



# CCA Newsletter

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Dear Sisters,

Greetings from your CCA team. We have several exciting things to share. While more information will be coming in the future, below are a few items to bring you up to date on what has been happening.

The task forces working on the CCA goals for our next General Assembly in May 2014 continue to make progress with their assigned tasks. Grants have been submitted for our Assembly thanks to Sr. Angela Pikus's hard work; the first draft of our revised Mission Statement has been received thanks to Sr. Mary Paul Cutri's and her committee's work; the restructuring and background work on our CCA website is well along and you should see results in the next months; plans for streaming the next meeting to some CCA monasteries are underway. We can thank our technological savvy sisters: Clorinda de Stockalper, Miriam Hogan, Fran Horner and Judy Murray for all of that. We are also receiving responses from international guests about joining us for our 2014 meeting.

The entire CCA team attended the Tri-Association meeting of the Carmelite nuns held at the La Salette Retreat and Conference Center in Attleboro, MA May 21-24. CCA hosted the meeting. It was a very warm, cooperative and productive meeting with all of the Associations working together for a unified voice for the nuns on significant issues impacting our lives. We had a full agenda covering plans for Holy Mother's 5th Centenary, the future of the Formator's Program, the status of the Carmelite Institute, Fr. Saverio's July 16, 2012 letter, and the decree from the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life concerning the "Religious Assistant."

On May 26th Srs. Bernadette Therese and Marie-Louise depart to attend the French Federation meeting to be held at Lisieux Carmel. We look forward to sharing with our international sisters both their experiences and our own in CCA. Being in Lisieux is an extra blessing. Dijon Carmel has also extended an invitation for us to visit them for a couple of days prior to the beginning of the meeting and so we will also have the grace of being there as well. There will be much to share on our return.

In view of these very deep expressions of St. Teresa's vision of genuine sisterly community, support, and underlying unity, your CCA team wishes for each of you an "ordinary time" that is extraordinary in the order of grace.

Your sister,

*Marie-Louise*

*Sr. Roseann Gillice, ocd*



Hello to you all! I hope you are enjoying and marveling at the beauty of God's creation coming alive each day – the gladioli, pansies, irises,

azaleas, rhododendron, roses, peonies, etc. One can identify the other flowers, vines and bushes in bloom as sneezes and coughing increase. Ah, yes, it's the Forsythia, honeysuckle, spirea, lilies of the valley, ...

Some time after the last Newsletter we were awaiting a Papal election. Sr. Francesca researched and typed sheets of information about all the Cardinals who were to participate in the conclave and made a shrine for the display. She artistically decorated the doorway to the recreation room with a white drape over the top and two gold drapes, one on either side. Entering the room, I felt that I was part of the conclave and the whole historical event!

On Wednesday, March 13th, we gathered for our community meeting at 2 PM – with the TV on mute. With eyes glued on the TV, we sang a hymn and the chairperson prayed: "We pray for the grace to live in the Will of God; that we, like Jesus in today's gospel, can say we do not seek our own will, but the will of the one who sent him. Amen." With that the white smoke billowed out and up into the air – the 5th ballot. The rest of the meeting took its own course. Who is he? We waited to find out. We are still finding out and are so grateful to the Holy Trinity for the gift of Francis, Bishop of Rome and Pope.

Sister Eileen traveled to the Holy Land for her home visit in Bethlehem in March. Being Palestinian she is not allowed to land in Tel-Aviv, so her destination was Jordan, the same day as Obama's visit, entailing a delay of five hours. After an overnight visit with relatives there, she traveled to Bethlehem. The checkpoints to go over the bridge, which is a short distance, prolonged the 15 to 20 minute trip to ten hours. It was increased by the presence of many Muslims on their pilgrimage. She was able to visit the community in Bethlehem Carmel, as well as the

## CARMEL OF OUR LADY

### AND ST. THERÈSE

*Barrington, Rhode Island*

sisters in The Pater in Jerusalem. During the Easter season permission is given by Israel for easy access to Jerusalem, a place where they freely went to visit friends, shop and keep Doctors' appointments in the past. Outside of Christmas and Easter time, life is hemmed in and difficult. To travel people need to apply for permits, which are not always given. We are happy that Eileen was able at this time to see all her brothers and sisters (they are ten siblings now) as well as her friends.

During Easter season Frank, our kitchen designer, brought us palm crosses of different shapes made by him, his father, his children and his wife. His sense of beauty and care can be seen in his work as well as in his relations with others. The kitchen renovation is now winding down. We are in the reality of working out what works best for what! Even the coordinator needs to remember where she put things.

We celebrated the birthday of Srs. Patricia and Susan on April 18th – same date, but different years. Patricia was 93 and Susan was 89. Sue planned to have a few of their close relatives for the occasion as a surprise. However, it leaked out. It was just as well. Each could prepare better for "the surprise". Patricia's family came from near-by states; Susan's came from Kansas!

Before the Tri-Council meeting in LaSalette, MA, we were delighted to have our sisters; Therese (San Antonio), Angel Teresa (New Caney), Judy Long (Baltimore) and Fr. Bonaventure (San Antonio) stay with us. After the meeting, we enjoyed the presence of Josette, (Little Rock/Jackson) and Fr. Adam Gregory from CA-AZ province for a couple of days. As St. Augustine said, "It was good for us to have enjoyed ourselves, good for us to have been glad together!"

Our Secular Order members came together in May for what is called their "Community Day" which has a different schedule from their regular meeting and includes lunch together. Wendy, the chairperson, generously included us in ordering the box lunches. This year it fell on the feast of The Trinity. Fr. Tom McCreech, OP from Providence College gave two conferences. The following is from his homily at the Liturgy of the Word. "But our creature-hood has

been marred by sin and so we have lost sight of who we really are, what our creatureliness really means. Because of sin, our creatureliness turns us away from God, rather than turns us back to God. This feast reminds us once again of our real nature and our ultimate goal. The Trinity is a community acting as one. The Trinity dwells in us and acts on us to bring us to salvation. We have access to the Trinity, therefore. Even more, we belong to the Trinity. The Trinity is our family, our home. Love is the only realistic way of beginning to comprehend the Trinity. We came to be because of the Trinity's love for us. And we will live forever because the Trinity has not abandoned love for us. If we have known what it means to be loved by another then we have an inkling of what the Trinity is all about. This feast reminds us once again of our real nature and our ultimate goal."

Our community was pleased with the schedule prepared by the committee for the celebration of the 5th Centenary of OHM Teresa's birth. There will be a three- year lecture series held in our chapel:

- 1) "Therese of Lisieux – Gifted Daughter of St. Teresa of Avila" presented by Dr. Keith Egan on September 29, 2013;
- 2) "The Humanity of Jesus in Teresa and Contemporary Christology", presented by

*The Community with the Tri Council guests'.*



Fr. Brian McDermott, SJ, on October 5, 2014;  
 3) "Teresa: Teacher of Mysticism" presented by Sr. Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, Ph D, on October 4, 2015.  
 Of course all of this, God willing. On a blurb for the DVD of OHM's life, it says, "This film reveals the conversion that Teresa herself had to go thru to deepen her own union with Christ as she endeavored to bring about that same deeper spiritual reform of her Carmelite Order." This resonates with her words, "It is we who are beginning now; but let them (the sisters who come after us) strive to keep on beginning." Always beginning to go deeper and deeper in a life of conversion and transformation!

Sr. Normagene had a knee replacement; the surgery went well. Providentially, St. Elizabeth's Nursing Home had an opening for rehab. It is about twenty minutes from the monastery. They have rooms with a view of the llamas and other animals that live on the grounds. None were free right now, but maybe in time. Please keep Normagene in prayer.

Let us be united as we groan and pray for the whole Body of Christ, the Church and the World. Hopefully in Christ,  
 Sr. Roseann

*Sr Mary Clare Doherty, ocd*



**Visitors**

Attleboro is just close enough to our monastery for us to have had the good fortune of welcoming a number of our

sisters and friars on their way to and from the 'tri-association' meeting. Srs. Mary Clare from Terre Haute, Angel from New Caney, and Therese from San Antonio were with us a bit longer as they stayed overnight after the meeting. Fr. Adam, who had also

# CARMEL OF OUR LADY AND ST. JOSEPH

*Boston, Massachusetts*

attended the meeting, came for lunch on Monday. And Sr. Marie Louise of Reno, who will be with Bernadette Therese at the French association meeting, stayed here until she and Bernadette Therese left for France on Tuesday.

However, after all the departures, we still have the blessing of the joyful presence of Sr. Mary Ancilla from San Diego Carmel. Sister came in the middle of May, after very generously responding to our request for help. She will stay with us for a month.

Earlier in May, Fr. Sebastian Koodappasu, OCD, a warm and gracious individual, paid us a visit. He is the provincial of the Malibar province in Kerela. They do much of the printing for the Vatican, including *Observatore Romano*.



*Mary Teresa, Mary Clare, Juanita, Bernadette Therese, Marie Louise (Reno), Teresa (San Antonio), Mary Clare (Terre Haute), Eileen Mary, Ancilla (San Diego), Jeanne-Marie, Angel (New Caney), Agnes.*



*Mary Teresa, Juanita,  
Bernadette Therese, Marie Louise, Adam (Redlands), Jeanne-Marie,  
Eileen Mary, Agnes, Ancilla, Mary Clare.*

liturgies of other countries. You may have had the opportunity to view his video “The Dancing Church.” He filmed in Africa and in the South Pacific, showing, among others, the liturgies of the Poor Clares praying the Office in the Congo, and the people in the highlands of New Guinea, literally hundreds, preparing for the consecration of their new bishop. It was wonderfully moving to see these latter enthusiastically embracing and expressing the same familiar faith with customs so totally unfamiliar.

### Liturgies

Five of us were able to attend the truly memorable celebration of Sr. Miryam Kathleen’s solemn vows in Concord.

Pentecost eve we celebrated the vigil Mass, which is always a beautiful way to end our retreat.

The young women who have been with us for Mass on some of the feasts of Mary continue to come and offer a Communion meditation danced reverently and gracefully.

### Vocations

We have been put on our parish’s Facebook page. Another “vocation op” came with our showing up on the Cardinal’s blog again, while he was at the conclave. This had some nice photos and a paragraph on the importance of our life of prayer

We presently have two young women from the area asking to enter. Both are scheduled for live-ins, the first one beginning on June 6th.

### The Marathon

One of the heartening experiences of this tragedy was to see, not only the paramedics, police, and firemen, but a number of those who had been watching the runners, spontaneously turn toward the bomb site and go to help. The whole terrible incident seemed to have the effect of drawing out of people a real need to help in some way.

### Maintenance

We’ve begun work; I should say the workmen have begun work, on our basement provisor’s room. Because of dampness and minor flooding the floor has eroded so it is presently being jack hammered out of existence in order to discover the problem and resolve it.

We also had a group of volunteers, eighteen adults, rounded up by one of our Secular Carmelites, come in April to clean up the gardens, weed, plant and whatever else we asked of them, garden-wise.

### Formation

Among the presenters for our inter-community formation program this past semester we had Randy Sachs SJ, from Boston College give input on Christian anthropology and Dr. Catherine Mooney, also from BC, speak on Church History. Both were here for the first time and both were excellent, with content and presentation, so we’re looking forward to their return. Tom Stegman SJ, one of our faithful and highly valued presenters, spoke on Lent and Easter in John’s gospel. Sr. Hilary, from Concord, another highly valued speaker, spoke on Cassian and Gregory of Nyssa. Russell Holmes returned to speak to us on sacrifice.

Thomas Kane, a Paulist priest, gave in-put on the

St. Monica Bies, ocd



# CARMEL OF THE SACRED HEART

Baltimore, Maryland

## Formation

In our last newsletter contribution we reported that we had two young women with us doing their live-in. We are very happy that after a time of discernment away from the

monastery both Celia Ashton and Olivia Steback decided to enter. They began their postulancy in April and it was marked by a beautiful Vespers Ceremony.

Father Leopold Glueckert, O.Carm. has been giving Celia and Olivia

classes on the history of our Order. Celia and Olivia will also be attending the Carmelite Forum in June; so hopefully by the time you read this some of you might have already met them in South Bend! It is such a blessing for us to have Celia and Olivia



*Celia and Olivia's entrance ceremony*

with us and we hope that we can count on your prayers for them as they continue to discern their call to our community.

