



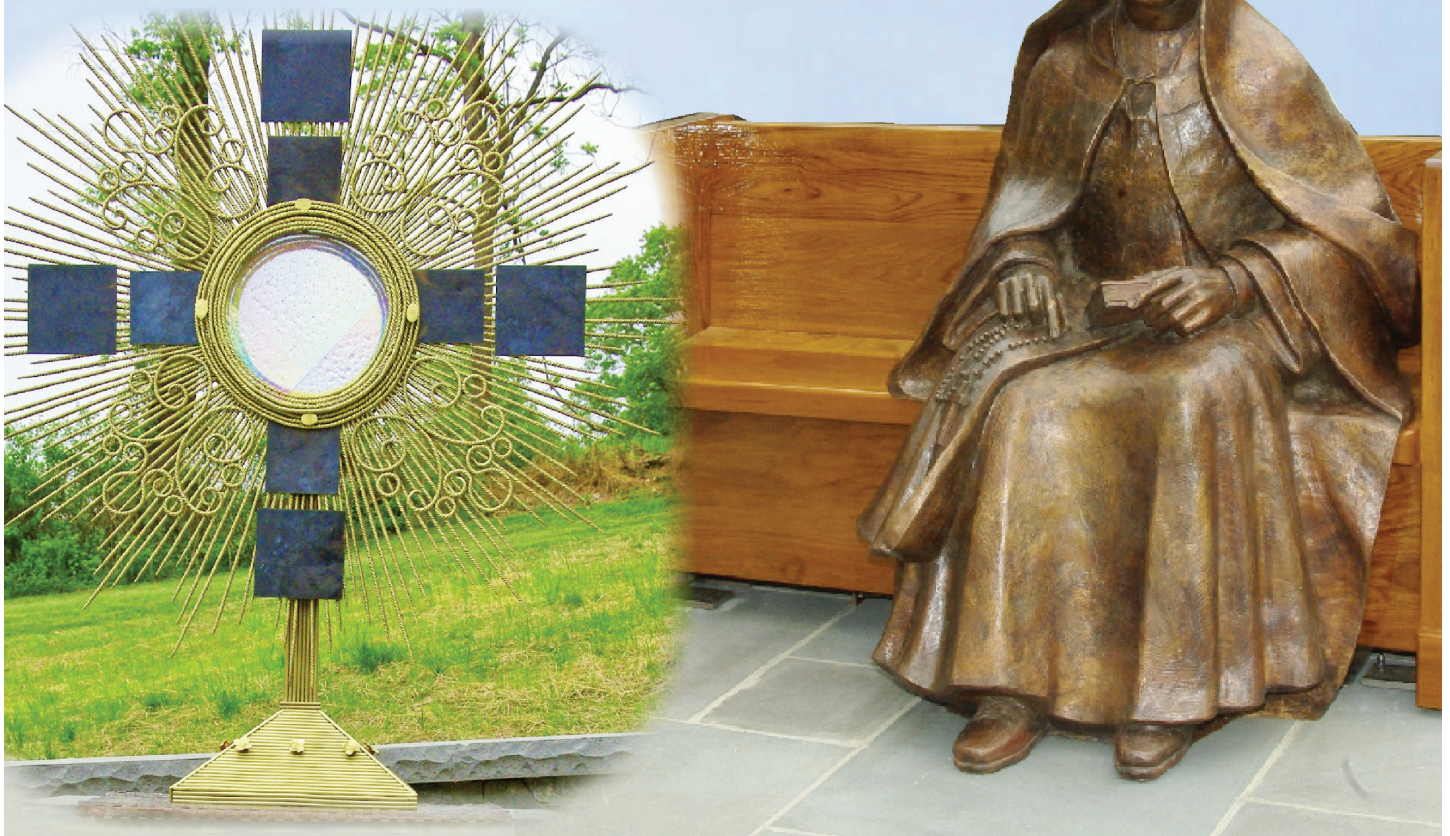
THE MOTHER ANGELINE SOCIETY

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.



