

Washington Province

## OCDS E-Newsletter

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### Update from the OCDS Provincial Council

The OCDS Provincial Council met in Washington D.C. in April with our Father Provincial, Father Jude Peters, OCD, our Provincial Delegate, Father Salvatore Sciorba, OCD, and Brother Robert Sentman, OCD the Regional Assistant for the Mid-Atlantic States. Father Leonard and Father Thomas were unable to join us.

The Visitor Program is taking shape and the “plan” is to have training in a number of locations and then begin visitations after the 2020 elections. As a reminder, Visitations are not intended to be “inspections” but an opportunity to offer support and encouragement. We are very grateful for the increase in nominations so that all areas can be served.

The Program entails each Community in the Province to be visited once every three (3) years and visitors would be assigned so that travel would not require an overnight stay. The term for Visitors is expected to be three (3) years.

#### Thank You

Susan Parker OCDS of New York City

Marie Prokuski OCDS of Des Plaines IL

And Laurie Dushaj OCDS of Detroit MI

For their help in producing this edition of the  
newsletter!

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# Book of Documents Corrections

As in all major endeavors, one can expect challenges and snags. We have, with your help, identified some issues and hope in the future to be able to collect sufficient information to systematically correct any errors or omissions. As St. Paul once described, this is a "thorn" that keeps us from getting proud!

- In this section of the newsletter we would like to address the Book of Documents; more specifically an entry kindly provided by **John Bayer, OCDS of St John of the Cross Community in Ann Arbor, MI**. In reviewing the Book of Documents, Mr. Bayer found areas where corrections should be noted.

First, the Constitutions numbering in the Book of Documents (BOD) has combined paragraph 18 and 19 into only paragraph 18, even though both are shown to be the same revision. All references to the Constitutions following paragraph 19 are thus off by one. For example, in Statute 77, the reference to (Const. #24c) should be to #23c within the BOD.

Secondly, the Constitution's callout of references/footnotes in the BOD tried to renumber all the footnotes to a new 'black ink' only numbered sequence. The website footnotes are numbered as follows: Black 1-20, Red 1-27, Black 21-29, Red 28-32 and Black 30-47, the subtotal is 47 Black plus 32 Red equaling a total of 79 footnotes. The BOD lists a total of only 76 footnotes.

Continuing on the subject of the footnotes within the Constitutions; on page 27, the BOD is missing callouts for footnotes Red #2 and Red #3, causing everything to be off by two. Footnote Red #4 is labeled as #22 in the BOD. Reference #22 belongs to footnote Red #2; this is the start of where things begin to be off by two.

Moving forward, BOD footnote #33 should be part of footnote #32, causing the footnote numbering to be off by three at this point. BOD footnote #46 actually contains both Red #25 and Red #26, putting footnote numbering back to being off by two. The BOD has not include Red #32 so the footnote numbering is now off by one.

Additional reference callouts are missing from the BOD as follows: Footnote Black #42 (CIC 309), Black footnote #43 (CIC 319) and footnote Black #47 (LG 38, which is the same as the previous footnote).

Third, in the BOD Constitutions Reference Section the following was found: On page 159, missing BOD's footnote #56 is the same as online footnote Black #29 (RM37). Also on page 159, footnote #57 is shown as footnote #56. The footnote is actually online Red #28. Thus footnote #58 is mislabeled as footnote #57. The numbering continues as such until footnote #61 where the internal number is correct again. Page 169 is missing Red #32. (Online has the quote and reference). Continuing on page 169, reference #60 for RM #37, presents a good discussion though the reference was not found and is not the title of reference #60 or #61.

The correct references within the Book of Documents in relation to the Statute section are as follows: On page 211, the heading before Statute 76, (cf. Const. #58g) should be #57g. In Statute 77, the reference to (Const. #24c) should be #23c. (This is verified by the exact same quote at the top of page 29, in Const. #23c).

Making pencil margin notes might be helpful.

- **Terry Lemke OCDS of Wisconsin** shared:

**Reference error page 19: Statutes 10b references Statutes #63a should be #62a on page 206**

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## Help Wanted

### Formation Teams & Editors

We need your input concerning corrections needed in the Book of Documents Regarding Constitutions, Statutes and Constitutions References.

Contact us at [ocds-pc-washprov@googlegroups.com](mailto:ocds-pc-washprov@googlegroups.com) and use "BOD" as the subject.

