



The Chapel at the Carmel of the Sacred Heart (above) in Hudson, Wisconsin. (Below) Part of the Hudson community gathered in the chapel. (Staff photos)

Historic Meeting in Rome of Delegates to Cloistered Nuns

The Curia House in Rome was the setting the week of January 16-21, 2000, for the first ever meeting of the Order's assistants and delegates to the Order's cloistered nuns.

The 13 delegates from around the world gathered with Fr. Joseph Chalmers, Prior General, and Fr. Gaspar Mondejar, Vice General and Delegate General for Nuns. They engaged in what the Prior General called "a conversation" about the Order's 1000 nuns and their relationship with the friars. John-Benedict Weber, O. Carm., and Jose Lucchesi, O. Carm., the Delegates for North America and for Peru respectively, participated.

The Prior General spoke about the nature of contemplative Carmelite life, with special reference to the contemplative lifestyle of Carmelite nuns today, and the delegates shared their experiences of the Order's 72 communities of contemplative nuns.

The meeting produced a delegate profile. The delegate is the Carmelite whose primary concern is the promotion and preservation of the Order's charism in its relationship with the nuns. He is a brother who accompanies each community spiritually. He is expected to listen and enter into fraternal dialogue with each community, building and offering trust by his availability for such things as help with initial and on-going formation, promoting new projects, and offering guidance, mediation, and discernment where needed.



The discussions also suggested some practical measures. The Prior General addressed a letter to the Order, encouraging more regular contacts between friars and nuns, for their mutual enrichment and that of the whole Carmelite Family.

The delegates proposed the possibility of a commission of both nuns and friars to establish an initial formation program for the monasteries. The nuns are asked to discuss and consider federation where it is not already in place and each monastery is encouraged to become a genuine school of prayer where people can come for prayer and to learn to pray.

John-Benedict Weber, O.Carm.
Chicago, Illinois

Province's Support of Missions Increases

Foundation support allows many projects to go forward



John Malley, O. Carm.
Director of Missions

In his annual report to the Province on the Carmelite missions, John Malley, O. Carm., the director of the mission office, reported a good year overall.

Over \$242,000 was sent to Peru and Mexico as part of the Province's support. An additional \$219,000 was sent to the General Council, eight Provinces, and to Carmelite Family projects in 25 missionary countries in Africa, Asia, and South America.

"Income was up a bit, mostly because of some foundation grants and because of a substantial will that was given. Significant savings of nearly \$60,000 were realized by cutting some mailing and printing expenses of the 'Saint of the Month' newsletter." John wrote to the Province.

The Koch Foundation and the Raskob Foundation awarded almost \$75,000 to projects partially funded by the Carmelite Mission Office.

Many members of the Province spend weekends making parish mission appeals in various dioceses around the country. Individual Carmelites and communities also make donations to the mission effort.

Provincial's Calendar

The schedule for Leo McCarthy is as follows:

- Sept. 17: Provincial Labor Day (Darien, IL)
- Sept. 18-20: Council Meeting, 9AM-5PM (Darien, IL)
- Sept. 30: 40th Anniversary of St. Therese (Peabody, MA)
- Oct. 6-8: Formation Commission Meeting (Washington, D.C.)
- Oct. 14: Al Koppes Testimonial (L A, CA)
- Oct. 18: Whitefriars Chapter, 9PM (Washington, D.C.)
- Oct. 21-22: Schools Commission (Washington, D.C.)
- Oct. 27: "Big Event" (Mt. Carmel, Chicago, IL)
- Nov. 2-3: WTU Board of Trustees
- Nov. 4: Carmel Auction (Mundelein, IL)
- Nov. 13-15: Council Meeting 9AM-5PM (Whitefriars, D.C.)
- Nov. 21-24: Thanksgiving Holiday