



OCDS Provincial Newsletter

California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph – April 2023
Formation Booklet Printing and Provincial Council Replacements

“As little birds learn to *sing* by listening to their parents, so children learn the science of the virtues, the sublime song of Divine Love from souls responsible for forming them.” (St. Therese of Lisieux, *Story of a Soul*, 3rd ed., ICS Publications, p. 113.)

Printing the New Formation Booklets

How do you print the new Formation Handbooks? Each community and group can determine the method of printing that works best for them. **For your convenience, there are links on ocds.info to a printing company** that can provide bound copies of the formation booklets at reasonable prices. Go to ocds.info and click on “Formation.” You will see a link entitled, “**get at Lulu,**” for each booklet. Click on the link and follow the company’s procedures for ordering.

Provincial Council Replacements

The Provincial Council Regional Representatives for the Mountain and Southwest Regions will complete two terms (six years) in office as of June 2023. Pursuant to Provincial Statutes, Sec. XXVIII, No. 3(a), each community and group located in the Mountain and Southwest Regions may submit one name to their Regional Representative for consideration. Candidates for the positions may be interviewed by the Provincial Delegate and Provincial Councilors.

For the Mountain Region, submit the name of your candidate to Jim Dowd at jimdowdocds@gmail.com. For the Southwest Region, submit the name of your candidate to Lynn Miyake at lkmiyake@aol.com. Please submit your names by May 31, 2021, and include the following information:

- Name of candidate
- Email address
- Phone number
- OCDS community/group location
- Position(s) held and number of years served on a community or group council

Pursuant to Provincial Statutes, Sec. XXVIII, No. 2, candidates must be definitively professed, have served on a local council, and take an interest in the Order and all things Carmelite. In addition, candidates need to have a good working knowledge of the OCDS Constitutions and Provincial Statutes.

A significant time commitment is sometimes required. Provincial Councilors maintain telephone and/or email contact with the communities and groups in their region, and they respond to routine questions. They participate in monthly conference calls with the Provincial Delegate and the other Provincial Councilors, working together on non-routine and complex situations that arise within the province.

The ability to travel is required. Expenses related to official travel are reimbursed. Provincial Councilors visit the Communities and Groups in their regions as needed. They attend the OCDS Congresses and Inter-Provincial Council Meetings that are held throughout the U.S., and they attend leadership and formation conferences within the province.

Provincial Councilors are required to give presentations at the leadership and formation conferences. They may also be asked to assume additional duties, such as serving as the secretary of the Provincial Council or serving as the newsletter editor.

Above all, a loving heart, a generous spirit, discretion, and humility are required.

Please remember and pray for our OCDS members who have died within the last year:

Ana Gauck, OCDS

Redlands, CA

Julia Poindexter, OCDS

San Diego, CA

If you want to include an OCDS member who has died within the last 12 months in future newsletters, please email the name, city, and state to Lynn Miyake at Lkmiyake@aol.com. The names listed in our newsletters do not necessarily represent all of the members who have passed away in the last year. This list is for remembrance and prayers only, not for official notification.

Please remember to submit an official record on Form D to our OCDS Central Office for each member that has passed away in your community or group. Go to ocds.info/forms.htm for more information.