## Announcements

- **The California-Arizona Province is hosting the 2019 OCDS Congress June 20-23 2019.** Please see their website for details. If you are unable to attend, please pray for its success!

## Congress Prayer

*Gracious heavenly Father, we ask You to bless us  
as we prepare*

*for our 2019 OCDS Congress in Ontario.*

*May we be open to the inspirations of Your Spirit.*

*Guide and strengthen us as we work together.*

*Help us to overcome any difficulties that come our  
way.*

*May our Congress be a great blessing for us all!*

*Through the intercession of Our Lady of Mount  
Carmel,*

*may we do whatever we can to "radiate gratitude  
and love" in our world today.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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- Upcoming LIVE video broadcast from the NY MET Opera of "**Dialogue of the Carmelites**" on **Saturday, May 11th at noon**. This is the story of the glorious Martyrs of Compiègne, with music and libretto composed by Francis Poulenc in 1956. *This opera is rarely performed and most of us cannot afford to go to the MET to see a live performance, BUT ... thanks to technology, you can view the performance LIVE (or taped, in some locations) at a theater near you all across the country the weekend of May 11-12. Tickets are under \$30 and you can reserve them online.*

If you are interested, visit this site:

<https://www.metopera.org/season/in-cinemas/> and use the "Search for Cinemas by City" feature. Enter your city and state (NOT zip code) and it will come up with all the theater options available in your area. You have to forward to the MAY CALENDAR, using the MAY 11th date to find a theater that will be broadcasting the opera (LIVE in most cases). There is even a feature that will allow you to purchase tickets online.

You can also listen on many public radio stations. To see which ones, go to <https://www.metopera.org/season/radio/saturday-matinee-broadcasts/> or for a price, you could stream the opera. For more information on this option, go to: [http://www.metopera.org/Season/On-Demand/Learn-More/?offer=32&enum=AlumniPromo&utm\\_source=juilliardalumni&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_campaign=mood](http://www.metopera.org/Season/On-Demand/Learn-More/?offer=32&enum=AlumniPromo&utm_source=juilliardalumni&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=mood).

- **The Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelite Group of St. Joseph, Faithful Guardian of Carmel in Quincy Illinois** on the First Saturday of Our Lady and Mother, May 4, 2019, conducted the Rite of Admission and Clothing and Temporary Promise for five members.

Mary Voorhis, Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Rosary, and Katherine Rehmsmeyer, Helena Mary of Jesus, were Clothed with the Ceremonial Scapular.

Delfina Cook, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Jovita Soliman, Therese the Little Flower, and Philip Kemner, St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart made their Temporary Promise.

Rev Fr. Arnaud Devillers, FSSP, Spiritual Assistant, conducted the ceremonies with the permission of Rev. Fr. Thomas Otanga, OCD, at a Mass at St. Rose of Lima.

After Mass a dinner and reception was given by group members to celebrate the occasion.

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# The Poet's Corner

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**For the Occasion of First Promise and Receiving Brown Scapular  
of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

*St. Teresa of Jesus Community, Raleigh, NC*

*May 6, 2017*

*By Mary Davidson, OCDS*

All Carmelite Saints and Blesseds,  
Rejoice with us today!  
For these, our holy sisters,  
Join us to walk in the Carmelite Way.

For 766 years, the Brown Scapular has been  
A sign of the protection of Mary,  
Our Sister, Mother, and Queen.  
We joyfully wear Mary's brown habit of wool  
Promising to imitate Jesus her Son,  
And always to give Him our hearts in full.

The Promise of Poverty, Chastity, Obedience,  
We make to Carmel, our souls filled with peace.  
We promise to live Christ's Beatitudes,  
Loving with His poverty of spirit, His mercy, His love  
His mourning--His grace that will never cease.

Loving the Divine Office  
And Carmel's daily practice of prayer,  
Loving Christ's Holy Sacraments--  
We will always gather there  
Wearing the habit of Our Lady, Queen Beauty of Carmel so fair.

Now we pray to Our Holy Mother Teresa,  
St. John, and St. Thérèse,  
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity,  
St. Teresa Margaret: please bless  
All of these new flowers of Carmel, With prayers for their holiness.

With the words of Saint Nuno Alvarez Pereira we pray:  
"O Mother of Mount Carmel, I kiss your holy scapular  
And thank you for this precious gift! Protect and guide me always!"

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