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In this issue, we share the fruits of our Thirty-sixth General Chapter. Our Chapter Song, "Do Not Fear to Hope," was our constant companion as we planned for the future and elected new leadership.

We also say goodbye to our oldest sister who returned to God at the age of 103. In addition, we see the impact that our sisters have had on the lives of graduates and how we continue to impact the lives of those with whom and to whom we minister.

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Hope

The hymn "Do Not Fear To Hope" by Rory Cooney continues to resonate in my mind and heart. Why not fear when our world seems to be regressing, so filled with destructive and unloving behavior? During a weekly General Audience, Pope Francis commented

that we often feel "lost in the face of the wickedness and the violence that surround us" and may even feel "discouraged, because we feel powerless..." Yes, there is an evil spirit always desiring humans to make choices that violate the beautiful creation that God has made. However, Pope Francis also reminds us that when Mary said, "Yes," and Jesus, God's Son, freely became human like us, "hope entered the world." The Spirit of God is at work urging countless people to be transformed by the love and power of the triune God.

Praying with Scripture daily fosters hope, for there are numerous hope-filled reminders of Jesus' power and love, an unconditional love for all human beings. I don't know that I would have hope if I didn't also have faith. Faith is a gift from God, it is true; however, accepting the truth of Jesus calls for an affirmation on each person's part. We read in Hebrews 1:1: "In times past, God spoke in fragmentary and varied ways to our ancestors through the prophets; and in this the final age, God has spoken to us through his Son, whom he has made heir to all things and through whom he first created the universe." In Romans HOPE

36th General Chapter logo by Sister Catherine Martin, O. Carm. Chapter theme: "Embrace the Future with Hope." Chapter song: "Do Not Fear to Hope" by Rory Cooney.

8:14-17: "The Spirit gives witness with our spirit that we are children of God. But if we are children, we are heirs as well, heirs of God, heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so as to be glorified with him." We do "walk by faith" to believe in what we cannot see, and it calls for humility, to trust God's word. In Hebrews 11:1: "Faith is the assurance of

things you have hope for, the absolute conviction that there are realities you have never seen." Finally, listen to St. Paul's exhortation in Romans 15:13: "May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."



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Message from the Administration

"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

This scripture text spoke so much to me as, we, the members of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel gathered for our Thirty-sixth General Chapter from December 27, 2016 to January 3, 2017 at the Carmelite Spirituality Center in Lacombe, LA. There were thirty-six delegates and four observers from the USA, Philippines, and Timor-Leste present during our Chapter of Affairs and Elections, Sister Barbara Hagedorn, SC facilitated the Chapter. We used the

contemplative process as our guide in all our chapter proceedings, where the members engaged in contemplative prayer before and after the discussion of each proposal. The contemplative process played a great role in our discernment as we set the goals and the direction for the congregation for the next four years. The following are the results of the acts of the chapter: that edits to our Constitutions and Directives be sent to Rome for an update; that we increase our efforts to have greater collaboration among our sisters from the USA, Philippines, and Timor-Leste; in the light of our charism and mission we assess our properties and resources with the help of professional services; that we establish a program of mutual inculturation educating all members of the congregation in the light of greater diversity of religious life of the future, and lastly, that we increase our collaborative efforts to attract vocations to religious life. On January 2, 2017, in the light of the acts of the chapter, the members spent a day of silence and solitude reflecting on who would lead us in accomplishing our goals and direction in the next four years. On January 3, 2017 the



Sister Terry Falco, R.S.M., Chapter liturgist, leads Chapter delegates in a blessing of Sister Maria Sheila Undang after being elected councilor.

members of the General Chapter elected Sister Lawrence Habetz as president of the congregation, and four sisters were elected as councilors: Sister Maria Sheila Undang, assistant to the president, Sister Janet LeBlanc, Sister Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, and Sister Kathleen Farrelly. Our chapter theme "To embrace the future with hope" (Pope Francis), challenges us, that we, as Carmelite consecrated women, continue to be women of faith and hope that "as a community … we entrust to God our future, embracing it with gratitude and full of hope" (Sister Catherine Martin, O. Carm.'s *Chapter Logo Reflection*).

Sister Maria Sheila Undang serves as assistant to the president of the Congregation, Congregation Secretary, Development Director, and social media coordinator.

Congregation Elects New Leadership

The Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel met for their Thirty-sixth General Chapter and on January 3, 2017 re-elected Sister Lawrence Habetz, O. Carm. as president of the congregation. Sisters Maria Sheila Undang, Janet LeBlanc, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, and Kathleen Farrelly will serve as executive councilors for a four year term of office, which will begin April 29, 2017. Sister Maria Sheila Undang will serve as assistant to the president. The sisters will gather for a private installation of the new leadership during the Eucharistic Celebration at the Motherhouse Chapel, New Orleans, on April 29, 2017.

When convoking the General Chapter, Sister Lawrence Habetz prayed with the sisters, their Chapter Prayer, adapted from St. Teresa of Avila by Sister Barbara Breaud: "Yours I am, for You I was made; what do you want of me? Yours we are, for You we were made; what do you want of us?" Referencing the words of Alfred Lord Tennyson, she asked that these sacred days of Chapter give us the will "to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield," and the courage to "Embrace the Future with Hope," the chapter theme.



Sister Lawrence Habetz, O. Carm. attended St. Joseph School in Rayne, LA and Fenton High School in Fenton, LA and graduated from Mount Carmel Academy, New Orleans, LA. She received her B.S. in Secondary Education from Loyola University, New Orleans and her Master's Degree, MTS in Mathematics from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Sister has taught for 52 years at St. Dominic, Mount Carmel High School in Lafayette, St. James Major, Mount Carmel Academy, and Brother Martin High School in New Orleans. She served for two terms on the Executive Council as assistant to the President from 2001-2009 and president from 2013-2017.

Sister Maria Sheila Undang, O. Carm. will continue to serve as assistant to the president and corporation secretary. As a member of the Philippine Region, she served as Regional Treasurer of the Sisters of Mount Carmel, Administrative Assistant and Treasurer of the Sisters of Mount Carmel, Administrative Assistant and Treasurer of the Sisters of Mount Carmel Catholic School in Quezon City, Philippines, and formator for the novices and junior professed sisters. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies in Manila and a Master of Arts in Theology from the Institute of Consecrated Life in Asia, Quezon City, Philippines. She served as Department Head at Holy Child Hospital in Dumaguete City, Philippines prior to her administrative duties in Quezon City. She is currently enrolled in the Loyola Institute of Ministry, New Orleans, LA.





Sister Janet LeBlanc, O. Carm. currently serves as president of Mount Carmel School of Abbeville. She has served as principal of Mount Carmel School of Abbeville, teacher and principal of Mount Carmel High School in New Iberia, teacher at E.D. White Catholic High School, Thibodaux, LA and Mount Carmel Academy, New Orleans, LA. She attended Mount Carmel School of Abbeville and Vermilion Catholic High School in Abbeville, University of Southwestern, Lafayette where she received her B.S. in Health and Physical Education and St. Thomas College in St. Paul, MN where she received her Master of Arts Degree in Administration and Supervision. She previously served as executive councilor from 2005-2013.

Sister Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, O. Carm. currently serves as Vicar for Religious for the Archdiocese of New Orleans and will continue in her ministry as she serves as executive councilor. Previously, she served as executive councilor from 2001-2005 and as president of the congregation from 2005-2013. She attended St. Dominic School, Mount Carmel Academy, Dominican College where she received her B.S. in Home Economics Education, Notre Dame in South Bend, IN where she received her Master of Arts Degree in Theology. She was awarded a certificate of Theological Studies from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and an Archdiocesan Religious Education certificate in spiritual direction. Her previous ministries include teaching at Mount Carmel Academy, her alma mater in New Orleans, Mount Carmel High School, New Iberia, and E.D. White



in Thibodaux, LA, and at Notre Dame Seminary for 16 years. Through her leadership the Intra-Carmelite Formation Program was established which brought together Carmelite men and women in formation in the Discalced Order and the Order of Carmel.



Sister Kathleen Farrelly, O. Carm. returns as executive councilor for a second term. She resides in Lafayette and ministers in counseling and spiritual direction, and Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Carmelite Priests in Middletown, NY. She is part time Co-Director for Vocations for the congregation. She graduated from Mount Carmel Academy, New Orleans, LA. Sister received a Bachelor of Science degree in General Business from the University of New Orleans, a master's degree in Social Work from Southern University, New Orleans and is certified in spiritual direction and retreat work from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Sister has served as social worker at St. Bernard Elementary in Breaux Bridge, Cathedral Carmel Elementary, Lafayette, where she was religion administrator, and Mount Carmel Academy, New Orleans, where she taught freshman religion.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Mount Carmel has served in Louisiana since its foundation in the U.S. in 1833. In 1962 the sisters established a mission in the Philippines. A new mission in Timor-Leste was established in 2013.

In addition to their missionary work, the sisters currently minister in catholic education in elementary and high schools, and child care, in health care and parish ministries, in spiritual direction, retreat work, Lay Carmelite coordination, art, peace and justice, vocation ministries, as well as in a non-governmental organization in Special Consultative Status with the Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations and affiliated with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the Department of Public Information (DPI) of the United Nations.

The Bells of St. Augustine

Bells... bells... It seems like I still hear the joyful sounds of our church bells. When we were children, the young boys were so excited to come ring the church bell in Hawkesbury, Ontario, Canada. The bells called us to worship, to celebrate weddings and feasts, and to mourn. So many stories to tell and be inspired by.

From the earliest days of Christianity bells have always occupied an important place in religious ceremonies. To this day, they ring to proclaim the day of the Lord, they toll for funerals and at times of mourning in

national disasters, they call the faithful to common prayer and they celebrate weddings and anniversaries. The bells at St. Augustine Church in the New Orleans Tremé neighborhood still serve all those purposes... and their link to the Sisters of Mount Carmel goes back to the very beginnings of both the Congregation and the church parish.

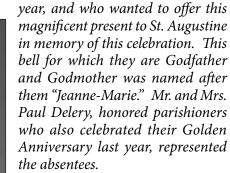
Shortly after the property on the corner of Bayou Road and St. Claude Street was donated

to Bishop Antoine Blanc by the Ursulines in 1838 it was decided that it would become the site on which the new parish church of St. Augustine would be erected. (The name was a condition of the donation.) The cornerstone of the new building was laid on November 14, 1841. During the three intervening years, Dr. Charles Nolan tells us, the chapel of the Sisters of Mount Carmel was used for Sunday Mass for the residents who lived northwest of Rampart Street. Father Etienne Rousselon was usually the celebrant. It took less than a year to complete the new building, and it was blessed and dedicated by Bishop Blanc on October 9, 1841. Once completed, St. Augustine became the home parish of the Sisters of Mount Carmel for more than a century. Noteworthy is the fact that from the very beginning, St. Augustine's bells called and welcomed all the people of Tremé, white as well as free people of color, and slaves as worshipers, making it the oldest U.S. parish to serve the African-American population.

The new church had an impressive bell tower, and shortly after the dedication of the church, three bells were mounted in the tower. The following is taken from a French article that appeared in a local newspaper about 1842 telling of the consecration of the bells. The custom of the times called for naming each of the bells and appointing a godfather and godmother for each of them. The reporter noted the large crowd of important people and town folks that were present at the "corner of St. Claude Street and Bayou Road…" [Today, this is Gov. Nicholls Street.] "... to assist at the ceremony of the blessing of the three bells…" by Father R. P. Subileau.

The reporter wrote:

The largest of the bells was given to the church by Rev. Father Subileau's father and mother who had celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in France the previous



The second bell was given by the parish and is named "Joseph-Augustina," from the pastor's name as godfather and from the parish name as godmother, represented by

an honorable lady of the parish.

The third bell bears the name of "Thérèse" after its godmother, the Superior General of the Third Order of Mount Carmel, one of the oldest parishioners of St. Augustine and as godfather Mr. Louis Colin, St. Augustine's sacristan, title conferred on him by Our Holy Father, Pope Pius IX for having faithfully performed his duties for 40 years.

Sources: Breaux, Sr. Hyacinth, O. Carm. Interviews, 1998-2000; "Les cloches de l'église St-Augustin," an article from unknown French newspaper, circa 1842; Nolan, Dr. Charles. *Bayou Carmel*, Kenner, LA, 1977. Pg 23; "Quelques notes sur l'église St. Augustin, église et école," an undated document of unknown source, found in the St. Augustine parish archives by Dr. Nolan. Copy in Mount Carmel archives.; "St. Augustine Church (New Orleans)," Wikipedia, 2016.

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Sister Ann Carmel Segura, O. Carm. Returns to God

Sister Ann Carmel Segura, O. Carm., a Sister of Mount Carmel, teacher and artist, died December 27, 2016 at Evangeline Oaks Guest House, Carencro, LA. She was 103 years old and in the 83rd year of her religious profession.

Sister Ann Carmel was born Levie Annette Segura, on Nov. 25, 1913 to Albin Joseph Segura of Segura, LA and Adelaide Llewellyn Eaton of Owensboro, KY. She entered the Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sept. 5, 1930, and

received the habit of the Sisters of Mount Carmel on Aug. 5, 1931. On Aug. 2, 1933, she made her first profession, and pronounced perpetual vows Aug. 3, 1936. She celebrated her 80th Jubilee in 2013.



Sister Ann Carmel taught from 1933 to 1986 at Mount Carmel schools in Thibodaux, Lafayette, Abbeville, and New Iberia and from 1986 to the present she served as a private art teacher, painter and in prayer ministry in New Iberia, Abbeville, New Orleans and Lafayette. Sister Ann Carmel was certified to teach high school biology, vocal music, English, social sciences and art. She graduated from Mount Carmel High School in Lafayette, LA in 1929. In 1956, she received her Bachelor of Music in Theory-Voice-Instrumental and a minor in English-French from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, TX. She received her second Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies and English in 1960 from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, LA. From 1962-1967 she served the congregation as Mistress of Postulants and Mistress of Novices. She designed the Flower of Carmel, Blossoming Vine patio and

the Escutcheon of Mount Carmel at the Carmelite Spirituality Center in Lacombe, LA.

She earned a Master's degree in Art in1969 and another Masters Degree in Fine Arts in 1974 from Notre Dame in Indiana. Sister Ann Carmel's artistic talents, including paintings and sculptures, have been showcased in numerous Louisiana galleries. She received first, second and third place awards at juried shows in watercolor, painting, freestanding art and dimensional art as triptics. Sister Ann Carmel Segura, the second of four children, was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers: Marnell Albin Segura, Charles Frederick Segura, and Brother Richard Eaton Segura, F.S.C. She is survived by her nephew, Charles F. Segura of New Roads, LA and nieces, nephews and cousins. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 7, 2017 at the Sisters of Mount Carmel Motherhouse. Interment followed in St. Louis No. 3 Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Martin and Castille Funeral Home, Lafayette, LA.

Carmel – The Greatest Gift

I was asked to write an article on the impact that Mount Carmel education had on my life. I knew it would be difficult to write just a few words. Falling in love with Carmel can get lengthy because this love transcends generations.

I was so privileged to have been educated by the Sisters of Mount Carmel in both grammar and high school. All of my teachers were religious and they will never know the thousands of lives that they have influenced. I wanted this kind of environment for my children and grandchildren. Today they could write this article and tell you the same thing.

Not only having the finest teachers and the best education afforded anywhere, a student at Carmel will also learn to love and appreciate our Catholic faith. Throughout life, it is our most cherished gift. In difficult times, it will sustain us. Children of Carmel also receive a heavy dose of morality. As they move on into life, having heard the consequences of right and wrong, they will make better choices.

I have always told my parents that one of the greatest gifts that they have ever given me, besides life of course, was Mount Carmel. My mom always said that she knew that Carmel produces "Happy Christian Children of Worth." I have never forgotten that and when you think about it, isn't this really all that we want

for our children: to be happy, good Christians and go on in life to do worthy things?

- Pat Richard Paternostro is a graduate of Mount Carmel Academy and Hotel Dieu School of Nursing. She has served as president of St. Dominic's Mother's Club, Lakeview Botany Guild, and Mount Carmel Academy's Cooperative Club. She is a member of Bravo, Women's Guild, St. Elizabeth's Guild to mention a few, and has been the recipient of the Sr. Mary Grace Danos, O.Carm. Award. A gourmet chef and professional caterer, Pat has organized Mount Carmel's development drive dinners for the past 30 years. She is the author of "Savoir Faire," a cookbook she has recently published.



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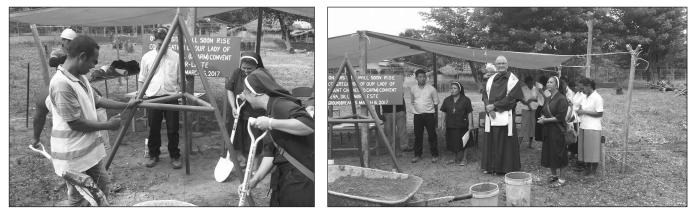
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News of Note





Catholic Schools Week-(left) Faculty, students, and parents from Mount Carmel School of Abbeville and Vermilion Catholic High School in Abbeville joined for a Catholic Schools Week liturgy. (Right) **Sisters Kathy Farrelly**, **Janet LeBlanc**, president of Mount Carmel School of Abbeville, **Cristilyn Rubio**, **Judith Hebert**, **Sheila Undang**, and **Lawrence Habetz** joined the Mount Carmel family in Abbeville for Catholic Schools Week celebration.

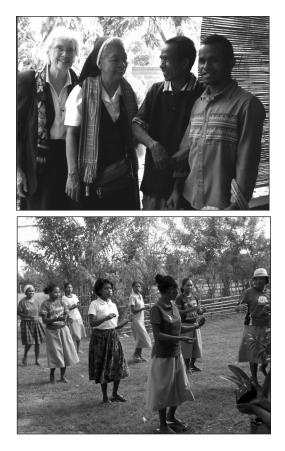


The sisters in Timor-Leste held a ground-breaking blessing at the site of what will be the new formation house. The house will provide the needed space for our postulants and aspirants. Its location is about 20 minutes outside of Dili so the formands will be able to attend the Inter-congregational Formation Program offered in Dili. To quote Sister Mailyn Batocabe, "Thank you, Lord, and for all the people behind this. Inspired by all the limitations and challenges... Blessings abound. Please continue to keep the sisters and their missionary work in your prayers." Father Bruce Clark, O. Carm. (right) presided at the blessing.



We welcome our three new lived-in aspirants, from left, Justina Fernandes, Sildonia Tilman, and Natalia Oliveira, in Timor-Leste. "We pray that you will discern God's will as you journey with us in Carmel. It is with deep gratitude to you that we 'Embrace the Future with Hope,'" Sister Lawrence wrote in her welcome letter.

News of Note





Top left: **Sister Andrée Bindewald**, formator, and **Sister Gloria Ibalio**, Philippine Regional Coordinator, were welcomed to Timor-Leste with the presentation of tais, their traditional sign of respect and appreciation. They visited February 16-23, 2017 to activate the construction of the new formation house in Hera, Timor-Leste. While there they visited Sisters Mailyn Batocabe, Remedios Natonton, the postulants and the families of the novices and aspirants. Above: **Sisters Andrée Bindewald** and **Gloria Ibalio** visit the people in Zumalai where the Sisters of Mount Carmel serve. Left: The Timorese practice their traditional welcoming dance to welcome the sisters.



Left: Sisters from the Philippines and Timor-Leste entertain Chapter delegates at a party for leadership.

Right: Leaders use words from "Leadership" to share learnings from leadership with Chapter delegates.





Sister Kathy Farrelly, right, directed Louisiana State University student, **Rachel Haydel** during the Busy Persons Retreat in Baton Rouge, LA. This retreat is held every semester from a Sunday through Thursday evening at Christ The King on LSU's campus. The church invites priests, brothers, and religious sisters from different orders around the country to visit and give daily personal spiritual direction to participants. This week focuses entirely on forming and growing each participant's personal prayer life. The retreat is aimed at busy students and is a wonderful opportunity for participants to focus more on their prayer life and on how to implement faith in their busy daily routines.

Cub Corner Preschool: Love for God's Children

On the congregation website, Cub Corner Preschool states that its "...programs are designed to foster each child's development socially, emotionally, developmentally and spiritually." While the New Orleans area is populated by numerous child care centers, one particular component of Cub Corner sets it apart. All of the children, regardless of their religious persuasion, receive religious instruction in Catholic Christianity.

A statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel adorns the hallway year round and each of the classes is present for

the May Crowning. Decorations abound for religious holidays. At Christmas, Sister Gwen Grillot, the executive director, introduces each of the classes to the Christmas story and explains the role of each character in our Motherhouse crèche scene (pictured). The older children learn Christmas carols and offer concerts for the younger children, including the infants. Another example is a visit to Mount Carmel Academy's St. Joseph Altar. (pictured). St. Joseph Altars are a popular tradition in the New Orleans area. Again, the children are taught the significance of the tradition and the critical role St. Joseph played in the life of Jesus and plays in our lives as well.



A more formal learning experience takes place with the three-year-olds. Once a week they have a formal religious instruction class based on "I Am Special," a program available through Our Sunday Visitor,

Inc. With the assistance of the Cub Corner teachers, Mrs. Darleen Hernandez visits once a week to spearhead the program. According to Ms. Darleen, "this religious education program focuses on developing the concepts of God as Father and Creator and Jesus as

their friend and role model. They learn how to walk in the footsteps of Jesus by being kind

to their friends, helping others when possible and obeying parents and teachers...through age appropriate music and game play...incorporated into every lesson covered."

With the assistance of a committed staff, the ministry of the Sisters of Mount Carmel continues to impact the lives of all the children in our care.

Sister Alice Abate is Vocation Director for the Congregation, Contemplatives in Action co-editor, Coordinator of National Religious Vocation Conference for the Deep South area, Motherhouse Maintenance Supervisor and Mission Effectiveness Representative, Thibodaux, LA.



On behalf of the Sisters of Mount Carmel, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our families, friends, and benefactors who continually support and believe in the Mission and the Charism of the Sisters of Mount Carmel.

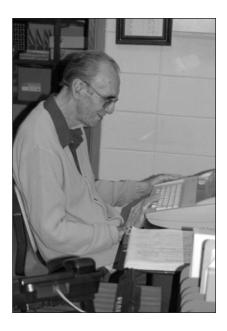
Contemplative View

A Child of Carmel

It was many and many a time I know I stood in this same spot, to put on a show. It was many, many times I still can see Here I stood with the spotlight just on me.

However, soon that spotlight from me did fade Graduation came and my gown was made. I walked down the aisle of church in a white gown Smiling, happy but a tear was trickling down.

I realized that this was the end of the line, As a student of Carmel no more to shine. But oh how wrong can one person be! But oh how wrong. That night I just could not see.





I was a child of Carmel—the stamp was there. Mary's child forever—Her love I did share. It is many and many a time I feel Her mantle of love just as though it were real.

The education that I received from here Will live with me and guide me oh so sincere. The material things have helped me I know But it's the love of Mary I want to show.

I want to share with others this revered thing Love for the dear Mother of our great King. Although the halls of Carmel I no more roam, To me it will always be a place like home.

Studies, exams, graduation—that's not all That's just the beginning—all so very small It is afterwards when the cruel world you face That the Child of Carmel needs his Mother's grace.

All: O Star of the Sea, Carmel's bright shining star, guide this Carmel Child and Oh never be far. For your child dear Mother, I always will be till my hair turns silver, watch over me.

And when it's all over and death be my state, as a Child of Carmel I will meet my fate. And then, dear Mother, if your mantle I show I know you will open to me Heaven's door. Amen.



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