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SUMMER LETTER FROM YOUR
PROVINCIAL DELEGATE:
FATHER PATRICK FARRELL OCD

Dear Members of the Secular Order,

Hi! May the Jesus Who wanted His apostles to get a rest grant you some special grace during this time of the year when so many go on vacation!

It is typical of our Carmelite saints to admire and praise God when noticing the wonders of nature--whether it is the vast ocean or mountain. So, if you manage a vacation, who says Jesus won't smile approvingly at your enjoying His creation?

Perhaps I shouldn't tell you this, but it was while admiring the hundreds of rose plants lining the driveway of our Washington, DC, monastery, that God planted the idea in my head about someday becoming a Discalced Carmelite friar.

You see, I was eleven years old, had just been in the Carmelite chapel with all those devout tertiaries, but found the priest's sermon too deep for me, the prayers endless, and my devotion a little on the worn-out side. So, I went out and walked around the roses.

A young Austrian Carmelite priest came out the monastery door, and asked what I was doing. And I told him the honest truth.

He was friendly and invited me into the monastery office to entertain me with three photo albums of his life story and travels.

One picture I will never forget was of Fr. Andrew Geler's little sister in a baby carriage and him as a little boy on the bottom of it, pushing it along. Carmelites were real humans, not scary, long-robed, hooded folk.

Fr. Andrew predicted I would be a Discalced Carmelite some day. And I informed him that I was thinking of going to Baltimore to the diocesan seminary after eighth grade. I could not imagine myself becoming a Discalced Carmelite! They were too strict.

He returned to Europe the next year. And I never spoke or wrote to him again.

The rest of the story is that I found out many years later from his fellow Carmelites that he used to chase kids away, hollering at them to get away from the roses! But, in my case he was totally different, most friendly and welcoming. And the seed of a vocation was nurtured.

The moral is that we never know the effect on someone's call to Carmel when the person meets a friendly and welcoming attitude.

Of course, Fr. Andrew did not take me into the cloister. And newcomers to the OCDS need not be at every type of meeting. But they do need someone friendly to talk with, whether it turns out that they have a vocation to Carmel or to somewhere else. A blend of common sense and Christian charity is what is called for. May we all develop this blend as best we can!

-- Fr. Pat,OCD.

Yes, for a limited time you can obtain 1994 Congress --collectors' items--mugs. Write to PO BOX 4402, Louisville,KY 40204-0402. The cost is \$20--including postage and handling. Tapes also are available at the same address from the Congress Committee before it concludes its service to the OCDS Eastern Region and OCDS USA (70 pcs left)...
1 for you?



OCDS CONGRESS

Excerpts from the report by our Secular Representative, Peggy Wilkinson, OCDS:

The OCDS Eastern Regional Congress was held in Louisville KY, June 23-26, 1994. The theme for the Congress was **LISTENING AND LOVING: A CARMELITE RESPONSE TO THE SPIRIT**, inspired by the poem, "*TO LIVE WITH THE SPIRIT*," by Jessica Powers (Sister Miriam OCD).

In their Program Letter the Congress Committee welcomed their sisters and brothers in Carmel with Southern hospitality and stated, "*We have planned this Congress to reflect the Spirit's call of the laity to leadership.*"

The two OCDS Communities of Louisville collaborated in hosting the Congress, and all of those attending were very grateful for their time, effort, and planning.

The Congress is always a joyful time as old friendships are renewed and new ones are formed. It is also an inspiring time as Carmelites, "of one mind and heart," gather and share. There were excellent General Sessions, Workshops, and Homilies, which were taped and may be ordered. Congress tapes are an invaluable resource for both Communities and isolated members.

The opening Mass was made more joyful by the singing of the Gospel Choir. On Saturday there was a trip to the beautiful Abbey of Gethsemane, with the chance to visit the grave of Thomas Merton and join the Monks in their Chapel as they chanted the Office. This was followed by a visit to the Chapel of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth for Evening Prayer.

The Saturday banquet was made more enjoyable by the Louisville Dulcimer Society, with their Appalachian Folk Music.

The National Secretariat for the Secular Order held their meetings all day Wednesday, and Thursday morning before the Congress started. The Board consists of the Provincial Delegates and Secular Representatives of each jurisdiction.

