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The Interior Castle

In her inspired masterpiece, *The Interior Castle*, St. Teresa of Jesus describes the human person's journey to union with God, the Lord, who dwells within the person created in God's own image and likeness. This journey to interior union with the Trinity transforms the person in Christ and culminates in the person's being sent forth to bear fruit as a member of Christ's Mystical Body.

St. Teresa begins *The Interior Castle* by comparing the human soul to a castle formed out of purest crystal, in whose center dwells the Triune God. She exalts the great dignity of the human person: *I don't find anything comparable to the magnificent beauty of a soul and its marvelous capacity* (I,1,1). The capacity of the soul is so marvelous precisely because it is created as a dwelling place of God, *a paradise where the Lord says He finds his delight (ibid.)*. Within the soul dwells a Lord who is eager to communicate himself. He gives himself freely, as pure gift. He has created humans capable of entering into friendship with himself.

The door into this castle is prayer. St. Teresa describes the journey, rooted in prayer, that the person makes as he or she progresses through seven "dwelling places" within the castle. These dwelling places can be described as various stages in the person's relationship with God: conversion and initial steps of prayer; perseverance in these beginnings through many fallings and risings; "putting one's house in order" as a good Christian. These first three stages emphasize what the person does, with the help of God. From the fourth dwelling place onward, God takes more of the initiative, leading the person to move beyond what seems "reasonable" to a greater self surrender. The person dies to self in order that he or she may be re-formed into the image of Christ, as a silk worm spins its cocoon to be reborn as a white butterfly, and is espoused to Christ while passing through many trials; and, finally, is united fully to the three Persons of the Trinity in what is called the spiritual marriage.

St. Teresa points to the perfection of a charity that is eager to act as the fruit of this interior union with God. The saint declares: *This is the reason for prayer, my daughters, the purpose of this spiritual marriage: the birth always of good works, good works* (VII,4,6). The one united with the Lord who dwells within comes to be disposed to be sent by him wherever he wills: *Do you know what it means to be truly spiritual? It means becoming the slaves of God. Marked*

With this issue, we conclude our year long celebration of the 5th centenary of the birth of Teresa of Avila.

Our feature article addresses her third major work, <u>The</u>
<u>Interior Castle</u>. In it,
Teresa describes the seven mansions, or paths, on our journey to "spiritual marriage" with God.

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Message from the Administration

St. Teresa of Avila, A Role Model for Leadership

When we think of St. Teresa of Avila, we certainly think of her as a mystic and a woman of prayer, a Doctor of the Church, but more importantly, a Doctor of Prayer. But I actually see her as a very strong leader, a model for leadership. In her reform of Carmel, she had the courage to change what needed to be changed, no matter the consequences. She was passionate about her relationship with God and her love for Carmel drove her to do whatever was necessary to protect and strengthen the spirit and practice of prayer in her Carmelite monasteries. What a model for us in leadership in religious communities today! While we may not be asked to 'reform' the community, we, as leaders, are asked to direct the community to its future, to follow the directives of our General Chapters, while maintaining the day-to-day administrative activities required for handling the business side of the community. We need to have a genuine passion and enthusiasm for the projects the community has asked us to do.

It was easy to have great passion for the establishment of an Extended Council, including our Regional Coordinator of the Philippines in a more direct way with our Executive Council and to establish our new mission in Timor-Leste, both directives of our Thirty-fifth General Chapter of 2013. While both endeavors required changes, we, as a community, were able to make those changes. Today, God has blessed us with



an increase in vocations in the Philippines and in Timor-Leste. We thank God for the young women in our Formation Program: our Junior Professed, novices, and postulants in the Philippines, our first four postulants from Timor-Leste who have transferred to the Philippines for the remainder of their formation, for the prospective postulants in the Philippines and the two new Live-In Aspirants in Timor-Leste who begin their first year of Postulancy at the end of May. May they be inspired by St. Teresa of Avila to live a life of prayer and passion for God, joining us in our ministries to God's people and becoming the leaders of the future.

Sister Lawrence Habetz, O. Carm. serves as Congregation President.

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with his brand, which is that of the cross, spiritual persons, because now they have given Him their liberty, can be sold by Him as slaves of everyone, as He was (VII,4,8). She holds up St. Paul as an example of one brought to the most sublime union with God, a union which led him to work tirelessly for the Mystical Body of Christ.