### **Chanting Workshop**

In March we continued our chanting workshop with Father Godfrey Mullen, OSB. After having focused on the history of chant the last time, we looked at concrete, practical ways of making our chanting of the office more prayerful.

### **Lecture**

Sr. Patricia Smith, RSM, gave us an afternoon lecture on our May community day. Her talk, entitled “Gaudium et Spes: An End or a Beginning?” focused on the document’s underlying philosophies, theologies and vision and what the document means for us today. We very much enjoyed her lecture and the lively discussion on the document she initiated.

### **Pentecost**

Sr. Pat Scanlan and Olivia made origami peace cranes for the feast of Pentecost (see picture). Each crane carried a flame with a gift of the Holy Spirit written on it. We all received a crane with our gift of the Holy Spirit at the end of the Second Vespers of Pentecost, as did some of the people of our Sunday congregation.

### **Lenten Reading**

During Lent we read Rowan Williams’ book “Where God Happens: Discovering Christ In One Another.” It provoked good sharing regarding the wisdom of the desert fathers and mothers. We discussed the book on Thursday evenings in place of the office of readings.

### **An abstract from the book:**

Saint Anthony of the Desert says that gaining the brother or sister and winning God are linked. It is not getting them signed up to something or getting them on your side. It is opening doors for them to healing and to wholeness. Insofar as you open such doors for another, you gain God, in the sense that you become a place where God happens for somebody else. You become a place where God happens. God comes to life for somebody else

in a life-giving way, not because you are good or wonderful, but because that is what God has done. So, if we can shift our preoccupations, anxiety, and selfishness out of the way to put someone in touch with the possibility of God’s healing, to that extent we are ourselves in touch with God’s healing. So, if you gain your brother or sister, you gain God.

### **2015 Celebration of St. Teresa’s 500th Birthday**

We had a first meeting to organize our thinking on possible events for 2014-15 and collated what we know others are scheduling.



*Cranes in front of our tapestry (Pentecost)*

*Sr. Carolyn O'Hara OCD*



## CARMEL OF THE INCARNATION

*Beacon, New York*

where Cardinal Dolan celebrated Mass and hosted a lunch for all jubilarians.

Our little city of Beacon is also celebrating a jubilee: 100 years of existence as a city. The merger of two villages on the Hudson River, on land purchased by a fur trader in 1683, it was almost called Melzingah for the local native tribe. The name Beacon commemorates the warning fires lit on Mt. Beacon during the Revolutionary War to warn George Washington, encamped across the river, that the British were coming. Its few claims to fame include the world's steepest incline railway, and being the setting for Paul Newman's 1992 film "Nobody's Fool". (Producers were looking for a "gritty, little

Hudson Valley town", and Beacon had the dubious distinction of being chosen.) When the Bronx sisters moved here in 1982, this was a depressed little city, but various initiatives, and the coming of a world-class installation art museum (DIA: Beacon) in 2003, have revived it. Main Street is now quite artsy.

We have recently designated one of our extra rooms as an exercise room. We had been gifted with a cross trainer, and bought a new treadmill to replace the one we had received some time ago, and which was showing its age. With a few hand weights and balloons added, the room seems to be well used!

Just recently, we spent a day and a half with our health care coordinator, Karen Schoen, going over issues of safety in the monastery. A committee of our own sisters, Srs. Miriam, Mary Theresa and Marita, had worked with her to identify and develop strategies for risky places or practices here. The second morning even included a fire drill, with some good lessons for us all. ("No, you do NOT stop to decide which outfit you will wear while exiting the building...!")

Last February saw us celebrating two jubilees, 60 years of profession for Sr. Mary and Sr. Marie Gertrude. They entered the Bronx

Carmel a week apart in 1951, but were separated when Marie Gertrude went on the 1952 foundation to Saranac Lake, NY. They were together again for their 50th and now 60th anniversaries. Later in the spring, they, as well as Sr. Mary Theresa, who will celebrate her 50th in October, went to St. Patrick's Cathedral



*Beacon jubilarians, left to right, Sr. Mary, Sr. Mary Theresa, Sr. Marie Gertrude.*



We hired Karen in September 2008, as one result of an NRRO elder care consultation. She is a registered nurse with experience in public health. She was known to us through the county department of the aging as the supervisor of aides we had for some of the sisters, and was just then leaving that position. Since then, we have come to see this as one of the best decisions we've made, and to value highly Karen's presence and skills.

While not relieving the prioress or sisters of decisions appropriately made by them, she does free the prioress to do the work specific to her role, rather than spending her time on health issues that increase as the community ages. Karen is here two days a week for anyone to consult privately. She has interviewed us all and keeps a file of our history, current problems, and medications. She will be an advocate for the sisters in or out of the hospital, will go with them to a doctor if that is appropriate and needed, and arranges transitions from hospital to rehab or home. She has given the community input on various health concerns. Perhaps most useful of all, she provides a caring, objective and professional voice in the sometimes difficult decisions

regarding health care. We feel fortunate to have her!

You already know the background to what is keeping us most busy these days, getting ready to welcome our friends, six Redemptoristine nuns, to share, as their own, part of our large building. What years of good intentions could not accomplish, stark necessity has: a massive cleaning out. Any of you, who have had the joy of moving after living a few years in the same place, will understand our circumstances.

And...as some of you are or will be doing, we have also welcomed about a million cicadas to our property. The back façade of our building seems to be cicada central. Their constant chirring, louder, according to newspapers, even than New York City traffic, accompanies us day and night. The former Bronx sisters feel right at home.

Have a blessed summer and glorious feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.



*BEA safety committee, left to right, Srs. Miriam, Mary Theresa, and Marita with Karen Schoen.*

*Sr Angela Wikus, ocd*



## CARMEL OF THE SACRED HEART AND OF THE HOLY FACE

*Danville, Pennsylvania*

Bl. Elizabeth of the Trinity. We gained a better understanding of her natural gifts, her love of life, her clear call to Carmel and most importantly, her penetration of the mystery of the Trinity, “my Three, my All, my Beatitude, infinite Solitude, Immensity

This year Spring with its usual abundance of pastel blossoms quickly turned into summer-like weather with the rose bushes opening in vivid reds and pinks. Just as quickly, it seemed, Mother Nature changed her mind and sends a cold, wet period. Thankfully none of the stormy weather in the East affected us.