*"I think the best of all prayer
is just to kneel or sit quietly
and let Jesus pour Himself into our souls."*

- Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa



The Mother Angeline Heritage Center

The statue of Mother Angeline seated on a bench and the reproduction of the Monstrance make up a beautiful outdoor setting of Mother Angeline praying before the Blessed Sacrament.



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

As you can read from the cover of this issue's edition of the Mother Angeline Society Bulletin, the new Mother Angeline Heritage Center was dedicated on May 16th. It was an exciting and genuinely moving day, with numerous Sisters, supporters of the Sisters' ministries, various clergy, and members of the McCrory family all present to celebrate the completion of this impressive facility. The Heritage Center is intended primarily to tell Mother Angeline's story; a story of how a young girl from Ireland responded to a divine invitation to start a Congregation dedicated to the care of the elderly and infirm; a story of how the grace that initially inspired Mother Angeline continues to live on in the Congregation, the Sisters, and facilities that the Sisters staff and sponsor. I imagine the task of trying to capture the life and vision of Mother Angeline must have been daunting for those responsible for designing the Heritage Center. Mother accomplished so much in her life; what to choose to include in the exhibits and what to leave out? How to communicate

how this young Irish immigrant was able to discern the "signs of the times" and establish a new kind of place that looked after the working and middle class aged in a comfortable and home-like environment? And probably most importantly, how to show that all through Mother's life, it was her unswerving trust in God and His Providence that made possible what she is credited with.

In walking through the Heritage Center, there are numerous displays which recount Mother's story in photographs and documents, with explanatory notes. There is a large stained glass window which shows the expansiveness of Mother's accomplishments, with images of several of the nursing homes she founded, as Mother is surrounded by her six initial companions. A particularly poignant part of the Heritage Center is the recreation of Mother Angeline's room and office at Avila (the Sisters' Motherhouse). As we gaze upon a simple bed, a simple desk and a few religious images, we are reminded that Mother Angeline lived her life of sanctity in the most ordinary of circumstances.

The high point of the Heritage Center is found by walking outside. As one steps out the door, one finds a life-sized

statue of Mother Angeline sitting on a pew, facing a monstrance. The Sisters chose this pose for Mother rather than a traditional statue pose (i.e. standing) because the Sisters who knew her personally collectively remember Mother spending many hours, sitting in chapel, looking adoringly at the Tabernacle. The day of the dedication, sister after sister, said, "Oh yes! I remember Mother always in chapel!" and then said that this statue perfectly captured Mother's spirit. This statue is also a powerful sign and reminder that Mother found her strength, her consolation, her peace in the Eucharist. Never did she believe that the success of the Congregation she founded depended only upon her skills and abilities. Rather she entrusted everything to God, and continually called upon the assistance of the saints, most especially Mary, Mother of Carmel.

When the Heritage Center is open to receiving visitors, I recommend spending some time here as both an educational and spiritual experience. I am confident that the spirit of Mother Angeline we all felt on the day of the Center's Dedication, you also will feel.

Sisters Visit Dedicated Shrine

In April Mother Mark, Sister Mary Rose, Sister Patricia Margaret and Sister Mary of Jesus visited the shrine dedicated to Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa. The shrine is located in Venerable Mary Angeline's home parish in Brocagh, Ireland. It was an overwhelming experience to see the love showered upon Mother Angeline by the parishioners. Fr. Benedict Fee who cares for the shrine and who organized the visit, gave the Sisters a very warm Irish welcome!



Left: Mother Mark, Sister Patricia, Sister Mary and Sister Mary Rose

Right: Sisters are welcomed by members of the Brocagh Parish

Greetings from Father Mario

Dear Members of the
Mother Angeline Society,

Peace and joy to you as we reach the midyear of 2015. With the opening and Dedication of the Mother Angeline Heritage Center in Germantown, New York that you will read about in this issue of the Bulletin, we have still fresher impetus to continue to reflect on Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa's life and contribution to the Church and how her charism continues to be relevant and inspiring for our times. A Heritage Center is more than a museum, more than a memorial, more than a tourist attraction or pilgrimage site. A heritage is something we live now, and a heritage is something to inspire the future. By knowing our heritage, we can single out and live the values that we have inherited not as keepsakes on a shelf, but as something alive, something that motivates and helps form our identity. I hope that you are able to visit the Heritage Center, to drink in the atmosphere, and to grow closer to Mother Angeline whose spirit is so present there.

