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Teresa the Pilgrim

“What is a pilgrimage?

...A pilgrimage is a journey undertaken in the light of a story.”

(Paul Elie, from The Life You Save May Be Your Own)

In 2015, the Carmelite family will celebrate the fifth centenary of the birth of Teresa of Avila. Plans are underway to begin the year of preparation in 2014. With that in mind, we invited some of our sisters to share their experience of Teresa.

Ten years ago I had the privilege of making a pilgrimage in the light of Carmel’s story. One grace-filled memory from that journey is of a bronze sculpture of St. Teresa of Avila, which stands outside the Convent of the Incarnation. With her walking staff in her left hand, she is stepping with determination toward some unknown destination. I carried home a small replica of the statue which is pictured in this article.

Teresa, the Woman of Prayer, the Doctor of the Church, *this* Teresa I have known and loved for years. But it was Teresa, the Pilgrim, who called me to attention on that long-ago day and who attracts me today. Her pilgrimages, both inner and outer, were undertaken in the light of her love story, her “friendship with God whom we know loves us.” I have learned so much from Teresa as a guide on the inner journey; I believe that the way she navigated her outer journeys also has lessons for us.

Not especially a lover of travel, Teresa nonetheless journeyed extensively to establish fifteen Carmels throughout Spain. Those journeys were fraught with the difficulties of 16th century travel. Poor roads were the norm. Once she tumbled out of the carriage, prompting her oft-quoted response to the Lord, “If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few.” The inns in which she and her companions stayed overnight were worse. She once described hell as “a night in a poor inn”! Never a woman in good health, Teresa suffered from headaches and the cold when she traveled. Sometimes she and her guides got lost. Why would a woman who desired to shape a life that would nurture the contemplative in herself and her sisters, *choose* to be a pilgrim?

The answer is simple and Fr. Kieran Kavanaugh, OCD describes it succinctly in his introduction to *the Foundations*: “...She was traveling for an ideal...” Clear in her own mind and heart that God was asking her to provide foundations where



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Message from the Administration

As I was re-reading the *Life of St. Teresa of Jesus, of the Order of Our Lady of Carmel*, translated by David Lewis, I found myself in deep appreciation of how independent, enlightened and strong willed a woman St. Teresa of Avila was. She was a great spiritual leader during her time, being the only female theologian who was published in the sixteenth century in Spain. She was a woman who stood for and defended her own mystical experiences and reformed Carmel in the midst of all the political constrictions of the clerical and patriarchal hierarchy.

Journeying with our young sisters in formation was a great challenge for me. However, it was a great opportunity and a privilege. It required a total self-giving and necessitated spiritual leadership qualities. Like St. Teresa of Avila, who reformed her community in Carmel in hopes of returning her nuns to a wholesome form of living out religious life and a wholesome witnessing to Christianity, formators help those in formation recommit to the values of poverty and simplicity. She journeyed with her sisters through strict discipline, but with genuine love and common sense. Formation ministry entails a deeper discernment in seeking the will of God and complete trust in the Holy Spirit to guide the formator, to be able to journey with and guide our young sisters in accordance with the will of God for each one of them. It is the responsibility of the fomator to provide them with the right tools that will aid them in developing their own inner self and grow in their personal relationship with their God, and with the people around them. Formators are to help them see and recognize their own human limitations and sinfulness and feel God's compassionate and overflowing love for them and provide them with the environment to recognize and develop the gifts and talents that God has uniquely given to each one of them. We are to guide them as they learn to discern God's calling for each of them and grow in their chosen life commitment.

As I look back over those years when I was in this ministry, I have come to accept the reality that not everybody you journey with in formation will stay in religious life, but what is important is that they have grown in knowing themselves and are better able to see and recognize the will of God for them; then they become a better person.

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women (and also the friars) could serve God through prayer, Teresa was determined to make the outer pilgrimages a part of her inner pilgrimage to God.

In this she is a model for us – sisters and lay friends of Carmel. Our lives cannot (and probably should not) consist in dwelling quietly in some little corner walled off from the world. We, too, are called to bring the Carmelite ideal to others, leaving the familiar and embracing the new.

I see Teresa's determination to embrace both pilgrimages most clearly witnessed today in the willingness of our Sisters Mailyn Batocabe and Remedios Natonton to journey to Timor-Leste. Like Teresa, they know the discomforts of travel over rocky roads; like Teresa they know the strain of establishing a new foundation in an unknown place; like Teresa they are establishing good relations with their lay helpers; like Teresa they are determined to tell the Carmelite story, to live the Carmelite ideal in a new place; like Teresa may they navigate the interior and exterior journeys with the prayerful awareness of God's companionship, with good humor and with determination to bring the ideal of Carmel to all. May we all undertake our inner and outer pilgrimages in the light of our shared Carmelite story.



Sister Elizabeth Fitzpatrick resides in New Orleans, LA and is the Executive Director (Vicar) of Religious, Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Jubilarians of 2013

Sister Ann Carmel Segura, born Levie Annette in Segura, LA, is the second of four children of the late Albin Joseph Segura and Adelaide Llewellyn Eaton. She entered Carmel in 1930 and professed first vows in 1933. Sister Ann Carmel attended Mount Carmel Elementary, New Iberia and graduated from Mount Carmel High School, Lafayette. She received a bachelor's degree in Music from Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies and Education from Southwestern University, Lafayette. She also holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Notre Dame, IN. Sister Ann Carmel devoted 49 years to Catholic education. She has taught biology, vocal music, English, social studies and art in Mount Carmel Schools in Thibodaux, Lafayette, Abbeville and New Iberia. Sister also served as directress of the postulants and novices from 1962-1967. She received many awards at juried art shows for her paintings. At present



Sister Ann Carmel is retired and living at St. Leo-Seton Convent in Lafayette, LA. This year marks Sister Ann Carmel's 100 years of birth and eighty years of vows.

Sister Laura Melancon, born Dolores Cecile in Lafayette, LA, is the only child of the late J. Vilmore Melancon and Mabel Connelly. She entered religious life in 1950 and professed first vows in 1953. Sister Laura attended Mount Carmel Elementary and Mount Carmel High School, Lafayette, LA. She went on to receive a B.S. and a Master of Education from Loyola, New Orleans, and an advanced specialized degree in Religious Studies from Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. Sister has devoted 53 years to Catholic Education as a teacher and principal. She has served as congregation formation director and taught at Notre Dame Seminary. Sister Laura is currently a minister to the sick at St. Genevieve's Parish and serves as Spiritual Assistant to the Lay Carmelites, Lafayette, LA. She celebrates sixty years of vows.



Sister Lourdes Calleja, formerly Sister M. Vincent Ferrer, was born in Legaspi City, Albay, Philippines and is the first of seven children born to the late Marciano D. Calleja and Paz Lorenzo. She entered the congregation in 1960 and professed first vows in 1963. Sister attended Legaspi Port Elementary and Legaspi Junior College (High School), Legaspi City, Philippines. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dominican College, New Orleans, LA, a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from University of the East, Manila, and a Master of Education degree from Nicholls

State, Thibodaux, LA. Sister Lourdes has served as Philippine Regional Coordinator (1997-2005), Formation Directress for the Philippine Region, as Director of the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies, and has done pastoral and retreat work as well as organizing the Justice and Peace Action Group in the Philippines. She is currently serving as Junior Professed Formator and is a volunteer at the Sisters of Mount Carmel Catholic School Canteen, Quezon City, Philippines. She celebrates fifty years of vows.

Sister Bernardine Juarez, born Bernadina in Lawa-an, Talisay, Cebu, Philippines, is the sixth of ten children born to the late Gregorio G. Juarez and Catalinia Bacus. She entered Carmel in 1960 and professed first vows in 1963. Sister attended Colegio de



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San Jose Elementary, Cebu City and Southern College High School, Bantayan, Cebu. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce from Cebu Institute of Technology, Cebu and a master's degree in Management from Philippine Christian University, Manila. Sister Bernadine was involved in healthcare for over twenty-five years and served at the Philippine Heart Center of Asia for twenty-four years. She currently serves as Coordinator of Development for the Philippine Region and works in Pastoral Healthcare at Far Eastern University Hospital, Quezon City, Philippines and celebrates fifty years of vows.



Sister Catherine Riggs, born Peggy Ann Riggs in New Iberia, LA, is the only child of the late Russell Harold Riggs and Amy Pauline Robichaux. She entered into religious life in 1960 and professed first vows in 1963. Sister Catherine attended Mount Carmel Elementary and Mount Carmel High School, New Iberia, LA. She received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Dominican College, New Orleans and a Master of Education in counseling from LSU, Baton Rouge, LA. Sister dedicated thirty-five years to Catholic Education as a teacher and served as guidance counselor at Mount Carmel Academy, New Orleans. Since 2002 Sister Catherine has served as Director of Pastoral Care at Our Lady of Wisdom Healthcare Center, New Orleans and celebrates fifty years of vows.