In April, Fr. Salvatore Sciurba OCD, came for a day of reflection, giving a conference on



*Sr Anne with rose bushes*



*Sisters with Fr. Salvatore are (l. to r.) Joan of the Cross, Regina, Anna, Anne, Margaret and Therese.*

wherein I lose myself?”. We also enjoyed our evening recreation with him, exchanging news and stories.

Our Secular Carmelite chapter continues its study of The Interior Castle, currently reading the Fifth Mansions keeping apace with our own Community’s study. Each one in the group offers her insights on the assigned reading and the discussions following show their commitment to growth in prayer and the deep spirituality of the members. In May a life-long friend of our Carmel



*Sr. Margaret with one of the flowering trees*

received the Scapular and began formation. As a five-year old, Cynthia came to the open house of the Sisters in Mount Carmel; and, as a teenager, she was present for the open house of the completed monastery and chapel in Elysburg. Now she feels she has finally 'entered' Carmel with the reception of the Scapular. It was a joy to witness her excitement and happiness.

In community we are listening to and discussing a series, "Christian Life: An Adventure in Love" by Sister Ilia Delio, O.S.F., 24 conferences on topics ranging from the Trinity to Creation, from Jesus and the centrality of the Cross, to Contemplation and Compassion. They are so full that invariably one or another of us will say, "I have to listen to that one again!"

### **Information Item**

For those of you who may not be aware, the IV Teresian Congress on the Interior Castle (September 2-8, 2013) will be offered online to all OCD nuns and friars free of charge. You do have to register before the end of July. Here is how: 1) goto this site

 [www.teresadeavila.net/index.php?lang=en](http://www.teresadeavila.net/index.php?lang=en)

2) hover over the Login button, and a menu will popup - Choose Create and Account - You will be asked to provide your name, a username, a password, and e-mail address.

3) ask to register and choose the icon that says: **Registration On-Line OCD** (with the price 0.00)

4) this is what is included:

Description: One computer will have access to the complete content of the Congress published on the web On-line following up to all conferences (live and differed).

Possibility of downloading lectures and archiving them on your PC.

Access to all additional information about the Congress: pictures, power point documents, and other materials.

Technical assistance for the correct follow-up of the Congress.

Quite unexpectedly on May 2, our Bishop, Joseph McFadden, died of a massive heart attack at the age of 65 and after only three years as Ordinary of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Weeks earlier, we had invited him to come for Mass and a visit on September 19th, the 60th anniversary of our foundation in the Diocese. His only visit with us was on the very day following his arrival in Harrisburg after being named Bishop. He said, he came, to ask our prayers and the prayers of the other two contemplative communities in our Diocese, the Carmelites in

Elysburg and the Dominicans in Lancaster, for him throughout his Episcopal ministry. He was a humble and gracious person; the priests and people miss him.

The property surrounding Maria Hall is beautiful with rolling lawns, flowers, shrubs and huge trees, many of them eighty or more years old. Naturally it's attractive for wild life. The most recent addition to the usual squirrels, ground hogs, foxes and birds is a mallard hen. Most likely she has a nest near the adjacent creek. Our eyes are alert for mallard ducklings! We'll let you know in the next newsletter....

*Sr. Hilary Case, ocd*



## CARMEL OF OUR LADY AND ST.

### JOSEPH

*Concord, New Hampshire*

In this issue we are delighted to share the highlights of the Solemn Profession of Sister Miryam Kathleen of Jesus, OCD. Her profession took place on

May 11, 2013 during a Mass, which began at 11:00 in the morning. Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, DD., Bishop of Manchester, served as the principal celebrant. Rev. Kevin Culligan, OCD. and Rev. Roger Boucher were the designated concelebrants, and Father Kevin gave us all a wonderful homily. No less than fourteen priests filled our sanctuary, including Carmelite Friars from Brighton, Abbot Mark, Fathers Patrick and Jerome, from St. Anselm's Benedictine Monastery, and our own chaplain, Father Maurice from Nigeria. Father Jason Jalbert, Director of Worship for the diocese, was Master of Ceremonies. We were also blessed by the able assistance of three



young altar servers from our neighborhood. Back in the choir loft, Eric J. Bernani, organist and choir director, led the Diocesan Festival Chorus, while Karol Carroll was our cantor and one of three soloists. The music, beginning with Hail Thee, Festival Day, was glorious and included Claire Sokol's "Thérèse's Canticle of Love".

Indeed, the whole celebration, formal though it was and inclusive of diversity as it was, had the character of a neighborhood festivity. Had you been there, at 10:50 you would have seen the Knights of Columbus lining up in our driveway. In full regalia with ornamental swords, they provided Sr. Miryam and the community with an honor guard for the opening procession. You would have also seen their wives, wearing purple polo shirts, working with the Forever Young and the Catholic Daughters to provide all who came with an outdoor lunch. You would have noticed an enormous tent, set up with chairs and an enormous screen to provide video and audio transmission of the profession to the overflow congregation. After the profession, tables and chairs were rapidly arranged to provide seating for said lunch. Finally, you would have seen two golf carts ferrying guests from their cars to our chapel. Everyone was greeting everyone else; the celebratory mood was catching! Inside the chapel, just behind the community rows, was the quiet but encouraging presence of five of the sisters from Boston Carmel. Alas, the





Barrington sisters could not be with us because of sickness, but we felt their prayers, which provided yet another kind of presence. Sister Miryam's parents, John and Jeanette Monahan, were with us too, along with her brothers, Patrick and Tom. And the chapel was crowded with many other friends and neighbors. We were so graced by their presence.

In the evening, Sister Miryam, her parents and brothers and her friend Joyce, along with the sisters from Concord and Boston, were treated to a catered dinner in our refectory. The dinner itself was special, with no dishes afterward, just plenty of opportunity to relax and celebrate in an intimate setting.



You may notice that I have not described Sister Miryam's actual profession. Instead, I have included pictures of her profession. Pictures really express more than mere words can because the rite of profession itself is a symbol which points beyond its own words and gestures. It expresses a self-gift to God, church, community, and world that is too deep to express in words. Therefore, I will end my account of this solemn profession with a symbolic passage from John of the Cross's Spiritual Canticle—part of the community's spoken response to Sister Miryam's profession:

*I gave my soul to him  
and all the things I owned were his:  
I have no flock to tend  
nor any other trade  
and my ministry is love.*

So much work and dedication went into the preparation for this special day. We want to thank Sr. Teresa Susan, OCD, for giving us a week of her cheerful presence and her invaluable help. Her community of Eldridge must have missed her sorely, and we are certainly grateful to them also for sending her. It is wonderful when bridges between geographically distant communities are built in this way.



