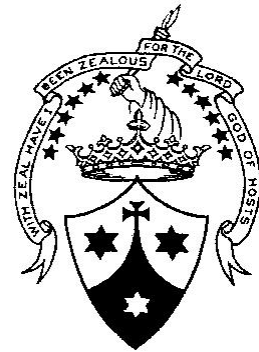
Serves 14 persons.

Sr. THERESA HORTH of Concord Carmel
wanted to share the following informa-
tion with the hope that some may find it
helpful:

IN REGARD TO THE NEW FIRE FOR HOLY
SATURDAY:

- Use a flat metal container. We use an old grill.
- Place 4 or 5 cotton balls in the center,
- Add kindling on top
- Sprinkle rubbing alcohol on the wood and the cotton balls shortly before the fire is needed
- Carefully light from the bottom

The above makes a beautiful fire with
no sparks and no fear of damage to the
priest's vestment. We had found that
wood shavings alone created sparks
that were potentially dangerous or
could damage the vestment.



Carmelite Forum
June 17–23

St. Mary's University
South Bend, IN

Books

Book reviews

Four books came across my desk recently and peaked my interest:

The first one is a book on Thérèse, **Everything is Grace** by Christian Brother Joseph F. Schmidt. It is a very interesting book with 50 pages of introduction. The chapter headings are tantalizing. One is entitled “We don’t have any enemies in Carmel, but there are feelings.” Another is “To Bear with One’s Imperfections, That is Real Sanctity.” The whole book is 352 pages long, soft cover, published in 2007 by The Word Among Us Press, Ijamsville, MD 21754. There is not anything new but he explains deeply and in detail some of her psychological and theological ideas. One chapter is headed, “If I were God, I’d Save Them All.” It impressed me so much, I bought a copy and am now rereading it. It seems to me that this would be good for formation especially in living community life. ISBN # is 978-1-59325-095-9.

The second book is a series of essays written by Benedictines and Cistercians, both men and women, in answer to the question, “Where Do We Go From Here?” The main title is **A Monastic Vision for the 21st Century**. The different approaches to the question are interesting, but all agree that monasticism has something to give to the world and this will not change. The editor is Patrick Hart, OCSO. It is number # 8 of the Monastic Wisdom series. This is soft cover with 264 pages, published by Cistercian Publications, Kalamazoo, MI, 49008-5415. It would be interesting to have a similar book written by the nuns. The ISBN number is 0-87907-057-9. There is also a 13 digit ISBN number given 978-0-87907-057-1.

The third book is much smaller one: 142 pages written by Sr. Joan Chittister. The title is **Illuminated Life: Monastic Wisdom for Seekers of Light**. This is arranged alphabetically from A (Abandonment) to Z (Zeal). These make very good meditations and could be used for formation or for a jumping off place if desired at personal prayer. It is published by Orbis, Maryknoll. The ISBN # is 1570752333-8.

The final book is **The Examen Prayer**. I first encountered this at the Intercommunity formation program that Boston, Concord and Barrington have. The author, Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV is building on Fr. George Aschenbrenner’s article in an 1972 *Review for Religious*, “Consciousness Examen,” explaining that this is not an examination of conscience but rather more of discerning God’s direction in your life. Fr. Timothy lists five parts and gives examples from Ignatius and sisters, laity and priests he interviewed. This is a very readable book and also would, in my opinion, be good for formation for the *examen*. It is soft cover, 176 pages. The ISBN # is 0-8245-2367-9.

Happy reading!!

—Sr. Normagene, Barrington Carmel

Books recommended:

Currently, I am reading the book **A Suitable Boy** by Vikram Seth. The book is located in India and its size is foreboding, approximately 1474 pages. However, I have found that many books I have most liked are situated in India. I find these particularly relevant because India (after Gandhi) experienced the same kinds of difficulties that seem to be happening in Iraq today with the tensions and old rivalries among the Sunnis, Shiites, Kurds, and Christians. In India, it was the Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, and Parsi to name at least some.

Probably the best book that illustrates this is the book **Cracking India** by Sidhwa Bapsi. The movie *Earth* (directed by Deepa Mehta) was based on this novel. Though the movie is quite good, it only gives a glimpse of what is narrated in the book and is also incomplete. Two wonderful books by Rohinton Mistry are: **A Fine Balance** and **Family Matters**. Mistry is a marvelous writer and **A Fine Balance** is one of the most inspiring books I have read. For me, it was spiritual reading (as are many novels). The last book, **The Namesake**, is located in America but about Indian immigrants. It was made into a movie and is currently on the big screen.

I might also mention the movie *Water*, also directed by Deepa Mehta, that highlighted the plight of widows. This movie was nominated for an Oscar in the foreign film category. It is worth seeing.

—Terese, Indianapolis Carmel

We hold ourselves responsible to look for the holy in unexpected places and persons, and pledge ourselves to continue energetic dialogue about issues of freedom and responsibility for women. We invite others of all traditions to join us in imagining the great shalom of God.

With these words, the speakers of the *Madeleva Lectures* promise to continue speaking and writing for women in the Church. If you haven’t discovered these wonderful lectures, you have a treat in store. They are published by Paulist Press almost every year (there are about 18 now) and well worth your investment of time and money.

Madeleva Lecturers include Sandra Schneiders, IHM, Kathleen Norris, Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ, and Monika Hellwig.

—It’s not a book report but an attempt to “whet your appetite!”

—Sr. Michaelene, Beacon Carmel



**Meeting of OCD Provincials, Coordinators, and Councils
Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, NJ April 16-20, 2007**

Front Row (L to R)

Sr. Mary Margaret Yascolt, Sr. Jeanne Marie Gonyon, Sr. Colette Ackerman, Sr. Teresa Ann Larimer, M. Virginia Marie O'Connor, M. Dawn Marie McCarthy, Fr. Leonard Copeland, Fr. Ralph Reyes, Fr. Gregory Ross, Fr. Daniel Chowning, Fr. John Magdalen

Middle (L to R)

Fr. Patrick Sugrue, Sr. Angel Sweeney, M. Teresita Flynn, Sr. Michael Crimmins, M. Maria Valla, Fr. Gerald Werner, Sr. Yvonne Hanke, Br. Michael Villagomez

Back (L to R)

Sr. Marie Louise Bishop, Fr. Christopher LaRocca, Fr. Phillip Thomas, Sr. Mary Clare Trolley (hidden), Fr. Mark-Joseph DeVelis

Photographer (not in photo): Sr. Claudette Blais