In her *Interior Castle*, St. Teresa shares with us the journey she has travelled, a journey and a union to which Christ calls all of us created in God's image and likeness. We are reminded of our own dignity and capacity to enter into friendship with the Triune God, to whose mystery and love St. Teresa offers her own witness.

Fr. Gregory Ross, O.C.D., is a member of the St. Thérèse Province of the Discalced Carmelite Friars. Originally from New Orleans, Fr. Gregory currently serves as Rector of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower in San Antonio, Texas, as well as his Province's vocation director.



CARMEL'S PRESENCE A Blessing in Abbeville

The convent and school in Abbeville, LA., which opened in 1885, was the last foundation made by Mother Thérèse Chevrel before her retirement as Mother General in December, 1885. The Sisters of Mount Carmel have continued their presence in Abbeville for 130 years. An article in the September issue of *Acadiana Catholic*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Lafayette, highlighted this history and its contributors provided testimony to the influence that the Sisters of Mount Carmel have had on them, their families and the Vermilion Parish area over the years. We quote from their article below.

Former student and current teacher, Annette Dubois Bertrand, a 1964 graduate, shared thoughts about her family's time at Mount Carmel. Mrs. Bertrand speaks of the bonds that unite generations who have given service to the school. "Catholic education has always been a great part of our family. My mom, Leola Frederick Dubois, better known as 'Gammie,' graduated from Mount Carmel High School in 1934. My three brothers and I, my husband Michael and his two brothers, our five children and now five of our grandchildren (and a few more in the future) are part of the Mount Carmel family. Being a part of this very important 'family' has shaped me into the person I am today. So much so that I will begin my twentieth year as a first grade teacher in the school I grew up in and still love so much. The family atmosphere, great love for God and the other values learned will always be a part of my life and my family's life."

Ernie and Matsy Latour Guidry, 1955 and 1956 Mount Carmel High School alums, had five children graduate from Mount Carmel. Their daughters shared thoughts about Mount Carmel. Laurie Guidry Legere, a 1973 Mount Carmel Elementary graduate states, "The Carmelite bond is one that is very difficult to put into words. It is a feeling – a feeling of family and community. My parents came to school here, my brothers and sisters all came here and my children came here. I even taught at Mount Carmel for seventeen years. I know that I have generations of people that will come together for me if I need them. When I interviewed for my position at Mount Carmel, I told Sister Janet (President/ Principal) that most people bleed red but I bleed brown! Catholic education has been a part of my life all of my life. It has helped to form me into the person that I am today."

"The spirit/charism of Carmel runs deep in my veins. It is a blessing to see a third generation of my

family receive a solid education in an environment that nurtures faith and values that we hold dear in our homes. It is certainly our primary responsibility as parents to pass this torch of faith, but having it reinforced in my children's school environment is a comfort beyond measure. It is my hope that this tradition will continue for the fourth generation, which has already arrived and will be entering school soon," says Catherine Guidry Desormeaux, a 1984 Mount Carmel Elementary grad-uate.

Another Guidry daughter, Liz Guidry Dartez, a 1979 Mount Carmel Elementary graduate, shares: "My feelings are bittersweet as my youngest child enters her last year at Mount Carmel. Although I will always be a 'child of Carmel,' I will miss being connected to what is happening there daily. I do know, however, that if anyone in my family needs prayers or support in any way, my Mount Carmel family will be there. When my father was suffering with cancer, we received love and support whether it was a cooked meal, prayers or just a phone call from our Mount Carmel family. I will never forget that when he passed away, Sr. Janet, our principal, was among the first to show up at our home and offer her love and support. As my family reaches a new chapter with growing children, I look forward, hopefully, to the years when I may enter the halls of Mount Carmel as a grandparent or at the least, an eternal supporter."

Under Sr. Janet LeBlanc's tutelage, the people of Abbeville continue to be blessed with the presence of Carmel.



From left: Annette Dubois Bertrand, Liz Guidry Dartez, and Catherine Guidry Desormeaux.