Moving on to other formation news, on March 12, Katherine Prenovost, who hails from Los Angeles, arrived to begin her postulancy. She brings to us artistic talents, which we see in the refectory since she became refectorian, and her background in statistics, in which she has a doctorate, plus her experience as a professional actor. We enjoy her intelligence, her humor, and her willingness to help with just about anything. She is a great gift to us. On April 9, Sr. Hilary, who is beginning to prepare for her own solemn profession on September 14, gave the New England intercommunity formation program a day on Gregory of Nyssa and John Cassian: Ancient Forebears of Carmelite Prayer. This day was serious but much more fun than the title might lead you to expect.

As a community, we have also found the time and energy to explore Our Holy Mother's Interior Castle at our weekly meetings. We are considering how to celebrate Our Holy Mother's 500th anniversary in a way that will open it to the public. We are gardening and experiencing the first wave of the summer's heat and bugs. We are bringing out the fans and trying to remember which fan goes where. We are enjoying the antics of our rabbit, whose formal name, recorded with the vet, is Cottontail Blais and whose nickname is simply Bunny. We wish you a wonderful summer.

*Sr. Miriam Hogan, ocd*



Here in the Midwest life seems especially good and quiet after a long winter. The rains

that people asked us to pray for so hard for last year have arrived and our prayer now is “enough already.” We are praying for dry weather. Also at this time, we are especially grateful that the monastery did not suffer flooding or damage, as some of our friends in town report experiencing the Mighty Mississippi up close and personal, overflowing into their basements.

The local farmers are looking to have a good crop, except for some areas that could not be planted because the fields are flooded out. It is exactly the opposite of last year when the only ones who had a good crop were those that planted in the wet lands or irrigated their fields. Yet, the soy beans around us are growing and help to remind us of God’s gift of new life.

Our own garden is also doing well, and we have wonderful asparagus and strawberries, thanks to Sr. JonFe.

In other news concerning the sisters, Sr. Teresa



*Srs. JonFe and Teresa Susan*

## CARMEL OF THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN

*Eldridge, Iowa*



*Srs. Lynne, Maria and Mary Jo*

Susan went back East to Concord to attend the final profession of Sr. Miryam Kathleen. Sr. Mary Jo’s family including her sister Kay and niece Christy surprised us with a visit. They even made a quick return visit bringing Sparky the dog, who seemed to enjoy our company!

While this Nazareth time is a bit difficult to report on, it helps keep us focused on “the one thing necessary.”

Wishing all of our sisters in CCA God’s loving presence in our day-to-day activities.



*Sr. Jeannette, Fr. Marv Mottet a long time friend of the community and Sr. Carol*

Sr Anna Marie Vanni, ocd



## CARMEL OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

*San Rafael, California*

Summer is here and we are enjoying glorious weather. We are very grateful to the Lord for all the blessings we have received and for the

wonders of creation.

Brother Mark Moran, OCD, came again from the Oakville Carmelite House of Prayer, the week before Holy Week to give us a three-day Retreat. Brother's conferences were about the Lord's Temptations in the desert, Faith and Discernment. Brother Mark's conferences were excellent, sharing with us his in depth studies on these three topics.

We have also been watching the 10-Episode Series of "Catholicism", written and hosted by Fr. Robert Barron. We are thoroughly enjoying this very informative and enriching series.

Fr. Bruno Gibson, O.P., who is a member of the Dominican Western Province of the Holy Name of Jesus, conducted our Novena to St. Joseph. We have had the joy of having him offer Mass for us each week, since he began his sabbatical this past January, residing in nearby Tiburon. The Novena was very well attended by our friends from three different Dioceses. Father's homilies for the Novena were prayerful and well thought out scriptures exegesis.

Our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations were splendid. Fr. James Pickett, from the Oakland Diocese was the Celebrant for Palm Sunday. Fr. Edward Phelan, who now resides in our nearby Parish of St. Isabella's, was our Celebrant for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil, keeping the congregation alive with his lovely Irish humor. Father Jack O'Neill was our Celebrant for Good Friday and Fr. Michele Raimondi, who is turning 90 in June, was our Celebrant for Easter Sunday, Alleluia! What wonderful celebrations they were. The joy of the Risen Christ in his people was tangible.

On April 24th, Sea Lee Kerr, the granddaughter of one of our close friends, Teresa Kerr, was baptized in our Chapel on her grandmother's 80th Birthday! It was such a special day for all their family and for us.

On May 1st, Fr. Ramiro Casale, OCD, and the Carmelite Brothers from San Jose, came to help us in the garden and kitchen. One party of Brothers help Sr. Anna Marie with the drip system for the Redwoods and Cedars by our new Hermitage and another party helped Sr. Maria Fideles in the kitchen to prepare the strawberries for making jam.

At the end of the day, we had Vespers and then dinner together. It was so wonderful to have them with us to share our vocation in Carmel.

On May 2nd, Catherine came to begin her 6 week live-in. She has fit in extremely well and will be going back home on May 14th, to continue with her discernment. We are very hopeful that she will return soon as a Postulant.

Also in May, "Frankie", the Australian Shepherd, who had been a part-time addition to our community from our neighbors across the street, became a 'permanent member' of the community. So far, he has responded well to our training sessions with an expert dog trainer. We are trying to catch up!

We were so sorry to hear of the deaths of Mother Mary Claire of the Armstrong, British Columbia Carmel, Mother Mary Joseph of the Cristo Rey Carmel of San Francisco, who was 100 and 8 months old at the time of her death on May 5th, and the very recent passing of Sister Paula of the Finland Carmel, who originally was from Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. May they rest in the light, joy and peace of the Lord.

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, who is the Rector and Student Master of the Carmelite House of Studies in Mt. Angel, Oregon, will be conducting our Novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. We are looking forward to having him with us for those days.

We wish you all a joyous and blessed Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, from your Sisters of the San Rafael, California, Carmel.