Sisters Bernardine Juarez and Laura Melancon Reflect on Their Years as a Sister of Mount Carmel

My jubilee year in consecrated life recalls the 50 years away from home which I feel is just like yesterday. Yes, time passes too fast!

I left my home town on the island of Cebu, in the Philippines, by boat in the midst of a strong typhoon. The boat reached Manila safely where I met Lourdes Calleja and other women who were entering the Sisters of Mount Carmel. We left on September 2, 1960 for New Orleans, Louisiana.

As a postulant, there was much to adjust to, i.e., the cold climate, the food and homesickness. It was a struggle to attend class and understand French, Modern Math and American English. However, the experience of becoming a novice was fun and relaxing.

As a junior professed sister, I was assigned to assist in the infirmary. Taking care of the sick and senior sisters in the Motherhouse Infirmary was difficult, but fulfilling. I was greatly edified by their strength and ability to transform pain into joy, peace and consolation.

When I returned to the Philippines, I was assigned to Holy Child Hospital in Dumaguete City where I set up the X-ray department and was responsible for the business office. The schedule was overwhelming. I would often miss prayers and community life. I asked for and received a transfer to Manila.

In Manila, I had the opportunity to live with Mother Marcella Foret. Sr. Marie Hope Aguila and I were present with Mother Marcella on July 2, 1972 when, in the midst of a typhoon with heavy rain, no electricity and no telephone, she suffered a heart attack. All we could do was pray as we faced the reality of her death. We were conscious of God's presence in our fear, anxiety, sorrow and powerlessness. Early in the morning, we were finally able to contact Sisters Josephine Deveras and Lourdes Calleja.

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My next move was to Fairview. While living there, I was able to find work as a Cardio Pulmonary Technician at Capitol Medical Center in Quezon City. After a few years, I was the only sister working there and at the Philippine Heart Center (PHC). My lengthy service was fulfilling because I was serving outpatient indigents. After twenty-four years, I retired as a government employee, and again traveled to the United States to participate in a spiritual renewal program at Blessing Place, Lacombe, LA.

In my present ministry in Pastoral Care Services at FEU-NRMF Medical Center, I believe that my service to them is bringing the Lord Jesus to the bedsides, imbued with an understanding of the reality of the feelings of the sick, the dying and the poor because of my years in community and ministry.

I am grateful for my fifty years of vowed life in Carmel. I believe that God will always be with me in my trials, joys and suffering.



Sister Bernadine at the Philippine Heart Center's farewell party honoring her many years of service.

As we prepare to celebrate the fifth centenary of the birth of Teresa of Avila, a saint with whom our Carmel family is closely bound, I find myself reflecting on and continuing to be inspired by her life and charism.

This year, I celebrated my 60th jubilee as a professed Daughter of Carmel. These years have been blessed with many experiences, challenges and grace-filled times.

I was only 15, an only child, when I left home in Lafayette and entered the doors of Carmel to begin following my call. Of course, I felt very mature when I entered the novitiate, but the fact is, I had a lot more growing up to do. Taking on the responsibility of a teacher just three years later was an eye opener, but I anticipated it with much enthusiasm and prepared or not, I had a ministry to do.



From left: Sisters Beth and Laura in Avila, Spain.

My teaching career began at St. James Major School in New Orleans teaching fifty fifth graders. To this day I still remember so many of those in my first class. One became a priest, now deceased, and one a Dominican Sister. I loved teaching and spent many years in the field of education, as both teacher and principal. My ministry took me to St. James Major, St. Dominic, Mount Carmel, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans; Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Westwego; Mount Carmel, Abbeville; St. Louis King of France, Metairie; and Cathedral-Carmel and Teurlings High School, Lafayette.

I was then called by the community to do formation work. This ministry ended when I returned home to care for my mom after my dad's death. While caring for mom I worked in schools in Lafayette, from which I retired at age 71. My retirement ministry, since my mom passed away, is Minister to the Sick and Homebound in St. Genevieve parish, Lafayette, which I continue to this day. It is a ministry I love and find most rewarding.