News of Note

The Loyola Institute of Ministry received a Conrad Hilton grant to assist congregations of women religious in creating a video to assist them in helping to spread their respective charisms. The grant also provides for eighteen credit hours or a certificate to those enrolled. Those attending the orientation are from left: Sisters Redempta Kulundu, RSCJ and Sandy Nguyen, FMSR, Community Liaisons; Cheridan Sanders, Salt & Light Catholic Media Foundation Producer; Sisters Laura Mercier, SSF, Rosamunda Massawe, CDNK, Alice Abate, O. Carm., Sister Sheila Undang, O. Carm., Renee Daigle, MSC and Cecilia Dimaku, SSH, Community Liaisons; Barbara Fleischer, Ph.D., Loyola Institute For Ministry, Associate Project Director (far right), and Thomas Ryan, Ph.D., Loyola Institute For Ministry, Project Director. (Photo courtesy of Sister Sheila Undang)





The Magnificat House of Discernment held an MMM (Mass, Meal and More) Day January 17 to expose discerners to religious communities through the sharing of their community charism and spirit. Community representatives gave presentations: Sister Maria Sheila Undang, Sisters of Mount Carmel; Sister Regina Fronmuller, Ursulines; and Sister Laura Mercier, Holy Family. Sister Lawrence Habetz presented the "Connection of the Sisters of Mount Carmel, the Ursulines and the Holy Family" in the beginnings of our congregations. Sister Beth Fitzpatrick, Vicar for Religious, resides at the Magnificat House and prepared the meal. Five Loyola students joined the two participants at Magnificat House for MMM. (Photo by Sister Beth Fitzpatrick)

Mount Carmel Elementary and Vermilion Catholic School in Abbeville opened their Catholic Schools Week celebration with a joint Eucharistic Celebration on January 26. Students with their parents, families, alumni and friends, gathered at the VC Gym for the celebration. **Father Louis Richard** presided at the Eucharistic Celebration. After the Eucharistic Celebration, a representative from the Office of the Mayor presented a certificate to both schools proclaiming Catholic Schools Week in Abbeville. **Sister Sheila Undang** attended the Liturgy. (Photo by Sister Sheila Undang)





Sisters and staff along with family and friends, attended Mount Carmel Academy's Annual Spring Fling on March 14 at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport's Terminal—From left: Evy Edwards, Sister Sheila Undang, Amy Binder Reif ('90), Stephanie Rousse Johnson ('90), Vicky Shelley, Sister Lena Collins. Kneeling: James Jowly and Brian Shelley. Sisters Camille Anne Campbell, Gwen Grillot, Ursula Diasselliss, Anne Leonard, Rose Marie Penoiulh, Angele Marie Sadlier, Mary Ellen Wheelahan, Paula Marie Derise, Alice Abate, Francesca Truxillo and Lawrence Habetz also attended. (Photo by New Orleans Event and Photography)

News of Note

The Sisters of Mount Carmel gathered together with their friends to welcome the Year of Consecreated Life Open House on February 8 at their Motherhouse, New Orleans (below left) and at St. Leo Convent, Lafayette (below right).



From left seated: Sisters Rose Penouilh, Catherine Riggs, and Donna Girard and Stephanie Halphen. Standing: Sisters Barbara Nell Laperouse and Joan Broussard and Maria Romera. (Photo by Sister Sheila Undang)



From left front: Sisters Fatima Mouton, Laura Melancon, Leah Sellers, Ann Carmel Segura and Odile Theriot. Back: Sisters Cheryl Schaeffer, Judith Hebert, Kathy Farrelly, Evelyn Mire, Christina Marie Griggs, Clare Cramer, Teresa Margaret Toups and Vera Vives. (Photo by Sister Alice Abate)

Catholic High School, New Iberia, Ground Breaking Ceremony--Sisters Sheila Undang, Lawrence Habetz, Thérèse Gregoire, and Germaine Lauzon joined Father William Blander, pastor, and the pastors of the parishes who own the school, to break ground for the new multipurpose gymnasium on March 12. The Sisters of Mount Carmel and the Christian Brothers are honorary members of the board for the project. (Photo by Catholic High's event photographer)



Members of the Sisters of Mount Carmel gathered at their Carmelite Spirituality Center in Lacombe, LA on February 28 for a day of communal assembly entitled "Moving Forward in Hope: Keys to the Future" facilitated by **Brother Ronald Hingle, S.C.** The sisters reflected and shared their own vocation stories and assessed their lives of community living as well as looked into the reality of the younger generation who are responding to religious life today. The sisters ended their day of assembly with a Eucharistic celebration presided by **Brother Louis Couvillon, S. C.**, an ordained Brother of the Sacred Heart. (Photos by Sister Sheila Undang)





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News of Note



Sister Elizabeth Fitzpatrick visits Mount Carmel Academy's St. Joseph's Day altar on March 19. (Photo by Sister Lawrence Habetz)