The month of July always brings us the beautiful Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and, for Carmelites as well, the Solemnity of the Prophet Elijah, the Father of Carmel. During this "Year of the Consecrated Life" we do well to pause and recall these models of consecration to God, to His will and to His word, that shine forth in the pages of Holy Scripture. The early Carmelites of the 13th century instinctively took Mary and Elijah as their inspiration, for both of them



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

model total giving to the mysterious plan of God. In loving obedience, they took their place in the plan of salvation that God had for us, His people. Mary and Elijah were, for Mother Angeline, the mother and father of Carmel, and sources of reflection and strength for her own vocation. She never failed to point to Mary and Elijah as models of love, of zeal and of service for God and neighbor. Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa nestled her work in Mary's order, bearing Mary's name, wearing Mary's habit, and serving the old people with both the zeal of Elias and the tenderness of Mary. This is part of the heritage she has left to her Carmelite Sisters and to the Church.

All of you have been remembered in a novena of Masses in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Thank you for your constant prayerful and material support of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Mother Angeline and for helping to make her beautiful life and charism better known in the Church. God bless you and Mary keep you always.

In Christ,

Father Mario, O.Carm.

Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm.
Vice Postulator



*Concelebrated Mass
in St Brigid's with
Father Benny Fee,
Main Celebrant*

*"Never before have so
many clergy been on
the altar together."*

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



The Carmelite Sisters celebrated 50, 60 and 70 years of religious consecration on June 6, 2015. The principal celebrant was Reverend David Simpson, O. Carm. The theme of the Year of Consecrated Life and the 500th Anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila were reflected in the Eucharistic Celebration. Father David commended the Jubilarians for their fidelity to consecrated life and their ministry to the elderly in the spirit of Carmel. We wish all our Sister Jubilarians heartfelt congratulations and God's blessings!



Top Left (L-R): The 50th Jubilarians: Sister M. Regina Monique, Sister M. Francis Cecile, Sister M. Irene Christopher, Sister Maureen de Lourdes, Sister M. Bernadette Teresa

Top Right: The 60th Jubilarians: Sister M. Kevin Patricia and Sister M. Helena Therese.

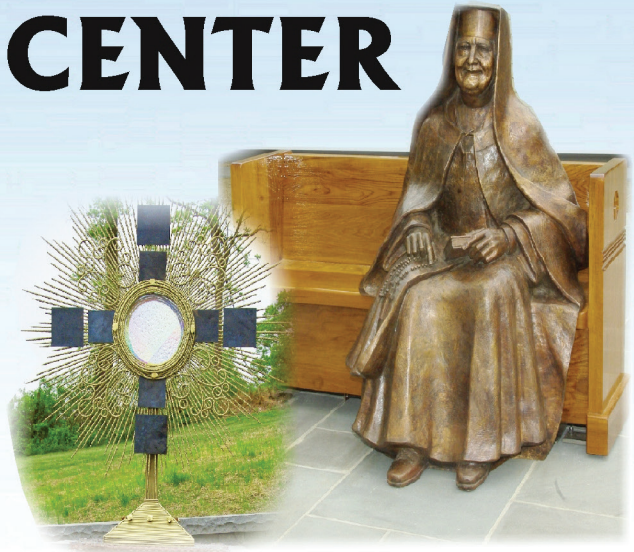
Middle Left: Sister M. Virginia (60th)

Middle Right: Sister M. Veronica (70th)

Bottom: Concelebrants of the Congregational Mass, Mother Mark and Council

BLESSING OF THE MOTHER ANGELINE HERITAGE CENTER

MAY 16, 2015



On May 16, 2015 The Mother Angeline Heritage Center was Blessed by The Most Rev. Howard J. Hubbard, D.D. The event was attended by the Carmelite Sisters, General Council, both past and present, the Project Team responsible for the design and construction of the Center, and the artists whose work in glass, stone and wood captured the life of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, her companions, and the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. Many Sisters journeyed to the Center for the Blessing.

