



Carmelite Communities Associated (CCA) / USA

Concrete Comments on The Table of Contents

a) **Which parts do you consider complete?** (yes/no) none of them

Part I Chapter 1. #3. The Rule is more than just an inspiration. It is a foundational document which is integral to our life as Carmelites. We hope the entire Rule will be included with the Constitutions. Also, please emphasize Elijah as representing the Prophetic dimension of our life as contemplatives and religious.

#4. Please emphasize the non-hierarchical aspect of the Carmelite family in the text.

#5. We Suggest you add **Scripture** as an essential part of our Carmelite Inspiration

Chapter 3. #1. Consider calling it Communal Life rather than ‘Sisterly Life’

Could there be an explicit mention of the use of methods of mediation and conflict resolution, in addition to the reference to forgiveness and reconciliation? This would help to legitimize their use in communities.

Suggest adding a brief theology of **Eucharist** as the source of unity in community life.

Chapter 4. #1. Contemplative life rather than ‘An Entirely’ (our life is for others)

We are inserted into the particular and universal church, but also into the whole world. This needs stating explicitly.

#3. Insertion into the Particular & Universal Church **please add: and the world.**

Will this section include how we relate to the laity in general, and how we might accomplish the ‘spiritual outreach’ that Pope Francis refers to in the Conclusion and Regulations of VDQ Art. 5 #2 to express ecclesial communion?

#4. We suggest this addition: **An Evolving Theological Vision**

Chapter 5 #2. How might we do ‘spiritual outreach’ and also make ourselves known for vocation promotion purposes, in addition to using online resources such as websites? Some guidance on how we might express creative fidelity in living out enclosure would be helpful.

We suggest adding #5. Study / Intellectual Life (as another legitimate means to fostering our life)

Part II #1. We suggest a short section on anthropology and the process of human development

#2. Under ‘The Formator,’ it might be helpful to state that this may be fulfilled through different roles – vocation director for Aspirancy (a new phase in Formation process per Cor Orans), (Postulant director? for postulants), novice director for rest of the formative years, with notes on these separate roles.

Part III Epilogue

We suggest the concluding quote be changed to:

Let us understand my daughters, that true perfection consists in love of God and neighbor; the more perfectly we keep these two commandments the more perfect we will be. All that is in our rule and constitutions serve for nothing else than to be a means toward keeping these commandments with greater perfection. Let's forget about indiscreet zeal; it can do us a lot of harm. Let each one look to herself. Because I have said enough about this elsewhere, I'll not enlarge on the mater. All that is in our rule and constitutions serve for nothing else than to be a means toward keeping these commandments with greater perfection. Int. Castle 2, ch.1, #17.

Do you have any other contributions? What are they?

Please include an index of all the acronyms used in the footnotes and elsewhere in the document.