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The New Orleans chapter of Bread for the World, a faith-based advocacy group working to end hunger both domestically and globally, held its 34th annual Walk for the Hungry on March 7. The Purple Knights of St. Augustine High School led the walkers along St. Charles Ave. (Picture courtesy of Sister Jane Remson)



On March 15 The Archdiocese of New Orleans honored all Sisters, Brothers, Diocesan and Religious Order Priests in the diocese with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Rita Church. A reception followed at Blessed Moreau Hall. **Sisters Lawrence Habetz**, second from left front, and **Joan Broussard**, second from left back, celebrated their 60th anniversary of vowed life. (Photo by Sister Alice Abate)

Pictured right: The Sisters of Mount Carmel's mission work in Timor-Leste has been enormously blessed since its foundation on July 18, 2013. The people in Beilaco, Zumalai expressed their gratitude to the people who have been so generous to the sisters for their newly renovated chapel. (Photos by Sister Mailyn Batocabe)



Pictured above: The Sisters, along with the Carmelite friars, hosted a "despedida" for the four postulants who left Timor-Leste for the Philippines March 13. They are becoming acquainted with Carmel in the Philippines and will begin their postulancy program of studies at the end of May. Pictured from left: Sister Mailyn Batocabe, who accompanied the postulants to the Philippines; Natalina Exposto, Maria Sirene, Rosita Dos Santos, Anastacia Lima, Sister Remedios Natonton and Father Bruce Clark, O. Carm., Regional Prior and Novice Master.









The sisters have welcomed one postulant to the Philippine community and two aspirants to the Timor-Leste community. From left: **Jobelle Albaniel**, 28, is from Tabaco City, Albay, Philippines and has a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in Early Childhood Education, **Deonisa Pereira**, 22, from Liquica, Timor-Leste and **Marciana Soares**, 22, from Baucau, Timor-Leste. Both aspirants attended Ensino Technico Vocational. (Photos by Sisters Elma Calajatan and Mailyn Batocabe)

A Contemplative View

Lectio Divina is a Latin term meaning "divine reading." It is an approach to reading Sacred Scripture that leads us from following our own will to being open to recognizing and following God's will. The practice of Lectio Divina originated with Guido II, a Carthusian monk who was the prior of La Grande Chartreuse in the 12th century.

Both the Rule of St. Albert and the Constitutions of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel call us to be women of prayer. Lectio Divina is one way to respond to St. Paul's instruction to the Thessalonians to "Pray without ceasing" (1Thes.5:17). Our Rule exhorts us "...to stay in [our] own cell or nearby, pondering the Lord's law day and night and keeping watch at his prayers unless attending to some other duty" (#10). Our Constitutions #29 read as follows: "To promote continual openness to the Word of God, we spend time each week in reflective reading of sacred scriptures."

While there are many methods of praying Lectio Divina, Sr. Libby Dahlstrom, O. Carm., Associate Provincial Delegate to Lay Carmelites, has suggested this procedure. Sr. Catherine Martin, O. Carm., has provided reflection points to accompany each reading. This method is designed for a communal form of Lectio Divina in small groups of 5 or 6 participants in each group when there is a certain time constraint, as there is when Lectio is done as part of a community meeting.

This may take 18 minutes or less.

The leader does each of the three readings, monitors the time for silence and starts the sharing at the end of **1 minute**. Before each reading, the leader reminds the group what will be shared after.

Read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday.

The leader begins the Lectio Divina with a simple prayer to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance.



1st **Reading** Be aware of a word or phrase that stands out to you. The leader reads the Gospel. After 1 minute of silence, the leader starts the sharing with a <u>WORD OR PHRASE</u> that touched him/her and continuing around the room in a clock-wise rotation, each person shares a <u>WORD OR PHRASE</u>. Participants may say "Amen" or "pass" if they choose to be silent.

2nd **Reading** Be aware of what was said to the disciples as to its meaning. The leader reads the Gospel again. After **1 minute** of silence, the leader starts the sharing with an **INSIGHT** of what was being said to the disciples and its meaning. (No discussion). Participants, "Amen" or "pass" if they choose not to speak.

3rd Reading Be aware of a personal message, challenge, or grace needed in connection with the passage. The leader reads the Gospel again. After **1 minute** of silence, the leader starts the sharing with a **PERSONAL MESSAGE**. What is the gospel saying to you today? Is it calling you to change? Did it give you a new insight?

After the final sharing, the leader allows a final period of silence of about 30 seconds, and then leads a final prayer to close the session, like an "Our Father" or "Glory Be" or a prayer of thanksgiving.

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