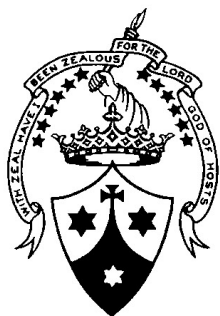

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Dear Friend of Jesus and Mary and Joseph,

The Order of Carmelites Discalced and its local Province of California (Western U.S.) and the Mt Angel (Oregon) Carmelite House of Studies are Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. We are a community dedicated to living faithfully with the Blessed Virgin Mary a life of allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.

On behalf of the Mt Angel Carmelite Community I cordially invite you to a Classical Concert in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This event is being held at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Salem, Oregon. The highlight of the concert will be Camerata Moresca Ensemble's performance of Franz Biber's Rosary Sonatas directed by Bernadette Arnold. Special participation by choirs and vocalists from around the Archdiocese singing Marian hymns treasured by many will also be a part of the grace-filled afternoon. This event will be tri-lingual: the hymns will be sung in English, Spanish and Latin. Audience participation will be encouraged during the "sing-a-long" part of the event, and will include favorites such as the Salve Regina, Immaculate Mary, Ave Maria, Sing of Mary and many more.

This beautiful event is being organized in order to raise the much-needed funds required for the continued formation of Discalced Carmelite brothers and future priests. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and thus are dependent on the generous support of benefactors such as yourself. Our goal in offering our Marian concert is \$50,000. Donations from the concert and fundraising auction will be used to meet the challenging costs of school fees and living expenses for our student houses both in Mt. Angel, Oregon and in Jinja, Uganda. In Uganda especially, we have a very urgent need to put up another building on our property: a building with about 20 to 24 individual rooms for men in formation. They also need a new chapel and a hall, probably as part of the same new building.

Your donation will be acknowledged by being listed in our concert program, as well as on any promotional materials we produce.

In union with Bernadette Arnold, a gifted musician and choir director, and Fr. Manuel Becerra, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, we hope you can come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Sacred music in honor of our Lady's Immaculate Conception, of meeting friends and making new ones, and of helping to support the two Houses of Studies of the Discalced Carmelite Province of California.

We look forward to seeing you at this special event. If you cannot make it, we trust that the Holy Spirit will keep us all united in prayer and thanksgiving for having been called into the Holy Family of Jesus and Mary and Joseph.

We thank you in advance for your participation in any way you can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Thomas Koller O.C.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD
