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Dear Sr. Claire and Dr. O'Connell,

I am very pleased to hear that the CCA Association is in the process of developing a leadership program for ongoing formation in conjunction with the Ministry Leadership Center. As far back as July 16, 2012, until the present, I have been urging the Carmelite nuns to complete the journey of education in autonomy and in responsible participation in the government of their communities in order that they may arrive at the maturity and the responsible freedom that the Church expects from contemplative religious. This ongoing formation project you have undertaken is the local embodiment of the initiatives the Generalate is currently promoting for the nuns globally. It underlines and complements our work.

The work you have done in identifying nine 'foundational concerns' as critical components of our Teresian charism is commendable. Entering into reflection and dialogue on each of these concerns in the context of our time and culture holds the potential for deepening your understanding, assimilation and love of our Teresian charism and assuring its transmission in a way that is relevant to future generations.

I am also aware of CCA's long-standing international outreach and of the interest some have already expressed in sharing in this formation initiative. Should the launch of this program prove successful and a more global application become possible in the future, it could potentially be of great benefit to the Order.

I want to express my thanks to the CCA Association and the Ministry Leadership Center for their work in co-creating this program for the nuns. I fully support this important initiative and encourage as many sisters as possible to participate in this program for their own benefit, as well as that of their communities and indeed, for our world.

Your brother in the Lord and in Carmel,

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