My years in religious life have not been all work and no play. I have had the opportunity to travel and have been on several pilgrimages. One of my favorites was to Spain, where I visited Avila and Alba De Tormes, where Teresa died. In that convent Sister Beth Fitzpatrick and I renewed our vows, a most powerful experience. It was my 50th jubilee year.

As we prepare for the big celebration in 2015, we see a society today with a growing desire and need for prayer, so with me, let us carry the torch of Teresa, focusing foremost on the value of prayer in the heart of the Church.

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News of Note

Did You Know?... The St. Ann Shrine at 5858 Lower Bay Road, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 has a marble altar top and a marble pascal lamb inserted into the altar. These came from our St. Adele's altar after Hurricane Camille. In 2004 the chapel was declared a Diocesan Shrine now known as the Holy Infant of Good Health Shrine. It is about fifteen minutes from St. Adele's; from Nicholson Avenue take a left at Hwy. 90 and a left at Lower Bay Road (sign Lakeshore/ Clermont Harbor.)



Mrs. Yvonne Boos Garcia's parents kept the marble pieces at their house after one of the sisters suggested they take them before the house was torn down. They gave them to St. Ann in 1997 when the chapel was built. (Photo by Sister Maria Sheila Undang, O. Carm.)

News of Note



On Sept. 18, 2013 **Sisters Mailyn Batocabe** (pictured above) and **Remedios Natonton, O. Carm.** attended the 25th Sacerdotal Anniversary of **Dom Norberto do Amaral**, Bishop of the Diocese of Maliana., Timor-Leste. (Photos by: left, Sister Mailyn Batocabe, O.Carm.; right, Sister Remedios Natonton, O. Carm.)

The Sisters of Mount Carmel enjoy the 2013 Celebrity Chef Celebration for MCE. The theme was “Celebrate Abbeville.” Pictured from left to right: **Sisters Clare Cramer, Lawrence Habetz, Teresa Margaret Toups, Evelyn Mire, Judith Hebert, Janet LeBlanc, Paula Derise, Laura Melancon, Kathy Farrelly and Fatima Mouton.** (Photo by Marcy Lege)



Dianne Prestridge with Christian Brothers Services conducted a Driver Awareness Class for the sisters in the New Orleans area and in the Lafayette area. These classes are held regularly as a benefit from Christian Brothers. The purpose is to remind the participants of safe driving practices and to enhance driving skills. (Photo by Sister Lawrence Habetz, O. Carm.)

Sister Alice Abate is pictured with **Ms. MaryAnn Perpetua**, a young woman who came to visit the community in August and November. A native of Nigeria, MaryAnn now lives in St. Louis, MO where she works as a registered nurse. (Photo by Sister Beth Fitzpatrick, O. Carm.)



News of Note



Two Sisters of Mount Carmel were honored in celebration of the anniversaries of their religious professions at a liturgy and reception at St. Leo Church in Lafayette, LA on November 2. Honored were **Sister Ann Carmel Segura, O. Carm.** (80th), pictured standing with president, **Msgr. Robie E. Robichaux, JCL** and **Sister Catherine Riggs, O. Carm.** (50th).

Three Sisters of Mount Carmel also celebrated jubilees this year in their local place of ministry: Sisters Laura Melancon, O. Carm. (60th) in Lafayette, LA, Bernadine Juarez, O. Carm. (50th), and Lourdes Calleja, O. Carm. (50th), both in the Philippines. See p. 3-4 for Jubilarians' biographies

(Photo by Sister Alice Abate, O. Carm.)

Sister Camille Anne Campbell, O. Carm., president and principal of Mount Carmel Academy, New Orleans, LA, received the 2013 Father James A. Tarantino award at the Nov. 6 awards banquet hosted by Holy Rosary School. She received the award for her unique and distinguished role of Catholic Leadership. Father Tarantino's mother, **Mrs. Marjorie H. Tarantino** (pictured with Sister Camille Anne), a 1940 Mount Carmel Academy graduate, was present at the banquet. Also attending were: **Beth Ann Simno, Deena Cheramie, Sue Buras, Susan Crawford, P.J. Ciaccio,** and **Sisters Rose Marie Penouilh, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, and Lawrence Habetz, O. Carm.**

(Photo by Sister Lawrence Habetz, O. Carm.)