EASTERN JURISDICTION:

Provincial Delegate: Fr. Patrick Farrell, OCD
Secular Delegate: Peggy Wilkinson, OCDS

CENTRAL JURISDICTION:

Provincial Delegate:
for Texas and Isolated Members:
Fr. Sam Anthony Morello, OCD;
for the rest of the Central Province:
Fr. John Michael Payne, OCD;
Secular Delegate - Reta Svjagintsev, OCDS

WESTERN JURISDICTION:

Provincial Delegate: Fr. Michael Buckley, OCD
Secular Delegate - Dianne Lee Buzan, OCDS

For this meeting Mary Tucker, OCDS, represented Fr. Michael Buckley; Ruby Alexander, OCDS, attended as Secretary for Isolates in the Eastern Jurisdiction; and Penny Brown, OCDS, was Recording Secretary.

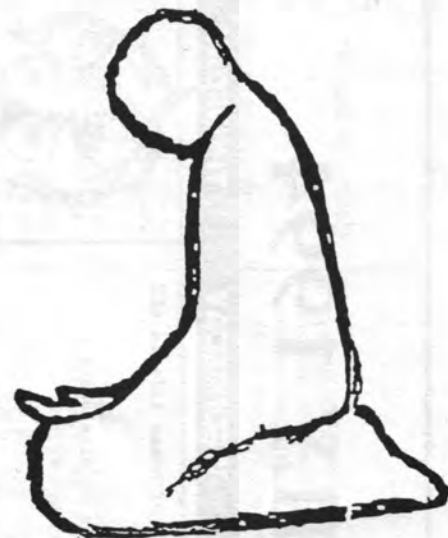
The Board was informed that information gathering for the 1996 Secular Order Congress in Rome had begun. This will not be like the Regional or National Congresses, it will be by invitation only. Statistics and other information is requested from all of the Secular Communities worldwide, which will be put on computer files in Rome.

Fr. John Sullivan, OCD, 2nd General Councilor and General Delegate for Carmelite Seculars, requests that information from each Community (both erected and non-erected) be sent to the Provincial Delegate Fr. Patrick Farrell, OCD, BY DECEMBER 15, 1994. Two areas of needed information are "Reflection of Themes of the Congress," 7 topics; and "Information Gathering"(statistics).

The seven areas for discussion at the 1996 International Congress were listed in our Oct-Dec 1993 issue. Between this and the next Clarion the leadership of each of the canonically established Communities and Recognized Groups will receive materials about the above. A recognized group has a Spiritual Assistant and a Formation Director appointed by the Provincial or his Delegate. (USA Statutes, Sec. 3, Art. 1.) There are also newly forming groups that lack the above; technically the members of the latter are "Isolated" till things develop further.

2 Only the Provincial or his Delegate can appoint the Spiritual Assistant. (Rule Art 20)

1994 OCDS CONGRESS TAPES



GENERAL SESSIONS

- FRIDAY MORNING Kieran Kavanaugh OCD:
*Listening & Loving:
A Carmelite Response. . .*
- FRIDAY AFTERNOON Kevin Culligan OCD:
*All Activity, All Silence:
Dicotomy of the Carmelite Vocation*
- FRIDAY EVENING John Sullivan OCD:
Worldwide Updates and
Patrick Farrell OCD:
Provincial Updates
- SATURDAY MORNING Sam Anthony Morello OCD:
Spiritual Direction
- SUNDAY MORNING John Michael Payne OCD:
*Tangible Impressions:
The Listening of the Soul*

HOMILIES FROM ALL FOUR MASSES ON ONE TAPE

- Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit
- Holy Mass of Solemnity of John the Baptist
- Votive Mass Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Holy Mass of 13th Sunday Ordinary Time

BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

- FRIDAY MORNING Michael Griffin OCD:
St. Teresa of the Andes
- Erlinda Paguio OCDS:
*My Life Is A Listening—
His Is A Speaking*
- Peggy Wilkinson OCDS:
Carmelite Formation
- Jane Thibault OCDS, PhD:
Carmelite Spirituality in Later Life
- FRIDAY AFTERNOON Steven Payne OCD:
*Elizabeth of the Trinity
as Listener and Love*
- Patrick Farrell OCD:
*Mary the Prototype
of the Secular Carmelite*
- Louis V. Scagnelli OCD:
African Missionary Activity