The Heritage Center offers a recount of the history of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa and her six companions and the origins of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm.

The center is in view of Mother Angeline's burial site on the grounds at St. Teresa's Motherhouse. In the Exhibit Hall a timeline depicts the history of Mother's life as well as the beginning and growth of the Congregation. Mother Angeline's life and spirituality is illustrated in the Heritage Gallery with photographs, writings and artifacts. The Reflection Room offers a simple, quiet space that invites visitors to stop and ponder Mother's life, spirit, and mission and to relate this to their own lives. The Grotto is an outdoor space with a sculpture of Mother Angeline before the Blessed Sacrament, illustrating how she derived strength for her religious life and ministry.

**The Mother Angeline Heritage Center can be visited by first calling the office of
The Mother Angeline Society. Two weeks' notice is appreciated.
For more information call 518 537-5000 ext. 1307.**



Above: Mother Mark with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whelan (Portrait painter)

Top left: Robert and Lucille Whelan

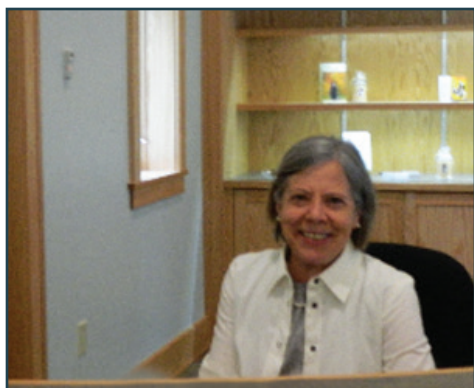
Left 2nd down: Bishop Hubbard introducing Intercessions

Left 3rd down: the McCrorys and Michael Callan, exhibit designer

Left Bottom: Mary Ann Iaccino at the Hospitality Desk

Middle: Br. Robert Chiulli, O.Carm. and Bishop Hubbard

Bottom Right: Paraliturgical prayer service begins



Welcoming Address given by Mother Mark Louis Anne Randall, O.Carm. Prioress General on May 16, 2015

A very hearty welcome to all our guests on this special day! We are delighted that Bishop Emeritus Howard Hubbard could be with us to bless the new Mother Angeline Heritage Center and are also pleased to welcome Fr. James Donlon and Fr. John Moyna of the Tribunal of Mother Angeline's Cause, Brother Robert Chiulli, Assistant Vice-Postulator, Sister Teresa Stephen and Regine Lambrech, our archivists, Fr. Ashley Harrington, O.Carm., and those who work on and promote Mother's Cause. It is a delight to have Mother Angeline's family with us, and they didn't even have to battle snow to get here! And of course, last but not least, our Sisters, who have turned out in record numbers for this important occasion.

There are special people I have not mentioned yet, but their names will unfold with the background on this beautiful building. To appreciate this day, we have to look back four years when the Council and I began thinking about a way to honor Mother and her companions in a special way, to share their stories, and the history of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm with more people than we could with our well organized but small Motherhouse Heritage Room. But where do we start?

Enter Rev. Richard Vosko, a priest of the Diocese of Albany, and specialist in the building of sacred spaces. Father Vosko helped us focus on what we hoped to accomplish and referred us to those who could help make our dream a reality. He helped facilitate our meetings until the project was well underway. Kerns Group Architects of Arlington, Virginia were engaged, as was Michael Callan, our exhibit designer. We began the project with the Zandri Construction Company, but sadly, its principal Dick Zandri died suddenly, and the company was not able to continue without him. Happily, Geoff Miles, our Zandri based project manager for the McCrory Center project was able to pick up the reins as a consultant and see the project to completion. He did



Mother Mark sits with Mother Angeline

this with the invaluable assistance of our own Bill Clark and later the supervisory skills of Jeff Griffin. I cannot emphasize enough the creativity, care and hard work of this team and its firm determination to have everything built to perfection.

