

Some Recent Highlights



Sr. Lupe, Lolita Harmeyer, Sr. Luisa

Buenos dias! Les presentamos a nuestra profesora de español, Lolita Harmeyer.

As the plight of Hispanic immigrants became more and more a focus of our prayer we desired to be in solidarity with these families and to pray with them in their native language.

As you might imagine, the situation at our Southern border, especially that of the children who have been separated from their parents, weighs heavily on our hearts.

As you know, in our own community we have two Spanish-speaking sisters, Sr. Luisa who is from Spain

and Sr. Lupe who is from Mexico. There is no question the future of the Catholic Church and of religious life in the United States will continue to be enriched and strengthened by our Hispanic sisters and brothers and the culture they bring.

For all of these reasons, including our desire to read our Carmelite texts in their original language, we decided to learn Spanish together. Last September, 10 sisters began classes with our dear friend and experienced teacher, Lolita Harmeyer. We celebrated the end of our first semester with Mass in Spanish for La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre 2019. During this liturgy we prayed to Our Lady of Guadalupe that all migrants and refugees be treated with respect and dignity. We are grateful to Fr. John Savard, SJ who celebrated the Mass in Spanish and to Lolita who continues to teach us with much enthusiasm.

Following the liturgy, la fiesta continued with an authentic Mexican meal. Delicioso!



Sr. Mary Eileen and Family Members

Sr. Mary Eileen still welcomes visitors with a smile. She is presently being cared for at Maria Health Care Center in Villa Assumpta, 6401 Charles St. Baltimore 21201.

In honor of her birthday we put together a video about her which can be found on our website at: www.baltimorecarmel.org

January 10, 2020 was our Sr. Mary Eileen McNamara's 100th birthday. Her smile could not have been broader nor her eyes brighter as she greeted and embraced her numerous nieces and nephews, grands and great grands as they arrived here to celebrate her with Eucharist and a family party. She has remained very close to them and they love and revere her in return.

Ever faithful to prayer and spiritual reading she often wrote her own reflections. For many years Sr. Mary Eileen answered the mail, the door and the phone. Deeply concerned about social justice she would invite friends to form a group to study and discuss current issues. As Spiritual Advisor to our Secular Order members she introduced them to the works of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross and our Carmelite Saints. An avid vegetable gardener she would entice others to help spread manure to dig and to plant. We all enjoyed the produce. She also enjoyed giving it away. Fiercely competitive by nature, at recreation she played games to win. Even now, she is a champion Wii bowler.

Some Coming Attractions

Holy Week at the Carmelite Monastery

Palm Sunday

April 5
Eucharist 9 a.m.



Holy Thursday

April 9
Tenebrae 8 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper 6 p.m.

Good Friday

April 10
Tenebrae 8 a.m.
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday

April 11
Tenebrae 8 a.m.
Easter Vigil 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 12
Eucharist 11 a.m.



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On February 16, six members of our Secular Order Members made their promises. Making definitive promises were Tory Robinson, Barbara Steele and Paul Melka. Making temporary promises were Kimberly Snow, Donna Friedman and Rebecca Quinn. Sr. Monika is the Spiritual Advisor to the Secular Order and gave a beautiful reflection.

As a Secular Carmelite, I have learned, it is a continuous journey filled with great love, hope and gratitude. It is a continuous conversion of heart, a continuous journey conversing with God, a continuous journey of serving and loving, a continuous journey of being shaped by God's hand into all that He desires of me to become, a continuous journey of doing God's will for His Glory. My journey continues as I travel through God's grace to the Summit of Love. It is a continuous journey until I am birthed into eternity. Now how wonderful is that!

- Tory Robinson



Debbie Ventre, Sr. Monika Bies, Barbara Sardella, Tory Robinson

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