



# OCDS Provincial Newsletter

## California-Arizona Province of St. Joseph – November 2019

### Fr. Alzinir Debastiani's Booklet and Recordkeeping Requirements

*“Let us live with God as with a friend, let us make our faith a living faith in order to be in communion with him through everything.”  
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*

Noteworthy and Newsy	Did You Know?
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### At the Beginning of Interior Prayer

(Optional)

Heavenly Father, I offer you my 30 minutes of interior prayer. Arouse your Holy Spirit within me, that He may inspire the direction of my prayer. If my thoughts should wander away, may He draw my attention back to You.

Grant me the grace to pray as You would have me pray, without any thought of consolation or extraordinary experiences. Yet, if You should touch me with Your mysterious Presence, grant me the grace to accept it with humility and thanksgiving, and let it go without regret when You withdraw the experience. Let my prayer be my gift to You. It is so little to offer in response to all of Your bountiful blessings. I offer it with all the love You have placed in my heart.

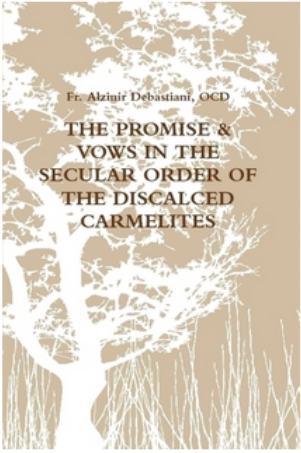
Father, I pray You will accept my prayer with all its imperfections. Perfect it, I beg, in the name of our beloved Savior, Your Son Jesus Christ.

### Recordkeeping Tip

**Form A** is completed when a candidate is received into formation and clothed with the large brown scapular. It's signed by the candidate, a representative of the Council, and the Spiritual Assistant. The original is sent to the OCDS Central Office, and a copy is retained by the Community, Group, or Study Group. On the back, there are spaces to update the form as the candidate moves through the temporary promise, definitive promise, and vows (if applicable). This is the permanent record for the Member. Although not required, it's a good idea to give the candidate a copy of Form A when it is first executed and after each additional step is completed. If the Member moves to another location in the future, this will be very helpful in the transfer process.

### From General Delegate Fr. Alzinir Debastiani, OCD

If your Community, Group, or Study Group has not already obtained it, the Provincial Council highly recommends the following 52-page booklet published by General Delegate Fr. Alzinir Debastiani, OCD, available from [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com). For ordering information, search on "Alzinir Debastiani". Please note that the price indicated below does not include shipping and sales tax:



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**Price: \$1.78**  
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A concise history and explanation of the Promise and vows in the Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelites. The meaning of the Promise and vows. And the commitment to live them in the everyday world.

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### Recordkeeping Requirements

Recordkeeping requirements for OCDS Communities, Groups, and Study Groups in our Province are covered by our Legislative Documents: OCDS Constitutions, No. 54, page 44, and Provincial Statutes, Sec. XV: Registers, page 69. The required forms, instructions, and distribution information can be found at [www.ocds.info/Forms.htm](http://www.ocds.info/Forms.htm). Copies of all required forms should be maintained indefinitely. Financial records should be maintained for five years unless IRS or state tax codes require longer retention periods. Permanent records should be sent to Bill Zdanoski, OCDS, OCDS Central Office Secretary, OCDS Central Office, Carmelite House of Prayer, P.O. Box 347, Oakville, CA 94562, [ocds.secretarycentoff@gmail.com](mailto:ocds.secretarycentoff@gmail.com).