*Listening and Loving. . .
a Carmelite Response to the Spirit*

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JULY 1994

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>General Intentions: That all people defend and promote the value of human life in all its phases and expressions</p> <p>Mission Intentions: That Christian parents educate their children to missionary spirituality and solidarity</p>					<p>1 Blessed Junipero Serra First Friday Canada Day</p> <p>It is love that attracts, that draws God to His creatures: not a sensible love but that love "strong as death that deep waters cannot quench." Elizabeth of the Trinity</p>	<p>2 B.V.M. First Saturday</p>
<p>3 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mary must be my mirror. Given that I am her child, I must become like Her and thus I will resemble Jesus.</p> <p>Teresa of the Andes (Diary 15)</p>	<p>4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal Independence Day</p>	<p>5 St. Anthony Zaccaria</p> <p>Mother of Mercy, give us strength against the enemies of our souls, so that by your aid we may always be victorious.</p> <p>St. Teresa Margaret Redi (Affections)</p>	<p>6 St. Maria Goretti</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Become accustomed then little by little to adore Him in this ways demand of Him His grace; offer Him your heart from time to time during the day in the midst of your work, at every moment if you can; do not burden yourself with rules or particular devotions but act with faith, with love and with humility.</p> <p>Br. Lawrence (Fourth Letter)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 B.V.M. Bl Jane Scopelli</p>
<p>10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Mary has generated us according to the life of grace, having given her who is being, body and soul to be the Mother of God. From this is born a most intimate union between her and us: she loves us, she knows us, and is completely available to make us what we ought to be.</p> <p>Editha Stein, Benedicta of the Cross (Life and Letters)</p>	<p>11 St. Benedict</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 St. Henry Bl Teresa of Jesus of the Andes</p> <p>The reason is that God alone moves these souls to do those works that are in harmony with His will and ordinance, and they cannot be moved toward others. Thus the works and prayer of these souls always produce their effect.</p> <p>Such was the prayer and work of our Lady, the most glorious Virgin.</p> <p>John of the Cross Ascent - Book III 2:10</p>	<p>14 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha</p>	<p>15 St. Bonaventure (Fast day)</p>	<p>16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel B.V.M.</p>
<p>17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bl Teresa of St Augustine & Companions</p> <p>Himself is mine and for me, because Christ is mine and all for me.</p> <p>John of the Cross</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The angels are mine, and the Mother of God, and all things are mine; and God</p> <p>(Prayer of a Soul taken with Love)</p>	<p>19 (Fast day)</p>	<p>20 St. Elijah</p> <p>The discreet lover does not care to ask for what she lacks and desires, but only indicates this need that the Beloved may do what He pleases. When the Blessed Virgin spoke to her beloved Son at the wedding feast in Cana in Galilee, she did not ask directly for the wine, but merely remarked: "They have no wine." (Jn 2:3)</p> <p>John of the Cross (S.C. -Stanza 2:8)</p>	<p>21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi</p>	<p>22 St. Mary Magdalene</p>	<p>23 St. Bridget B.V.M. Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace</p>
<p>24 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>25 St. James Bl Maria Mercedes Prat</p> <p>Another time while all were at prayer in choir after compline, I saw Our Lady in the greatest glory clothed in a white mantle; it seemed she was sheltering us all under it.</p> <p>Teresa of Jesus (Life, Chap. 30:24)</p>	<p>26 SS. Joachim & Ann Bl Titus Brandsma</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Bl John Soreth</p> <p>Suddenly her eyes came to life and were fixed on a spot just a little above the statue of the Blessed Virgin. Her face took on the appearance it had when Therese enjoyed good health. She seemed to be in ecstasy. This look lasted for the space of a "Credo." Then she closed her eyes and expired.</p> <p>Story of a Soul p.271</p>	<p>29 St. Martha</p>	<p>30 St. Peter Chrysologus B.V.M.</p>