The project has been far from simple. Where do we build? How do we build? What do we present? Father Vosko kept us on track through all the initial stages. There were so many large and small decisions made along the way by the former and present Councils. There were delays and usual problems which came up but handled with faith that all would work out in the end. And it has!

So here we are today, telling the story of Mother Angeline and our Congregation in this beautiful building built so carefully and lovingly. We hope it will not only educate people about Mother but provide a place of peace and reflection. We thank all those who in any way contributed to this building – those already named and the artists who added the final touches in wood, glass, stone and bronze – Mr. Robert Whelan, who painted Mother's portrait, Sister Margaret Beaudette SC, who sculpted Mother in bronze, Kevin Morgan and staff who created the beautiful

stained glass window and David Bacharach who designed the monstrance sculpture in the garden. We especially thank Michael Callan for capturing Mother's essence in word and picture and Empire Exhibits and Displays for fabricating the panels you see around the Center.

There are many people not here today who also contributed to the funding of this project with gifts large and small. We will have a special donor reception on August 29, at which time the donor panel in the building will be activated. We will also have an open house on September 12 and hope our neighbors in the area will take the opportunity to visit us and see the rich history here at St. Teresa's Motherhouse.

In the meantime we proceed with the blessing of this center. For this occasion, we have something special. Having recently visited Ireland for the annual Board Meeting at Our Lady's Manor, we were able to take a trip north to Tyrone – to St. Brigid's Church in Brocagh, where Mother Angeline lived her early life. A special Mass in the Church where she was baptized opened with the sprinkling rite. The baptismal font used to baptize Mother was filled with water, blessed, and the Congregation sprinkled with it. We were able to fill a few holy water bottles from the font after Mass and brought some home to use on this special occasion. So the circle is complete – from the beginning of Mother's life to a celebration of it here at the Mother Angeline Heritage Center.

May this building be a source of many blessings for others. Thank you for being here and for all you do for our Congregation.

*It shows much talent to know
how to use the talents of others.
— Mother Angeline*

“Remember”

by Sister Rosemary Ann Rubocki, O.Carm.

The focus of the new Mother Angeline Heritage Center is a sculpture of Mother Angeline sitting silently before the Blessed Sacrament. The Carmelite mystics tell us that God hears best the silent language of love; and that quiet love speaks volumes to the world about the gift of life in all the Homes of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm through their Residents, Staff, Volunteers, Benefactors, and Friends throughout the years.

Come, sit on the bench next to Mother Angeline as she opens her heart to the Lord and listen deeply to our loving God. It is so appropriate that the sculpture of Mother Angeline and the monstrance are outdoors in the elements, not protected from wind, rain, sun and snow, because that is indicative of the Charism of the Carmelite Sisters to be out in the midst of the difficult healthcare world advocating for our Aged in whom we recognize the presence of the “Living God.”

“*Do this in memory of Me*” is the invitation of the Eucharist as depicted in the monstrance. Powerful is the knowledge that:

To remember is: to take all of the **Past**, project it into the **Future**, and live it in the **Present**.

The Heritage Center is built in memory of Mother Angeline but the message carries far into future generations.

Adjacent to the Heritage Center is the cemetery of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm where Mother Angeline is buried among her Sisters. The Center houses the story of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm through the years. The 84 acre property of “Avila on the Hudson” tells the journey that has gone through the years. Walk the grounds of the Motherhouse, Novitiate, Retreat House, Generalate and Carmelite System in order to listen to the story they share with you.

The sculpture of Mother Angeline before the monstrance sits outside because the horizons are yet to be developed. Endless are the possibilities because only God knows as He waits for the “FIAT” of those who are to continue the Journey.

As the Heritage Center has been blessed, let us REMEMBER and take all of the PAST (giving thanks for the LOVE of all those who have gone before us). Project it into the FUTURE (as we wait with HOPE for the great things that are to come). Live it in the PRESENT (spreading the FAITH in the “Gift of the Aged”).