# CARMEL OF THE ASSUMPTION

*Latrobe, Pennsylvania*

## Lent to Pentecost:

Deacons from St. Vincent Seminary again led our Friday Stations of the Cross during Lent. We had representatives from the

Dioceses for Erie and Atlanta as well as Benedictines from several different Abbeys. Three of these young men, following their ordinations to the priesthood, returned to our Chapel to celebrate one of their First Masses, give us their First Blessings, thank us for our prayers during their training and ask us to continue to pray for them.

Holy Week started with a little excitement. During the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday, our Celebrant fainted taking everything on the altar with him to the floor. Fortunately, the sister reading the Narrator's part at the podium managed to support him a little and keep his head from hitting the floor as he went down. It was gratifying to see the members of the congregation rush forward to assist in rescuing things that had fallen off the altar and tend to Father. After a few minutes, Father was able to get up; we brought in a chair for him to sit on, some juice for him to drink, and replaced the altar cloth and Sacramentary. He then insisted we continue the Mass. We were all very grateful that this happened during the reading rather than during the Consecration.

Our priest for the Easter Vigil said he had not sung the Exultet in many years and asked if someone else could sing it. Sr. Marie Elizabeth took on the task of learning the new translation and singing it. She did a beautiful job. We did not have a large congregation; however those that came expressed gratitude for the beauty and solemnity of the service with the seven readings and an inspiring homily.

Easter dawned rainy, but that did not dampen the joyous celebration of the Resurrection with a nearly full Chapel for Mass. We had a scrumptious meal at noon prepared by several of the sisters and lots of goodies provided by benefactors. One of those benefactors provided Sr. Marie Elizabeth with

three large garbage bags of "something" which she dragged into our evening recreation. She had us each draw a number out to a box, reached into the first bag and pulled out a stuffed animal and read the number pinned to its ear, it went to the sister with the same number. There was one animal apiece and the laughter as each one came out to the bag and was presented made for a fun filled ending to a wonderful day. Here are some with their new owners:



*Srs Ellen Jane, Wanda, Maria and Maria Theodora*

With Ascension, we began our ten-day retreat in preparation for Pentecost. Pentecost morning we received our gifts from the Holy Spirit at Mid-Morning Prayer. After Vespers we processed around our circle to retire the Easter Candle and end the Easter season.

## Garden:

Sr. Tanya lost all but one of her beehives this winter. Fortunately she received two new ones from benefactors. They all seem to be as "busy as bees" so we are hoping for a good "crop" of honey.



Most of Sr. Tanya's Pentecost Retreat was spent planting the vegetable garden and with Sr. Joann's help putting in a 5'X40' asparagus bed. She has over 60 tomato plants, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, etc. etc. We have already enjoyed some of its "fruits" and they are "very good".

In the flower garden department, Sr. Wanda's brother, Fr. Leonard arrived with his usual massive donation of perennials and annuals. He is so very generous to us. Two days later, a hard frost was predicted and fortunately most of them had not yet been planted. Our hallways were turned into a temporary "flower show" with a variety of blooms all over the first floor.

### Visitors:

Fr. Marc Foley, OCD, conducted our triennial visitation from March 22 – 26th. He was very busy those days; celebrating our Masses (his homilies always provide much food for thought), meeting with each sister individually and compiling/presenting his report to the community. We are now discussing his report and suggestions at Chapter.

Toward the end of May, Fr. Michael Berry, OCD, asked if he could use our Monastery as a "home base" for two days while he met with potential



*Pentecost Procession with Easter Candle*

candidates and their families. Of course, we said YES! On the second day of Fr. Michael's visit, Fr. Jude Peters, OCD, who was also in the area, came to con-celebrated our Mass.

Sr. Marie Elizabeth had a surprise visit from her cousin, Msgr. Lenz, who presented her with a beautiful, four foot statue of Our Lady of Fatima. He had received this statue 30 years ago from his mother, who had also had it for many years. Considering its age, it is in marvelous condition without a scratch on it.

Speaking of statues, St. Joseph has arrived. Over a year ago, the family of a long-term benefactor and overseer of many construction projects, Joe Pevarnik, donated money to purchase a statue of St. Joseph in his memory. After much discussion and searching we finally found the one we wanted and ordered it. Then for 9 months we waited, and called, and waited and called and finally asked for the owner in an attempt

to get a delivery date. He informed Sr. Marie Elizabeth that it was standard business practice to have a down payment before ordering a statue to be carved – a point which had never been mentioned in any

previous contact. She told him to cancel the order, we would get a statue elsewhere. Fortunately she located another company that could order the same statue and we had it in less than 3 months. St Joseph now watches over us from the back wall of our Chapel, right above where Joe Pavarnik sat when he attended daily Mass. Interestingly, several projects that had been on hold for various reasons suddenly began to get completed (more on this in the next newsletter).



*Sr. Mary admiring our new statue of St. Joseph*

Wishing all a blessed Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



## CARMEL OF THE RESURRECTION

*Oldenburg, Indiana*

With the Feast of Corpus Christi, those of us who participate in the OSF choir or chime choir will have a vacation until the fall when preparation starts again for Advent and

Christmas. Our accomplished director, Sr. Barbara Piller, osf, manages to enable our practices to be both enjoyable and efficient. Many of us miss them and look forward to the new season. Ruth is our community liturgist and has joined the Franciscan liturgy committee, contributing to the planning of the music and rituals in the motherhouse chapel.

The winter has been especially marked by the news of Benedict XVI's retirement and the election of Francis I. Thanks to a friend, we have a subscription to the Tablet, a London publication. It continues to provide a feast of stories and reports of this amazing happening. Francis' appointment of a group of Cardinals from around the world as a board of consulters seems to be a major step toward the collegiality that did not quite happen after Vatican II. He continues to surprise us with his fresh approach to being "Bishop of Rome."

Our Sr. Rita Howard moved over to the OSF infirmary on Good Friday where she

is getting the excellent care that we could no longer give her. Our Holy Thursday meal became a true "last supper." There is a joyful community atmosphere there and we are just across the street, making visits easy.

Helen represented the community at an ARC (Area Religious Communities) meeting at the motherhouse of the Providence Sisters in Terre Haute on April 15. The Providence Sisters have Chinese novices and Helen shared her experience of working with a budding Carmel in China.

Jean Alice participated in a day's retreat for Sisters in the infirmary on April 24. She talked about St. Therese and used Sr. Clare Sokol's Canticle of Love for a time of reflection. It was a very rich experience for those involved.