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AUGUST 1994

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 St. Alphonsus Ligouri St. Peter Julian Eymard Suffering is a surer and even more advantageous road than that of joy and action. First, in suffering, God gives strength to the soul, ...Second, in suffering, virtues are practiced and acquired and the soul is purified, made wiser and more cautious. John of the Cross N2 16:9	2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli 	3	4 St. John Vianney Everything of which we have need, to be received into the communion of the blessed spirits is summarized in the seven petitions of the Our Father which the Lord did not say for Himself, but for our instruction. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Prayer of the Church 16)	5 Dedication of St. Mary Major First Friday	6 Transfiguration First Saturday
7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time St Albert of Tropani Oh, God help me, what great blindness! And how right the devil is to direct his attacks so that the soul give up prayer! The traitor knows that he has lost the soul that practices prayer perseveringly and that all the falls he helps it to take assist it afterward, through the goodness of God, to make a great leap forward in the Lord's service. No wonder he's so concerned!	8 St. Dominic	9 Bl Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)	10 St. Lawrence	11 St. Clare	12	13 SS. Pontian & Hippolytus B.V.M. The Blessed Virgin, who kept in her heart every word that God revealed to her, is the model of those attentive souls in whom the prayer of Jesus the High Priest comes to life again; and those souls who, after her example give themselves to the contemplation of Christ's life and passion, come to be specially chosen by the Lord to be the instruments of His greatest works in the Church. Teresa Benedicta
14 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Faith is the way that traverses the night leading to the goal of union with God; in it is accomplished the painful rebirth of the spirit, its transformation from natural being into supernatural being. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Science of the Cross 132)	15 Assumption	16 St. Stephen of Hungary	17 Bl. Angelus Augustine Mazzinghi O my God! Will Your Justice alone find souls willing to immolate themselves as victims? Does not Your Merciful Love need them too? on every side this love is unknown, rejected; those hearts upon whom You would lavish it turn to creatures seeking happiness from them with their miserable affection; they do this instead of throwing themselves into Your arms and accepting Your infinite Love. O my God! Is Your disdained Love going to remain closed up within Your Heart? Therese of the Child Jesus (Story of a Soul 180-1)	18 St. Jane Frances de Chantal	19 St. John Eudes	20 St. Bernard
21 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time One has a high form of meditation when the mind, lively by nature and richly gifted, penetrates deeply into the truths of faith, pondering them from all sides, as in a dialog with oneself, developing their rational consequences and discoverion their intimate connections. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Science of the Cross 136)	22 Queenship of Mary	23 St. Rose of Lima	24 St. Bartholomew	25 St. Louis St. Joseph Calasanz Bl Mary of Jesus Crucified O my Three, my All, my Beatitude, infinite Solitude, Immensity in which I lose myself, I surrender myself to You as Your prey. Bury Yourself in me that I may bury myself in You until I depart to contemplate in Your light the abyss of Your greatness. Elizabeth of the Trinity	26 Transverberation of Teresa of Jesus	27 St. Monica
28 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time By the presence of God and by this interior gaze, the soul comes to know God in such a way that it passes almost all its life in making continual acts of love, adoration, contrition, trust, actions of grace, offering, petition and of all the most excellent virtues; and sometimes it even becomes one endless act because the soul is always engaged in staying in this divine presence. Br. Lawrence of the Resurrection	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30	31	GENERAL INTENTIONS: For youth, as they work to protect the natural beauty of the environment and make it more pleasant place to live MISSION INTENTION: That communications media help missionary and evangelizing activities to be more direct and effective		

