



Dear sisters and brothers in Carmel,

Fraternal greetings from Fr. Roberto Maria OCD in Vienna/Austria!

Today I am writing to offer you the new **Carmelite** "online retreat," which our friars from Paris have written for Lent and we from Austria (with the help of Deb Thurston OCDS and others) will distribute in various languages (Italian, German, English, Polish, Croatian, and Spanish).

The retreat is free; this Lent they will refer to texts of **Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection** on the practice of the presence of God.

Registration is free and can be done online at www.retreat-online.karmel.at where you will find more information.

If you can, please help to promote this initiative:

- 1) sharing this email with interested persons (for example the friars and/or nuns of the province);
- 2) distributing the web page address to register www.retreat-online.karmel.at
- 3) printing and posting the image of the retreat flyers in format DIN A4 ([download here](#));
- 4) posting the two-sided flyers in your churches / convents, ([download here](#)); and,
- 5) posting and "linking" the initiative on your web pages.

Those who register for the online retreat will receive every Friday (starting Ash Wednesday) an email containing a meditation on the Sunday gospel and short ideas for each day of the week. The texts can be read directly or printed to read them later.

We hope to reach the greatest number of people possible to bring them closer through Brother Lawrence to the spirituality of Carmel.

Thank you for your help, and best wishes for a holy Lent!

Fraternally,
Fr. Roberto Maria Pirastu OCD
Vienna - Austria
and the team of the "Carmelite retreat online"