*Sr. Rita in her new room with friends*



some of the past century's most prominent religious scholars and leaders. She has published hundreds of texts on mysticism and now has her own publishing company. Her topic was "Everybody is a Mystic."

The evening news is a special time of day for the community and our prayer continues to embrace current issues. We pray for wisdom for our congress and the ability to listen to one another and move toward cooperation. We firmly believe that God comes to us in history and that new possibilities are there to be seen when compassion overcomes selfish interests.

*Sr. Helen in the garden planting new holly bushes*

The community celebrated Rachel's 60th entrance anniversary the next day. We recalled some funny stories surrounding her getting ready to enter the Philadelphia Carmel and her family's prediction that she would only last a short time. We promised her that we would have a brunch on Pentecost when she reminded us that this was her favorite meal!

On May 25 Jean Alice and Marcie drove to Louisville for a cluster meeting of the Association of Contemplative Sisters. The speaker for the meeting was Gray Henry who began in 1964 a pilgrimage across North Africa in quest of shrines and saints to the academic scenes of Cairo and Cambridge. Her travels involved encounters with



*Rachel celebrating her 60th Anniversary of entrance*

*St Joan Williams, ocd*



One day speaks to  
another,  
Night unto night  
takes up the story.  
Ps.19

Our Reno Carmelite story unfolds in a context of prayer, liturgy, the expected and the unexpected — the planned and the unplanned!

### ON THE PLANNING SIDE

Our Sister Claire Sokol is on the planning committee for St. Teresa's 500th celebration. She joins Fr. Gerald Werner, OCD, Cherry Caparas, OCDS and Theresa Thomas, OCDS. Sister responded to my request for information with the following:

The Friars of the CA-AZ Province are sponsoring an early, major event commemorating the Fifth Centenary of the Birth of St. Teresa. It will take place August 21-23, 2014 (Thursday-Saturday) in San Jose, California and will be open to members of the Carmelite family as well as to the general public. A Celebration of the Creative Spiritual Genius of St. Teresa of Avila Today will take place between the Fairmont hotel and the San Jose Cathedral (just across the street from the hotel). Highlights will include presentations by each branch of the Discalced Carmelite Order, a concert and solemn Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, a banquet at the hotel as well as displays and exhibits. Please check the event website ([stj500westerus.com](http://stj500westerus.com)) and/or the Facebook page ([StTeresaFifthCentenaryCelebration](https://www.facebook.com/StTeresaFifthCentenaryCelebration)) for developing details and online registration.

### REALIZED PLANS

Last winter, Sister Susan coordinated plans for nineteen sisters who live and minister in the Diocese

## CARMEL OF OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS

*Reno, Nevada*

of Reno to meet at our Monastery to talk about re-activating the Sisters Council. Over the past months our community had discussed the feasibility of this idea. The vote was unanimous and Susan facilitated the following conversation where we defined the purpose of the Council which is: the continued support of the sisters and of the Diocese, to collaborate on projects, beginning with vocation awareness and if needed, the Council will be the collective voice of the sisters in the Diocese. Bishop Calvo was quite pleased when told of this meeting and our decision to reactivate the Sisters Council.

We meet again in May to share stories about our individual vocations. Vespers followed by dinner concludes our time together.



*Planning Committee for St. Teresa's 500th Anniversary  
Fr. Gerald Werner, Sr. Claire Sokol, Cherry Caparas, and  
Theresa Thomas*

### ON THE CALENDAR

Sisters Ann, Claire and Ancilla of the San Diego Carmel began long term planning months in advance of our West Coast Meeting. Thanks to them and the cooperation they received the meeting is this August 27 - 30 at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Zephyr Cove — about an hour's drive from Reno. With Lake Tahoe a few steps away

from the Center's front door, the setting and amenities first captivated us in 2009 so the decision to return this year was an easy one! The meeting is open to all of the West Coast nuns. The Friar's on the CA-AZ Provincial Council will join us as well. It was good to



*Portal of Prayer*

receive a letter of affirmation for the meeting from Fr. John Grennan, one of our OCD definitors in Rome.

### **FRUITS OF PLANNING**

Sister Marie-Louise participated in a workshop sponsored by RCRI (The Resource Center for Religious Institutes) last October in Orlando, Florida. Over the space of three days attendees could choose between 29 sessions — each by experts in their own field. Reading the titles of the conferences I saw how well the Center is fulfilling its mission “... to enhance the living of religious life by providing integrated education, advocacy, and consultation to meet the emerging stewardship responsibilities.”

This workshop is a splendid example of the ongoing efforts of our Sisters in NRRO, LCWR, and other religious organizations to help smaller communities, especially contemplative ones to meet current challenges. Our prayers and gratitude are with them!

### **LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION... TV MASS**

Illness is often experienced as isolating. In an effort to reach the homebound elderly and patients in nursing homes, our Bishop and the priests of Northern Nevada have supported a Diocesan outreach program—the TV Mass— that has lasted for decades.

Each month our local ABC station sends

cameraman, Dave Allen, to film Masses at our Carmel. Sr. Maria joins with lectors, servers, singers and a faithful group of friends who gather in the Chapel to provide the “congregation” on the first Wednesday of the month to celebrate the Sunday liturgies for the following month, one after another. This past year “closed captioning” was added...the response was immediate and positive. At the beginning of Mass, at the Prayers of the Faithful, and at the greeting of Peace, the celebrant makes an effort to reach out to those who will watch at home to assure them that the Church Community remembers and treasures them.

The diversity of the audience who watch the televised Mass on Sunday morning at 9pm is quite amazing. It seems to be one of the most popular events of Sunday morning and the station gets many complaints should a sporting event preempt the broadcast. Not only “shut-ins” but also many who have already attended Mass tune in. Although produced for the Catholic population, people of all faiths find inspiration in the celebration and the TV Mass has become a medium of evangelization



*Lights, Camera, Action... TV Mass*

### **DIOCESAN PLANNING**

Pentecost Sunday shimmered with new grace when our Bishop, Randolph Calvo announced, “I am convoking a Diocesan Synod.” This was done with the recommendation of the Priests Council and will involve “... the participation of as many Catholics in the diocese as possible. . . . It is vital that all of the voices of the faithful be heard.” The Bishop’s letter continued “... in this process we are called to pray, reflect discuss and express ideas on what we are called to be and do as the Church in northern Nevada.” These words surely reflect the vision of Pope Francis.