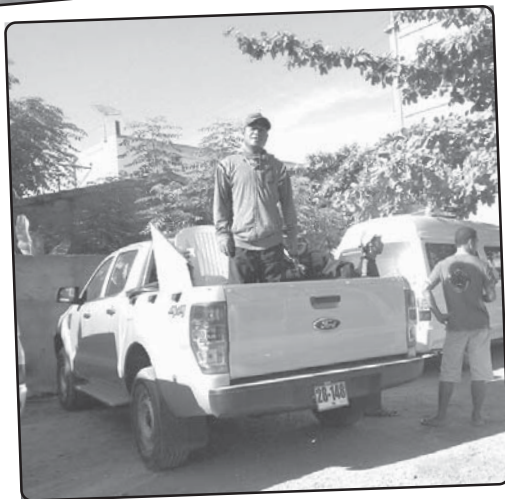


Sisters Barbara Nell Laperouse and Denis Rodrigue attended the E. D. White Alumnus of the Year banquet in Thibodaux on October 24. **Dr. Chester Weimer** was the honoree. Standing next to the sisters is **Mrs. Kathleen Broggi**, a Mount Carmel alumna. They are pictured with E. D. White students who attended the October 24 luncheon. (Photo by Kay Constant)



Sister Lilibeth Alzate Espiritu, O. Carm. professed final vows November 30 at the Sisters of Mount Carmel Catholic School Multi-purpose Hall in Quezon City, Philippines.

Timor-Leste Ministry Update



Top row: The new convent in Timor-Leste. Sister Remedios Natonton resting with the volunteer mothers and children after a day of house cleaning; Sisters' bedroom. **Middle row:** Convent blessing was held with the Carmelite Friars and the people in Beilaco, Zumalai. **Bottom row:** Thanks to our generous donors for the new Ford Ranger for the sister's use; Sisters Remedios Natonton and Mailyn Batocabe happily enjoying their new home. (Photos by Sister Mailyn Batocabe, O. Carm., bottom right photo by Frater Narcizzo, O. Carm.)

Ministry to Lay Carmelites

The Sisters of Mount Carmel are engaged in ministry to Lay Carmelites in two ways: working as Spiritual Assistants to some of the many Lay Carmelite communities in the Louisiana area; and working as members of the staff at the Lay Carmelite Office in Illinois. As spiritual assistants, some of the Sisters work with a local community, participating in the monthly meeting, giving days of reflection, answering the questions of the members, and serving on the local community's council.

In 1987 Sister Christina Griggs moved to Illinois to work in the Lay Carmelite ministry and after her retirement, she was replaced by Sister Libby Dahlstrom. Both Sisters Libby and Mary Martin have been working at the

Provincial Lay Carmelite Office for 10+ years and since they began working in this ministry, have been overseeing the more than 220 Lay Carmelite communities of the entire Most Pure Heart of Mary Province here in the U.S. and in southern Canada. Sister Libby's main responsibility has been that of official visitor to each local community, so she spends much of her ministry time traveling around the states and Canadian provinces to each community, observing and encouraging their growth both in Carmelite spirituality and in membership. In the course of a three-year period, all the 220+ communities are



Sisters Libby Dahlstrom and Mary Martin

visited at least once, or perhaps twice.

As Coordinator of Lay Carmelites, Sr. Mary's responsibilities are very diverse, from advising a director on how to solve a community problem, or appointing area leaders around the country, conducting meetings with representatives from both U.S. provinces, overseeing the finances of the Lay Carmelite Office, to planning the next Lay Carmelite National Convocation. (Atlanta Hilton, September, 2015)

What do Sisters Libby and Mary find most rewarding about their ministry? "To work with adults who are seeking to live the Carmelite Way is gratifying, and humbling. It is especially enlightening and hopeful to witness so many lay persons seeking a deeper relationship with Christ and His Mother."

Sister Libby Dahlstrom, O. Carm. resides in Darien, IL and is Associate Provincial Delegate to Lay Carmelites, Province of Most Pure Heart of Mary.

News of Note

The Sisters of Mount Carmel held their second "**Barn Again**" Women weekend on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20, 2013. It is a weekend in which the sisters and laity come together to pray, play and work. The theme of the weekend focused on the gifts we have been given, especially the gift of our Carmelite charism. Throughout the weekend a variety of sisters shared with the group how the Carmelite charism has gifted them personally and professionally. **Sister Lena Collins**, pictured, organized the work activities that continue to beautify the Spirituality Center. A great time was had by those who participated in the weekend.



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