May our Heritage Center stand as a witness to God who lives within and among us through our Faith, Hope and Love.

Thank you, Mother Angeline!



Top: Stained glass window depicting Mother Angeline and the founding Sisters

Middle: A likeness of Mother Angeline's bedroom is on display. Through her window you can see outdoors where she is praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

Bottom: Monstrance from Mother Angeline statue area

Carmelite Sisters Welcome New Postulant

On May 31, 2015, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm welcomed their new Postulant, Sister Melissa Schill. The Entrance Ceremony began shortly before the Sunday liturgy at St. Teresa's Chapel in Germantown, New York. Mother Mark Louis Anne, O.Carm, Prioress General, officiated and was assisted by Sister Lois Ann Wetzol, Postulant Director.

Sister Melissa was received into the Congregation after making the Act of Consecration to Our Lady followed by the reception of the brown scapular of Carmel and the Community Prayer Book. In the readings according to

the Rite of Enrollment, we were reminded of the meaning and significance of the brown scapular as part of the Carmelite heritage and the call of living in allegiance to Jesus Christ under the guidance and protection of Mary, Queen and Mother of Carmel.

Melissa Schill comes to us from Lynchburg, Virginia. Her parents are Joseph and Denise Schill. Sister Melissa is the oldest of three children with her sister Kelly and brother Joseph. Prior to her joining the Carmelites Sister Melissa was a certified nurse assistant and Med tech in an assisted living facility.

We welcome Sister Melissa and wish her God's blessings as she starts her life in Carmel!



Sister Melissa with Formation Sisters



Sister Melissa with novices-Sisters Julie Michael & Pia Ignatius



Sister Lois reads a description of the scapular



Mother Mark places scapular on Sister Melissa

The Resident's Corner *Teresian House Center for the Elderly, Albany, NY*

Teresian House is located in Albany, NY and has been the hallmark of elder care since 1974. Teresian House is sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany and served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm.

The mission of Teresian House is to provide the elderly with the highest quality continuum of services to enhance their physical, spiritual and emotional well-being. Our modern facility is one of the finest in the area we serve, but it is the love that each of our staff members bring to our residents and their families that gives life to our mission.

You can see it in the faces of the residents as they interact with their care givers. First-time visitor's remark on the warmth they feel on entering the lobby, the inviting home-like atmosphere in resident rooms and in the neighborhood dining rooms on each floor.

Resident-Centered Care emphasizes small neighborhoods within our facility to create a feeling of comfort and security. Each neighborhood has its own cohesive team focusing on individual resident preferences and



abilities. The program is especially effective in maintaining the dignity and autonomy of each resident as an essential part of care giving.

The spiritual needs of each resident are a primary concern at Teresian House. Daily Mass and religious services are provided in our Infant of Prague Chapel.

Teresian House offers each resident a private room and bath, and the opportunity to pursue individual interests in a warm, nurturing, com-

munity environment monitored by a dedicated staff.

Teresian House Center for the Elderly embraces the Philosophy of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm in a Roman Catholic setting. Our belief is that each person is special and unique and is worthy of respect and dignity in all stages of life.

Left: Sister Maria Robert and resident, Right: Sr. Patricia and resident

Carmelite Symposium

Submitted by Michele Esposito

Daughter, Saint, Leader, Reformer, Feminist, Rebel – these were only some of the words used to describe St. Teresa of Avila at the Carmelite Symposium held to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of her birth this year. Held at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mun-

delein, Illinois from June 28th to July 2nd, it brought together members of the Mother Angeline Society as well as Carmelite Priests, Sisters, Brothers, Third Order members, and lay people from across the United States, Europe, and Australia. Entitled "St. Teresa's Gift to the 21st Century", the symposium was divided into three days of lectures on St. Teresa as Daughter of the Church, her Gift to Prayer, and her Gift to Theology. The presenters were all experts on St. Teresa and came from the Carmelite world. Rev. Kieran

Kavanaugh, OCD, Ph.D. received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his work and translation of all St. Teresa of Avila's books and manuscripts.