On this happy note we wish you great joy in the Now — and new life in your planning!

Your loving Reno Carmelites



# Carmel of the Holy Family

Cleveland Heights, Ohio

## Spreading the Word about Carmel

It was a joy and welcome surprise to see Barb Losh featured in an article from the spring 2013 publication of The Cleveland Institute of

Music. CIM Opera Theatre director, David Bamberger, invited Barb to speak to a group of undergraduate and graduate students as they prepared to perform "Dialogues of the Carmelites" by Francis Poulenc. Barb not only lectured on the Martyrs of Compiègne but engaged the students in a conversation about religious life in this contemporary age. Dr. Bamberger related that the students were enthralled with the interaction and kept referring to the experience for several weeks before the actual curtain call. Bernadette, Barb, Jean Marie, Pat O'Brien and Mary were royally hosted at the February 28th performance and came back with rave reviews.

On May 17th, Barb spoke to a small group of sophomores from Martin de Porres High School. She gave a brief talk about our life in Carmel then focused the sharing on the meaning and experience of prayer. The class participated in a "mini" divine office and prayed Psalms 23 and 63, followed by a lively question and answer exchange.

## Our Rosemary

On February 10th, Barb received a call from one of the nurses at Saint Angela Center informing her that Rosemary was going to the Emergency Room at Hillcrest Hospital. Rosemary was exhibiting a serious imbalance in her oxygen intake and carbon dioxide expulsions. After more than two weeks in ICU, Rosemary was transferred to Regency Hospital to be given the extended care that was required. We noticed that in spite of the series of treatments, Rosemary's breathing was extremely labored. As her illness progressed, difficult conversations took place and decisions were made. The DNR bracelet on her wrist was an indication that Rosemary knew the implications of her situation.

It was a privilege to witness the transforming grace in Rosemary's life at this particular crossroad. In her final days she asked Barb if she thought she had lived a good enough life so that Jesus would welcome her into eternal life. When Barb answered with a resounding affirmation, Rosie responded, "I think so too!" Rosemary died peacefully in the early morning hours of March 15th.

Rosemary taught us so many things by the manner in which she lived out her call to Carmel. When it was necessary for her to take up residence at Saint Angela Center, Rosemary initially struggled with the transition, yet, after settling in she often remarked that her lovely room near the nurses' station was her hermitage of prayer. Rosemary radiated happiness that was contagious and the staff and sisters at Saint Angela Center loved her dearly. Whenever kindness was shown to her, Rosemary would always express her great appreciation and respond with her prayer, "God bless you real good!"



*Sr. Rosemary Blum*

Rosemary's sister Dorothy, nieces Terry and Sandy and nephew Doug and his wife Lori were able to come to the wake and funeral. Terry brought pictures from home and we all had time to share our memories and love for our dear Rosie. The family had kept a beautiful picture of Rose as a young professed. Her striking countenance portrayed a woman who had that holy daring and willingness to give her life to God and to God's people. On the back she inscribed, "to my beloved mom and dad." Rose loved her family and her sisters in Carmel.

## Experiencing Changes

After many months of prayer, research and dialogue the Ursuline sisters made the difficult decision to close Saint Angela Center. Their aging

sisters who needed care were transferred to Regina Health Center in Richfield, OH, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Augustine. Our own Rosemary and Anita both agreed that they also would move. It was a powerful experience to witness the courage of the elder Ursuline sisters and our own Rosemary and Anita. On March 6th, Anita was transferred to Regina. As Anita left Saint Angela Center, Sister Susan Durkin, President, and other sisters and staff blessed her as she began this new phase of life.

Some of you will remember that the Motherhouse of Sisters of Charity of Saint Augustine was the location of the historic Richfield Meetings of 1971 and 1972. The place that was so significant for our association is now home to our Sister Anita. We continue to thank God for the bonds of friendship and care that we share with our OSU and CSA sisters.

### **Moving Forward**

For over a year our community has been blessed to have Sr. Carol Crapeau, CSJ facilitate our periodic community life sessions. She has brought an objective, insightful perspective to our gatherings. Carol was former president of the Sisters of Saint Joseph at LaGrange, IL, and worked with Cardinal



*Srs. Barb Losh, ocd and Carol Crapeau, csj*

Bernadin as vicar for religious. Her wealth of experience, love for religious life, and genuine wisdom creates an atmosphere where we can grapple with the issues that face us as a small contemplative community.

### **On-Going Formation and Education**

All of our sisters would say at the drop of a hat, “Come to Cleveland!” We are fortunate to have so many institutions of higher learning in our vicinity. Mary, Bernadette, Vera Lea and Pat O’Brien attended the lecture given by Professor Tom Nevin on “The Lives of the Carmelites in Nineteenth – Century France.” Tom lectured on the community members that formed the Carmel of Lisieux at the time of Therese. His

forthcoming book, The Last Years of Saint Therese – Doubt and Darkness, 1895-1897, is a sequel to his previous work on Therese.

Mary attended the Tuohy Lecture Series at John Carroll University during the spring months. Dr. David L. Barr professor at Wright State University gave a series of public lectures on: “Jerusalem, Jesus and Jihad – End-Times Scenarios in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam”.

The community followed the election of Pope Francis with great interest and has been utilizing his homilies via the Vatican website. Several sisters have selected portions of his texts for the evening office of readings. We appreciate his concern for the poor, his inclusive pastoral nature and his down to earth preaching style. We pray for his intentions and his undertaking to reform and renew the Church.

### **News Along the Way**

Please pray for a woman who has started an inquiry process with us. She had been attending our Sunday Liturgy for about a year before expressing interest in discerning her vocation to Carmel. She has spent a series of “live-in experiences” with us during the winter and spring months. May God’s light and clarity guide her during this sacred journey.

Michael Berry, OCD, came for an overnight visit en route from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin. That morning he stopped at Latrobe Carmel and came to us bearing three Rhubarb pies made by Marie Elizabeth. We were very happy to see Michael and also eager to dig into the tasty treats provided by our sister from the keystone state. We look forward to our Cleveland –Latrobe “Get Together” that will occur sometime during the early summer.



*Fr. Michael Berry with Srs. Pat O’Brien, Maria, Barb, Jean Marie and Anne Joan*