



# OCDS Provincial Newsletter

## California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph – April 2021

### New Provincial Council and Important Reminders

*There shall be a Provincial Council for the Secular Carmelites. It shall be composed of five or more members of the O.C.D.S. California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph and the Provincial Delegate. (Provincial Statutes Sec. XXVIII, No. 1.)*

### Your OCDS Provincial Council

We are happy to announce the selection of the OCDS Provincial Council for the current triennium ending in May 2023. Please keep our Provincial Delegate and Provincial Council in your prayers as they seek to serve our members with the help of God. A special thanks to the outgoing Provincial Councilors: Lee Ann Trunk, OCDS, Amy Holmes, OCDS, and Margaret Shore, OCDS, for their generous service to our province.

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### Important Reminders

**Father Matthew has asked that all communications to the OCDS Central Office include the physical location of the community or group** in addition to its devotional name. This will help Father Matthew and the Central Office Secretary address your concerns and file your correspondence and forms.

**Speaking of forms**, all presidents, group leaders, and council members should be familiar with the required recordkeeping forms for our province. See [ocds.info/forms](http://ocds.info/forms) for a complete list. The required distribution is included on each form. Maintaining and distributing accurate records in a timely manner is an act of charity to our province and our members. Since many of our communities are preparing for (delayed) elections, it's especially important that the "Elected Council" form be submitted to the Central Office with a copy sent to your Provincial Council Region Representative.

**Keep it Carmelite!** We are together in community for only one day each month, so it's important that all topics for conferences, formation, and group discussions specifically pertain to our Carmelite vocation. Politics, Church scandal, Marian apparitions, and non-Carmelite devotions should not be discussed during community/group meetings. Also, OCDS members should never send unsolicited emails to other members on the topics previously listed or to solicit business.