Each day began with Morning Prayer which was sung by all those who attended. The presentation ranged from Teresa's Carmelite Character, her first Communities, her leadership within her new foundations, her influence from St. Ignatius of Loyola, and her understanding of the human person and a complete focus on Christ. At the end of each day, round

SALT Missionary Program

The Mother Angeline Society dedicated to the promotion of the Cause for Beatification and Canonization of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa and the advancement of her charism in the Church, helps members become better acquainted with the ministry of the Congregation, as it continues to be inspired by Mother's great spirit of faith. Mother's vision has made the world of the elderly a better place by providing care for body and soul, through a ministry of dedicated service and love. One endeavor that meets this vision is the SALT Missionary Program.

A SALT Missionary Program was held July 6-12th at Carmel Richmond Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Staten Island, NY. The SALT (Serving Aged Lovingly Today) Carmelite Missionaries program is in place for young women ages 18-40 to experience the mission and vocation of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. Over the course of seven days, participants have the opportunity to strengthen their faith through service to the elderly, prayer, conferences, discussions and days of reflection. Program participants join



residents in their daily activities, play games with them, sit, talk and pray with them, but best of all, grow with them. It is an excellent opportunity to spend time with the Carmelite Sisters and learn about the passion and joy they find in their ministry and in their religious life.

Stacey Jackson was the coordinator for this service program. In November 2014 the TV network Lifetime premiered a six episode reality show called *The Sisterhood: Becoming Nuns*. Stacey was one of the five young women who participated in the TV program, and one of the three religious orders featured was The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. Reflecting on this SALT experience Stacey said, "By the end of the week, hundreds of residents

and staff recognized the volunteers' blue SALT shirts immediately. They affirmed that the youthful energy the volunteers brought was a breath of fresh air, and that they wanted them to stay all summer! The volunteers were excited and surprised to see their growth in pastoral care and their friendship and love for the elderly. All volunteers wish to continue their service in future SALT programs.

This program is hosted at a nursing home and/or assisted living facility served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. For more information about the SALT Carmelite Missionary Program please contact Sister Mary of Jesus O'Donovan, O. Carm., Vocation Director, at vocationdirector@gtel.net.

table discussions were held with each day's presenters which proved invaluable to adding more knowledge to the day's presentations. Afternoon Mass was celebrated each day in a lively yet prayerful way. One of the highlights of the symposium, was a performance of the play, "The Interior Castle". This play told the story of a young newspaper writer doing an article on St. Teresa who began in skepticism and ended with her finding out how to pray.

Sister Patricia Margaret, Sister Jeanne Francis, Sister Helena, Sister Peter Lil-

lian and Michele Esposito manned a table with materials on Mother Angeline. They explained to those who had not heard of Mother her life, her charism, and her work in gerontology and in the Nursing Homes. Spreading the word about Venerable Mother Angeline is the goal of The Mother Angeline Society. The Carmelite Symposium was a wonderful event for all Carmelites.

(L-R) Sister Helena of Mary, O.Carm., Michele Esposito, and Sister Patricia Margaret Rawdon, O.Carm.



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At the close of 2015 we will be updating our mailing list of active Mother Angeline Society members. If you already received your annual dues notice and made payment - thank you! If your annual membership dues notice is received later this year, your payment by the end of 2015 is greatly appreciated.

If your membership dues are not current, the word DUE is in the right corner of the mailing label of the bulletin. Please take a minute to keep your membership active with a membership renewal payment. The enclosed order form has a renewal/gift membership slip at the bottom for your convenience. Thank you for your continued support of the Cause!

Favors Received

There have been several favors that myself, friends, and family have received from petitions to Mother Angeline. Several favors in particular with relation to requests for employment have been granted. I'm from the parish that Mother Angeline was born-Brocagh. I have great faith in her and pray to her regularly.
— A.Q., Ireland (June 1, 2015)



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:

The Postulator's Office
Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm
600 Woods Road, Germantown, NY 12526



SAVE THE DATE – ROSARY RALLY

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directions and information*