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SEPTEMBER 1994

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>General Intention: That the human family vigorously reject every form of racism and fear of foreigners.</p> <p>Mission Intention: That the peoples of Africa and Asia fully attain reconciliation and peace.</p>				<p>1 St. Teresa Margaret Redi of the Sacred Heart</p>	<p>2 First Friday</p>	<p>3 St. Gregory the Great First Saturday</p>	
<p>Pursue evangelical perfection in the world inspired and nourished by the spirituality and guidance of Teresian Carmel.</p>				<p>8 Birth of Mary</p>	<p>9 St. Peter Claver</p>	<p>10 B.V.M.</p>	
<p>4 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>5 Labor Day</p>	<p>6 Rosh Hashanah</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Community best expresses our ideals, provides us with valuable spiritual aids, and facilitates contact with the entire Order.</p>	<p>Meditate on God's law day and night, watch in prayer, in God's Presence.</p>		
<p>Carmelite ideals which constitute our particular way in Christian holiness include: a deep sense of faith in God's love: fidelity to contemplative prayer with the spirit of detachment it entails: and generosity in the practice of fraternal charity and the apostolate; all under Our Lady's protection and in her presence.</p>				<p>11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Grandparents Day</p>	<p>12 Bl. Mary of Jesus</p>	<p>13 St. John Chrysostom</p>	<p>14 Triumph of the Cross</p>
<p>Liturgical life is expressed chiefly through participation in the Eucharist and in the celebration of the Church's Divine Office: Daily Mass and recitation of Morning and Evening Prayer, Night Prayer when possible.</p>				<p>15 Our Lady of Sorrows Yom Kippur</p>	<p>16 SS. Cornelius & Cyprian</p>	<p>17 St. Robert Bellarmine Constitution Day</p>	
				<p>Holds great esteem for the Sacrament of Penance, or Reconciliation, and practices acts of traditional Christian piety, according to local observance.</p>	<p>St. Albert of Jerusalem Rule Giver of Carmel</p>		
<p>18 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday</p>	<p>19 St. Januarius</p>	<p>20 SS. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chông Hasang & companions</p>	<p>21 St. Matthew</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 B.V.M.</p>	
<p>Willingly deny self; daily taking up our cross and follow Jesus; participate in the Church's penitential discipline.</p>				<p>Blessed Virgin Mary, present in a very special way is the model in listening to the Lord and serving Him.</p>	<p>Our promise calls us to particular esteem for the Beatitude of Poverty; to love poverty as Christ loved it, for in poverty we find the way to union with Him. (2Cor 8:9, Phil 2:7)</p>		
<p>25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>26 SS. Cosmas & Damian</p>	<p>27 St. Vincent de Paul</p>	<p>28 St. Wenceslaus SS. Lawrence Ruiz & companions</p>	<p>29 SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</p>	<p>30 St. Jerome</p>		
<p>Community life based on Acts 4:32, meets once a month for permanent formation; transacts business; prays together; further fraternal charity - a visible sign of the Church.</p>				<p>Promise of obedience (faithfulness) binds us to observe whatever legitimate authority asks within the limits of the Rule. Provides grace to become responsive to the Will of God, purify our faith and helps unity.</p>	<p>Promise of Chastity in accordance with our state in life: expresses a conscious intention to respect God's Law, bears especial witness to intimacy with God - Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.</p>		



WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

A Secular Order Carmelite once confided to me that, as the mother of 11, her only quiet time occurred after the kids were all in bed and she was sorting socks. She asked, "Could I use sock-matching time to make my mental prayer?"

I told her "Yes". (I do my best thinking and problem-solving while ironing my clothes.) Some people seem to need to walk during the time of mental prayer. Didn't God give us brains to use in coping with circumstances to "look at Him" in prayer as best we can?

Contemplative prayer is that type in which we gaze, look, stare lovingly at Our Lord, as opposed to meditative and discursive --thinking and talking prayer. Have you noticed how our Carmelite saints and blessings realize Our Lord has His eyes on them?

Across the page I have a passage from the ICS \$25 (plus postage) Carmelite Propers. It is from the Office of Readings for Edith Stein's optional memorial of Aug 9th. ICS

When you pray Morning or Evening Prayer, do you realize **Someone actually hears you**? If your recitation of the Divine Office is just that and not much more, remind yourself that Someone Divine is aware of you and your words as you join the rest of the Church in its public worship. We Americans like to evaluate ourselves (e.g., from one to ten) on our talents, successes, etc.. But our religion, living Faith, forgets about that and looks at the **relationship with the Divine: Sons and Daughters of God the Father, Brothers and Sisters (and Mothers--if you pay attention to the words of Jesus--Mt 12:50) of God the Son, and human temples, dwellings, "inns" (Teresa of Avila) of God the Holy Spirit of light and love that we want to guide our heads and hearts.**

Eastern Region OCDS 1993 statistics:

Entered Formation: 242

Made First Promise: 165

Made Final Promise: 96

Made the OCDS Vow:16

Subscribed to *Spiritual Life*: 1149

From the spiritual writings of Blessed Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Ave Crux, spes unica!

