



OCDS Provincial Newsletter

California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph – January 2019

2019 OCDS Congress and Other Important Information

“...Silence is the way to foster holiness....” *Rule of St. Albert, No. 21*

| Noteworthy and Newsy | From our Provincial Superior and OCDS Provincial Delegate |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">OCDS Provincial Dues are Due</p> <p>All OCDS members (all those who have been clothed with the large brown scapular) are required to submit their annual \$35 Provincial Dues to their Community or Group treasurer at their January meetings. Our Central Office has requested that each Community or Group submit one consolidated check by the end of February to the OCDS Central Office, Carmelite House of Prayer, P.O. Box 347, Oakville, CA 94562. Checks should be made payable to OCDS Central Office. Aspirants and Study Group Members are not required to submit dues.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2019 OCDS Congress Website</p> <p>For information on dates, registration, and speakers for the 2019 Congress, go to www.2019ocdscongress.com.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OCDS Central Office Secretary</p> <p>Our OCDS Central Office Secretary, Bill Zdanoski, OCDS, has a new email address: ocds.secretarycentoff@gmail.com. This email address can be used to submit rosters, forms, minutes, and questions to the OCDS Central Office. However, if you prefer, you can still submit hard copies to Bill at the address listed above in the “Dues” section.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An Important Note on Devotions</p> <p>Please note that all devotions and prayers included in the OCDS Provincial Newsletters, such as the Six Decade Carmelite Rosary featured in the October Issue and the USA and Uganda Vocations Prayer Calendars featured on the second page of this issue, are strictly optional for Communities, Groups, and individual members. They have been provided for your information only, and should not be considered “approved” or “required” by the Provincial Council or Provincial Delegate.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">“A Rose by Any Other Name...”</p> <p>Your Provincial Council Members had the opportunity to meet with Provincial Superior, Fr. Adam Gregory Gonzales, OCD, at the recent OCDS Congress in Columbus, Ohio. Father Adam asked that we begin referring to ourselves as Disalced Carmelite Seculars instead of Secular Carmelites. Since we are true members of the Order, this brings us in line with the Disalced Carmelite Friars and Disalced Carmelite Nuns. Note that it is actually incorrect to refer to ourselves as Third Order Carmelites (TOC). This is the correct designation for O. Carm seculars. We also should not use the incorrect term of “Lay Carmelites” when referring to ourselves.</p> <p>Father Adam also asked that we use the full name when referring to our province, which is the California – Arizona Province of Saint Joseph. St. Teresa of Jesus had a deep devotion to St. Joseph, and many communities of friars, nuns, and OCDS have taken him as their patron ever since. He holds a special place in our province and in our hearts.</p> <p>In addition, Father Adam commented on the use of electronic breviaries. He noted that phones and tablets are used for many purposes, including texting, games, Internet searches, etc. However the printed book is a “sacred” text that is only used for prayer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Message from Fr Matthew Williams, OCD OCDS Provincial Delegate</p> <p>Dear OCDS Members and Friends:</p> <p>A new year is upon us and 2019 promises to be a special year for the Disalced Carmelite Seculars of the California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph. We have the possibility of new groups forming, wonderful retreats throughout the region, and importantly – the 2019 OCDS Congress taking place in Ontario, CA, June 20 – 23.</p> <p>I want to take this opportunity to encourage all to attend the OCDS Congress this year. The theme: <i>Secular Carmelites: Radiating Gratitude and Love</i> is one that gets to the heart of our Carmelite vocation, for we, who have experienced the saving love of Christ, need to continue radiating to the world the joy that comes from our salvation in Christ and the peace that is beyond all understanding, through our lives as followers of the ways of our Carmelite saints.</p> <p>Please attend and experience the community of faith, which is one of the great hallmarks of Carmelite life, and experience the family of Carmel in the uniqueness of an OCDS Congress.</p> <p>Please continue to pray for the success of the Congress, that it will deepen our love of Carmel and the Holy Catholic Church.</p> <p>May Our Lady of Mount Carmel and all the saints of Carmel intercede for us and the Congress.</p> |

Carmelite Poetry

(Untitled)
 By Therese Wiley, OCDS
 Las Cruces, New Mexico

Father

we open our hearts to You
 in faith
 in hope
 in love

we open our hearts to You in faith
 faith in Your abounding mercy
 we ask for Your forgiveness as
 You invite us into Your Spirit
 to grow in Your love
 now and forever

we open our hearts to You in hope
 hope in the promise of Your Word
 offering ourselves to You fully
 praying our gift is worthy
 of Your everlasting grace

we open our hearts to You in love
 a love that knows no bounds
 of family, friends, enemies
 vanquishing hate
 living in Your light

USA and Uganda Formation / Vocations Prayer Calendars

The Cristo Rey OCDS Community in San Francisco, California, is graciously publishing two monthly Formation/Vocations Prayer Calendars (one for the USA and one for Uganda) for anyone who is interested in participating in this prayer apostolate. Each month the calendars include the names of some of the postulants and friars, photos, and other Carmelite prayer intentions for each day of the month. If you are interested in participating in this apostolate and you are not already receiving the calendars, or if you wish to be removed from the mailing list, please email Mary Strutin, OCDS, at strum02@sonic.net. As noted on the previous page, participation in this apostolate is optional.

Here are two snapshots of the February 2019 color calendars:

