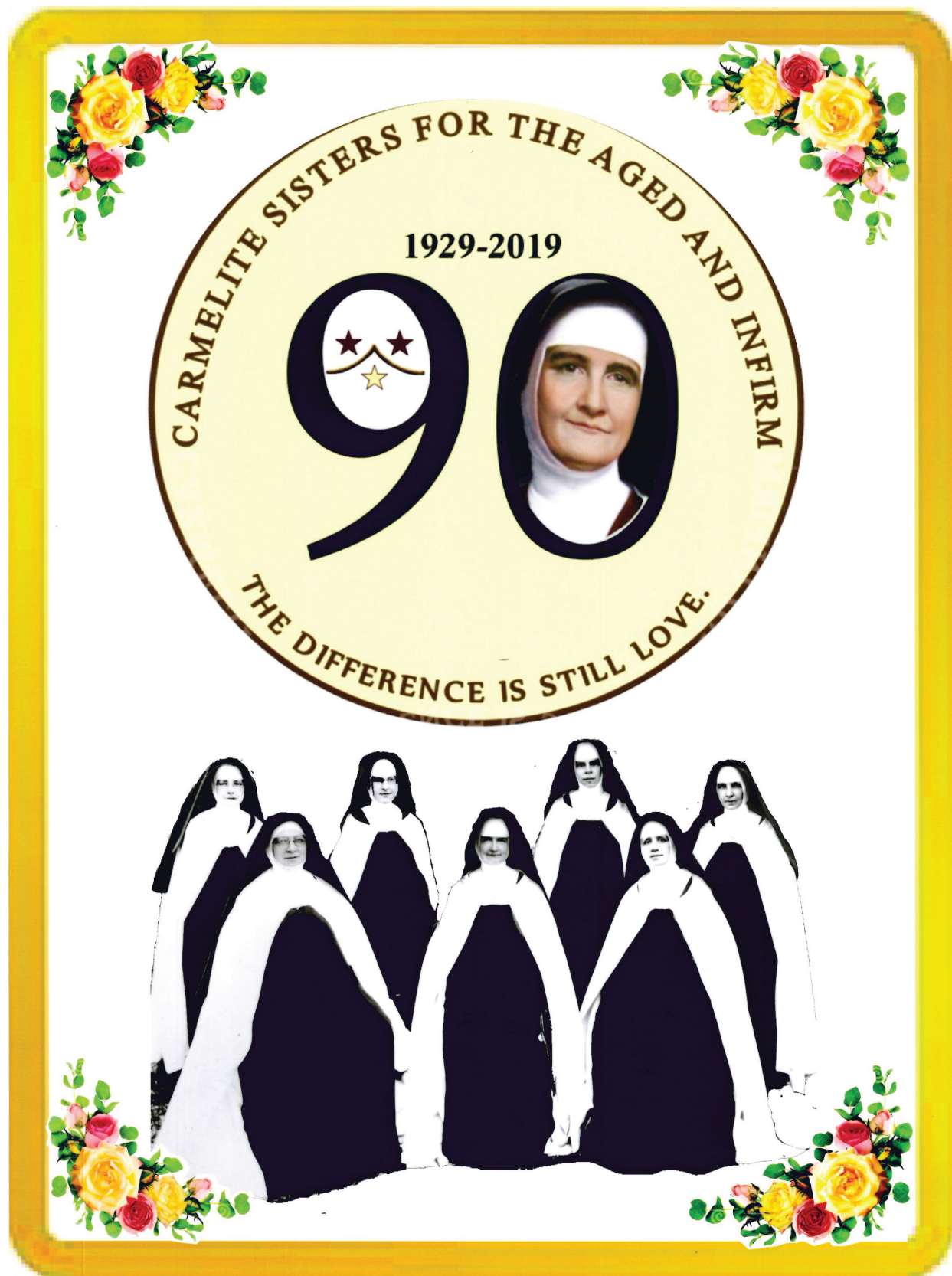




THE MOTHER ANGELINE SOCIETY

The Mother Angeline Society is dedicated to promoting the cause for beatification and canonization of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O. Carm, foundress of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm and advancing her charism in the church.





From the Pen of Brother Robert Chiulli, O.Carm.

This summer, I heard a most distressing item on the nightly news. It was reported that New Jersey governor Phil Murphy signed the Medical Aid in Dying bill, making New Jersey the eighth state in the country to permit physician assisted suicide. This bill was presented as a “compassionate” response to the end of life suffering that many terminally ill people endure. Patients would, after being diagnosed by two physicians with a terminal illness, be able to obtain a prescription for a lethal drug. And then, either alone or surrounded by family, they would have the ability to bring their own life to an end.

No one doubts that for some people, the infirmities of illness and old age can be so burdensome, so wearying that death might seem like a welcome relief. Relentless and debilitating pain has been known to break the strongest of spirits. And anyone who has spent time with someone with a terminal illness knows how very heavy their cross can be. But do these poor suffering people really desire death, or do they only want relief from their pain? The New Jersey Bishops responded

to the new assisted suicide law by stating that “the purposeful termination of human life via a direct intervention is not a humane action whatsoever. We ought to look instead to minimizing the pain and suffering of the dying and those who are tempted to end their lives.”

When Mother Angeline was discerning her religious vocation as a young woman, she perceived that old people were often ignored by society, and that their miseries were not attended to. She felt a call to bring aid and comfort to those who were considered a burden by so many. She wanted to be the face of God’s compassion; she wanted to be the hands of Christ’s healing touch. And when Mother Angeline founded a new congregation dedicated to the care of the elderly, she expressed its mission as “not only to staff and operate up-to-date home for the aged, but as religious it is to bring Christ to every old person under our care. Bringing Christ means giving them His compassion, His interest, His loving care, His warmth – morning, noon, and night.”

Some 90 years later, Mother Angeline’s vision of care for the elderly is still very much alive, and is a prophetic stance for life in a world that deems life valuable

only if it is productive and healthy. Mother Angeline, her religious daughters, and the dedicated staff that work in the Carmelite homes regard assisted suicide not as a compassionate option, but a grave violation of the Fifth commandment. Life is God’s gift to us, and we do not have the right to decide when it should be terminated. However, we do have a Christian duty to care for those whose lives are weighed down by pain and infirmity, and to help them find meaning in their suffering. In a new video produced by the Carmelite Sisters about palliative care in their homes, one sees a thoughtful and sensitive attentiveness to the lives of the residents. They are seen as unique individuals with rich and interesting histories, and they are treated with respect and dignity. This is the antidote to those who believe that assisted suicide and euthanasia are viable options for the end of life. Rather than seeking to end life, we should be celebrating and reverencing it, even with its burdens of age and illness. May Mother Angeline continue to inspire in us a greater respect for life, especially among our elderly.

Coming Soon on EWTN



Host “Miracle Hunter” Michael O’Neill examines the lives of men and women of faith on the path to sainthood and the search for canonization miracles in the series, *They Might Be Saints*. The episode featuring Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, McCrory, O.Carm. is coming soon!

Answering the Call

If you or someone you know is thinking of a religious vocation and interested in our ministry to the elderly as a Carmelite Sister for the Aged and Infirm, contact our vocation director at vocationdirector@gtel.net or call 518-537-5000.

Greetings from Father Mario

Dear Members of the
Mother Angeline Society,

Greetings and peace to you. I hope that this letter finds you well. All of you, and all of your intentions were once again remembered in our Novena of Masses in preparation for the Solemn Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, July 16th. We remain always grateful to you for your continued prayerful and financial support of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, O.Carm., Foundress of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. Through her, God is at work among us.

The Carmelite Sisters marked the 90th Anniversary of their foundation in Manhattan on September 3, 2019. Mother Angeline and her companion Sisters established themselves on that date in the old St. Elizabeth's Rectory on the upper West Side, and from there they later moved to St. Patrick's Home in the Bronx, the first place they could truly call "home". From these small beginnings and for nine decades, the Sisters have generously served the needs of the elderly, our most precious and fragile senior citizens in many locations and under many circumstances. We can only be grateful to God for His sustaining grace, and to the Sisters and their co-workers who continue to this day to be the charity and compassion of the Lord for so many people. Under the watchful eye of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Sisters will continue forward for many more years to come.



*Very Reverend Mario Esposito,
O.Carm., Vice Postulator*

When we celebrate an anniversary, we don't just look to the past. Yes, of course, we look back at so many people and so many circumstances that have been part of the history of a group or institution, and we pray "Thank You" to God for his many gifts. But we also use an anniversary to look ahead, to look forward. Having learned from the grace of faithfulness to founding principles, beliefs, customs and to our ideals, we are also animated to look forward and to remember: as God has been there for us in the past, and is in the present, so He absolutely will be there for us in that future ever unfolding before us. As the Lord has sent generous vocations, helpers, priests, bishops, friends and benefactors in the past, so He will continue to do so now and in the future. Anniversaries thus become opportunities for hope and

optimism, and not just history lessons or nostalgic recollections.

With all our hearts, we congratulate Mother M. Mark Louis Anne, O.Carm., Prioress General and all of our Carmelite Sisters as they mark 90 Years of faithful service within the Church. And, we pray with all of the Sisters for the blessings and providence of God in the future.

Please continue to support the Cause of Mother Angeline's Beatification and Canonization through your promotion of her life and charism, as well as your financial and prayerful support. God bless you and Our Lady watch over you always.

In Christ,

Father Mario, O.Carm.

Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm.
Vice Postulator



*Sister Mary of Jesus,
Vocation Director*

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The Mother Angeline Society website can now be accessed by using a QR code and a mobile device. Many smartphones come equipped with a QR Code scanner, or you can download QR Reader App from iTunes store (free) on your mobile device and scan the code. You will not have to type in the web address on your device to access the webpages with information, the gift shop, videos, etc.



Celebrating 90 Years of Service: The Difference Is Still Love

On September 3, 1929, Mother M. Angeline de Ste. Agathe and her six companions changed their address from the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, 183rd St Bronx, New York, to an old rectory at 4381 Broadway, New York City. On that day His Excellency, Most Rev. John J. Dunn, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, at the direction of His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, announced to the Sisters that he was appointing Mother M. Angeline Superior of the new Community. The rectory of St. Elizabeth's was modestly furnished with rugs, curtains, chairs, as if anticipatory, exactly seven beds. It was comfortable and would be warm in the winter, as the cellar was well stocked with coal and wood. Little wonder that the prayers of the Sisters

that first night under their own roof were filled with thanksgiving to "Our Dear Lord for watching over us in a very special manner." Here there had materialized a place of their own where they could pray and concentrate on plans for the future, consider ways and means through which they would achieve their desired goal, a home for the care of older persons which would be a satisfactory substitute for their own home. Thus, September 3 went down in history as the foundation date of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. (*Woman of Faith* by Mother M. Bernadette de Lourdes, O. Carm.)

On September 3, 2019, the Carmelite Sisters celebrated 90 Years of Foundation with a Thanksgiving Mass presided by the bishop of the Diocese of Albany,



Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger. The celebration was held at St. Teresa's Motherhouse. We thank God for the many blessings showered upon this Congregation founded in 1929 by Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory and her Six Companions.



All seven original Carmelite Sisters: from left to right are (first row) Mother Louise, Mother Angeline Teresa, and Mother Leonie; (second row) Mother Alodie, Mother Alexis, Mother Teresa, and Mother Collette.



Most Reverend Edward B. Scharfenberger



Display for the commemoration of the 90th Anniversary



Entrance Procession



Fr. Mario Esposito, O. Carm.

Sharing the Message and Meaning of the Life of Mother Angeline for the Church and World



The Altar at Holy Family Church

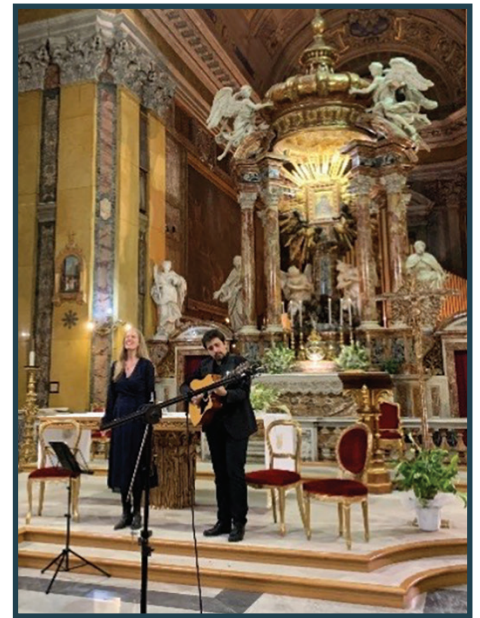
IN SCOTLAND

A group of 30 Irish pilgrims of the Mother Angeline Society of Brockagh Country Tyrone, Ireland journeyed to Holy Family Church in Mossend, Scotland for the celebration of a Mass led by Canon Fee. Holy Family Church parishioners, pupils from Holy Family PS and Our Lady, and St Francis Carfin and Cardinal Newman High School, joined them. They prayed for Mother Angeline's intercession, and that she will eventually be beatified.

IN ROME

After returning home to the US after a family vacation to Ireland, David McCrory (whose grandfather was Mother Angeline's cousin), wanted to advocate for Mother Angeline's advancement to Sainthood. He sent a message to the head Carmelite in Rome to see if he could go to Rome to honor Mother Angeline with a new song, record it at the Vatican, to share with the world. Some felt like it would be impossible to make this happen, as the Church in Rome only allows sacred music played inside the churches. Very Reverend Roberto Toni, O.Carm. in Rome warmly welcomed the idea, and shared David's vision that this would be a positive way to honor Mother Angeline. The Mass and concert took place on May 25 with many pilgrims and faithful attending, at Santa Maria in Traspontina - adjacent to St. Peter's Square.

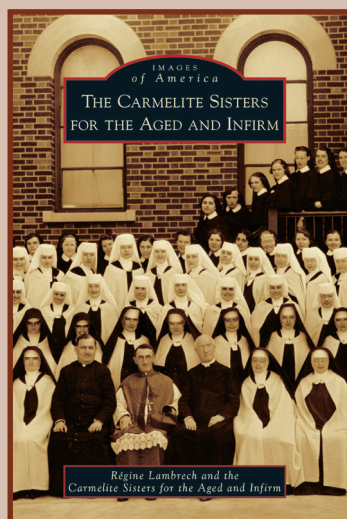
Fr. Roberto gave a talk about Mother Angeline's virtues in Italian, and David had the honor of sharing his thoughts about the life of Mother Angeline from the lectern and introducing the musicians joining in hon-



Concert at Santa Maria Traspontina

oring her. They capped off the sacred music with their version of the song "Mother Angeline." Many people from various countries around the world expressed their thanks to David for sharing the music and most importantly, the story of Mother Angeline.

David will be posting the entire concert online.



Step Back in Time with *Images of America*

Images of America, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, is a new book published by Arcadia Publishing. The book is dedicated to the legacy of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, O. Carm., and all the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, who provide loving care to geriatric patients and residents under their supervision. The his-

tory of the Congregation is told in a pictorial format with over two hundred vintage images and accompanying captions. The book is available for purchase online at the Carmelite Sisters gift shop webpage: carmelitesisters.com/gift-shop. The cost for a single copy is \$17.00 and shipping via media mail for a total of \$21.00.

The Carmelite Sisters Celebrate 50, 60, 70, 75, and 80 Years of Religious Consecration to God

On June 1, 2019, all of us at Saint Teresa's Motherhouse at Avila-on-Hudson celebrated with our Carmelite Sisters who commemorated their respective 80, 75, 70, 60 and 50 years of religious life. Friends, family members and Sisters who were able to travel joined to thank God for the many graces He has bestowed on these special women!

Father Joseph Fonti, S.T.L., along with Very Rev. Mario Esposito, O.Carm., Rev. James Hess, O.Carm., Rev. John Horan, O.Carm., Very Rev. Michael Kissane, O.Carm., and Rev. Senan Taylor, O.F.M, Cap., celebrated the Jubilee Mass at Saint Teresa's Chapel. The Carmelite pre-novices made the liturgical celebration richer by their participation. Our Jubilarians thank friends, families, and their Sisters in Carmel, for joining them in thanking God and Community for this very special event. It was a graced moment for all present in very many ways. After the Eucharistic liturgy, everyone proceeded to Carmel Hall for the reception.

We offer our gratitude to all the Jubilarians who have given so many years and so much of themselves to the service of God, the Church and our Community. May God bless each of them abundantly and may Our Lady of Mount Carmel enfold each in her mantle and draw them ever closer to her Son.



80th Jubilee (1939)

Sister M. Edwin Thomas Debany (1)

75th Jubilee (1944)

Sister M. Therese of the Child Jesus Foley*

Sister M. Rose of the Sacred Heart Spencer (2)

70th Jubilee (1949)

Sister Maureen Rochford*

Sister M. Joseph Augustine Thornley (3)



60th Jubilee (1959)

Sister M. Madeline Angeline Fasano (4)
Sister M. Eulaliae Angeline George (5)

50th Jubilee (1969)

Sister Maureen Elizabeth Doonan (6)
Sister M. Sean Damien Flynn (7)
Sister M. Jeanne Francis Haley (8)
Sister M. Catherine Leighton*
Sister M. Brendan Sean Phillips*
Sister M. Charlotte Michael Smolik (9)

* not present



Celebration Cake



Invited Clergy and Council

Photos Courtesy: Sister Christopher Jude, O.Carm. / Sister Helena of Mary, O.Carm.



Meet Our New Novices

*L-R: Sister M. Dolores Carmel, O.Carm.,
Sister M. Joanne Therese Carmel, O. Carm.,
Sister M. Sharon Rose Carmel, O.Carm.*

On July 6, 2019 our three Postulants, Sr. Doris, Sr. Sharon and Sr. Morgan, received their Carmelite habit and religious names. It was a private ceremony attended by the local community at Saint Teresa's Motherhouse in Germantown, New York. Mother Mark Louis Anne, Prioress General, assisted by Sr. Lois Ann, Postulant Director, and Sr. Helena of Mary, Novice Director, received the new novices into the Carmelite family. The Eucharistic liturgy followed the ceremony with Fr. James Hess, O.Carm., Chaplain to the Sisters, as celebrant. The event was a moving witness of how God continually calls young women to follow Him in an exclusive way of the evangelical counsels, and how many of our young still hear and responds "YES" to His voice.

Join the Carmelite Sisters as we thank God for the gift of Sr. Sharon Rose Carmel, Sr. Mary Dolores Carmel and Sr. Joanne Therese Carmel to our religious community. We pray that He sends us more good and holy vocations as we continue our mission of caring for the Aged and Infirm.



L-R: Sister Lois Ann, Postulant Director; Sister Mary of Jesus, Vocation Director; and Sister Helena of Mary, Novice Director, with the Novices



Mother Mark Louis Anne blessing the Novices



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Favor Received

The Postulation Office recently received a letter from D.F. who wrote about a sad incident having to do with his six month old grandson John, who was seriously injured while in the home of his babysitter. The child was immediately taken to the hospital in critical condition and a team of neurosurgeons was called in to treat him because of the severity of the injuries to his skull. There was also damage to his lungs and hands and he was having seizures. The condition was very grave. D.F. immediately contacted the Carmelite Sisters at the Motherhouse in Germantown.

Quickly, prayers were offered for little John to Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, to ask for healing and strength for this six month old boy and for his family. D.F. himself also prayed ardently to Mother Angeline, whose portrait is in the lobby of the Nursing Home where he is employed. Baby John was on a respirator and many other kinds of support equipment because of the serious nature of his injuries. However, while the prayers continued, John made a seemingly "miraculous" recovery and appears, even with the extent of his injuries, to be back to normal. We join the family in thanking God for this outcome, particularly through the intercession of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, for this favor granted.



Those who believe their prayers were answered through Mother Angeline Teresa's intercession are encouraged to contact the Carmelite Sisters, or you may write to:

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and Infirm
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Germantown, NY 12526



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