"WE GREET YOU, Holy Cross, our only hope!" The church puts these words on our lips during the time of the passion which is dedicated to the contemplation of the bitter sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The world is in flames. The struggle between Christ and antichrist rages openly, and so if you decide for Christ you can even be asked to sacrifice your life.

Contemplate the Lord who hangs before you on the wood, because he was obedient even to the death of the cross. He came into the world not to do his own will but that of the Father. And if you wish to be the spouse of the Crucified, you must renounce completely your own will and have no other aspiration than to do the will of God.

Before you the Redeemer hangs on the cross stripped and naked, because he chose poverty. Those who would follow him must renounce every earthly possession.

Stand before the Lord who hangs from the cross with his heart torn open. He poured out the blood of his heart in order to win your heart. In order to follow him in holy chastity, your heart must be free from every earthly aspiration. Jesus Crucified must be the object of your every longing, of your every desire, of your every thought.

The world is in flames: the fire can spread even to our house, but above all the flames the cross stands on high, and it cannot be burnt. The cross is the way which leads from earth to heaven. Those who embrace it with faith, love, and hope are taken up, right into the heart of the Trinity.

The world is in flames: do you wish to put them out? Contemplate the cross: from his open heart the blood of the Redeemer pours, blood which can put out even the flames of hell. Through the faithful observance of the vows you make your heart free and open; and then the floods of that divine love will be able to flow into it, making it overflow and bear fruit to the furthest reaches of the earth.

Through the power of the cross you can be present wherever there is pain, carried there by your compassionate charity, by that very charity which you draw from the divine heart. That charity enables you to spread everywhere the most precious blood in order to ease pain, save and redeem.

The eyes of the Crucified gaze upon you. They question you and appeal to you. Do you wish seriously to renew your alliance with him? What will your response be? "Lord, where shall I go? You alone have the words of life."
Ave Crux, spes unica!

MEMOS

The next OCDS Congress will be hosted by the Central Province, Oct. 5-8, 1995, in Austin, Texas, with the theme THE WORLD OUR CELL. The cost for the Congress is \$195 per person and includes all meals except one evening meal. Registration opens at 2:00 PM, Thurs., Oct. 5th, with celebration of the Eucharist at 5:00 PM, and the Congress concludes with luncheon at 12 noon, Sun Oct. 8th, following Mass. TO REGISTER: OCDS Congress c/o Rev. Mr. Tim Graham, OCDS, 6503 Halsey Court, Austin, Texas 78739.

Hotel accommodations must also be made. The room rates are \$65 single or double and \$70 for 3 or 4 per room. For reservations, Radison Hotel on Town Lake, 111 East First St., Austin, Texas 78701, 1-800-333-3333.

The Critical Edition, ON THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD, by Br. Lawrence of the Resurrection, translated by Salvatore Scurba, OCD, will soon be available. Order from ICS Publications, 800-832-8489 after Aug 1, 1994.

If you have never been to the Peterborough Retreat House called the "Common" you have missed out! Although we friars live down in the "carriage house"(stable), the retreatants must experience something close to bliss to look out in two directions at mountains and feel they are on top of the world with God.

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Address Correction Requested

In the Jan-April issue mention was made of a Holy Land pilgrimage. But the Catholic Travel Office with Sir John G Hodgson, KHS, OCDS, has a changed address:
10018 Cedar Lane, Kensington MD 20895
#301-530-7672 or #301-530-3629

Vicky Radcliffe, OCDS, who exhibited one of her Carmelite dolls at the recent Congress also makes exceptionally strong and beautiful rosaries (with hand-turned links). You may contact her for more information at 771 Hazelgreen Rd, Smithville, WV 26147-9502

A journey to London, Belgium, and France in October includes a stop at Lisieux. Contact Maureen O'Riordan, 334 Delaney St, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (#215-925-7831)

Information on the new Carmelite Chair of Spirituality may be obtained from Muriel Curran, SSND, Continuing Education, at the Washington Theological Union, 9001 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20903.
#301-439-0551

Temporarily, at least, the Carmelite Ring project is in limbo. Dorothy Schik, OCDS, who was handling it, passed recently to her eternal reward. May she rest in peace. When I know is definitely taking over that project, I will inform you.

The 1997 Eastern Regional OCDS Congress is scheduled to take place on Long Island, NY.

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