

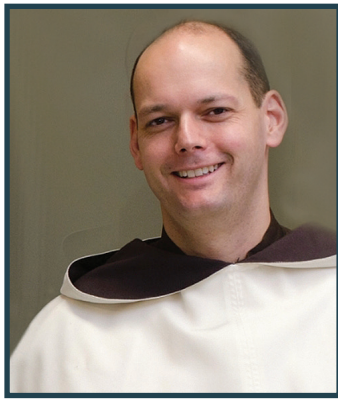


THE MOTHER ANGELINE SOCIETY

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.



*Thirty-first Anniversary of the Birth and Death of
Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O. Carm.*



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

Pope Francis recently declared 2015 to be a year dedicated to consecrated life. By doing so, he wishes to highlight the “beauty and preciousness of this unique form of Christian discipleship”. There are many forms of consecrated life: cloistered nuns, active sisters, hermits, consecrated virgins, teaching brothers, lay missionaries, etc., but one thing they all have in common is a sincere desire to respond to an invitation God has placed in their heart. And if you were to ask any of these sisters, priests or brothers about their vocation, I think that most would say that they are humbled that God would choose someone as weak and sinful as themselves to carry out His will. And then they would say that they couldn’t imagine doing anything more worthwhile or fulfilling with their lives.

Mother Angeline wrote to her sisters frequently about the nature and value of the religious vocation. She wanted her daughters to deeply appreciate that God has called them in a special way to serve Him in his elderly: “a Carmelite Sister for the Aged and Infirm is a soul set apart with a very definite mission in life to accomplish. Hers is the difficult task of being at one and the same time both a

mother and a child. She must be a mother to those aging souls who need a mother’s care, and she must at the same time look upon herself as the child of aging ones and act exactly the same toward them as she would toward her own dear parents.”

Mother knew that in the busyness and trials of daily life, we can often forget that we are part of a much larger plan, a plan that God is directing with only our brief understanding of it. When we lose this perspective, our problems can seem unsurmountable and our sufferings intolerable. With the wisdom of her years, and grace that came from her role as Mother Superior, she was able to say to her sisters: “what matter the little aches and pains we must all bear; the sufferings of mind that sometimes come to torture us: loneliness, humiliation, fatigue or discouragement? If only we could grasp the true worth of the pearl of great price which we now possess, we would stop at nothing to make our religious lives all they should be.”

Mother believed that the heart of religious life lies within the vow of obedience: it is the Vow of Obedience that gives to Religious Profession the characteristic mark of sacrifice. With the idea of sacrifice goes the thought of self-denial, self-control and pain. It is in obedience that we let go of that which is most precious to us, our will, in order to serve a higher purpose. And it is in obedience that we

follow most closely in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ whole life was directed to carrying out the will of His father, and in doing so, he let go of placing himself in the center of any decision. Whatever he did, whatever he preached, it was always in perfect obedience to the Father’s will. At his deepest moment of prayer, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus expresses this total orientation of his life when he says, “Not my will, but Yours be done”.

While Mother’s words were written for her own Carmelite sisters, I think they hold true for all Christian disciples. All of us have a call, a vocation given to us by God, and we all have a role to play in His salvific plan for the world. Some carry it out as consecrated religious, others as married men and women, as parents, or as lay people, and this call is truly precious and needs to be carefully attended to. It demands constant prayer and regular sacrifice. It also demands obedience, which is not a slavish adherence to rules and regulations, but is an openness of the heart and mind to the will of God. It does mean putting away our own agendas and ways of seeing things so that we can participate more fully in God’s plan. It’s not easy to let go of being masters of our own destiny, but if we could only, as Mother suggests, glimpse what God has in store for us, we would realize what we gain is so much better than anything we give up.

A Seed Fell on Good Ground

*Submitted by
Janice Smirich*

Each year the education sub-committee of the Cause and Charism Commission directs a mailing to seminarians to spread Mother Angeline’s name and the message of her love of priests. In 2001 then Seminarian Tom Lawless, received a Mother Angeline prayer card while attending the Theological College at Catholic University. He placed the picture

of Mother Angeline in his breviary. Each morning he would go to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to pray and meditate, and the picture of Mother Angeline reminded him of her presence and love for priests.

Father Tom was ordained by Bishop Howard Hubbard on June 9, 2007. In January 2014, Father was transferred to All

Saints Catholic Church in Albany, NY. Janice Smirich, a member of The Cause and Charism Commission, mentioned Mother Angeline’s name to Father one day before Mass. Father immediately told Janice of having Mother’s picture with him since his seminary days. After relaying this information to Father Mario and Sister Patricia Mar-

Greetings from Father Mario

Dear Members of the
Mother Angeline Society,

Fond greetings to you in this New Year! As members of the Mother Angeline Society, you and your intentions are remembered in Mass each month as we ask the Lord to bless you, and to express our holy and prayerful hope that His grace will sustain and guide you each day. In a solidarity of prayer, we also continue to promote the Cause and Charism of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, O.Carm., believing that the witness and holiness of her life, all that she believed and modeled, remains relevant and inspirational as the Church and society deal with so many issues related to the dignity of the human person, the protection of life in all its stages, and the values of family life.

There were many facets to the life of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, yet she remained always one and always focused on the Lord. Most particularly, Mother Angeline was a religious, having lived from the age of 19 to her death at 91 years as a Sister, a consecrated person in the Church, a witness to the kingdom of God, a servant of the elderly, and a woman of charity. From November of 2014 until February of 2016, the Church is marking the "Year of Consecrated Life" a time when, according to Pope Francis, we will shed light on the marvelous gifts and graces that come to the Church and world through the dedicated lives of so many consecrated men and women. The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm during this year of 2015 are honoring and remembering Mother Angeline as a Consecrated Woman of the Church an apt title that no one can deny to the Venerable. Her every action and every word bespoke her utter commitment to her vocation, and she never tired of exhorting her Carmelite daughters to strive first of all for holiness in their calling, and then to bring the fruits of their



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

prayer and contemplation into their care of the old people under their charge – always with Christ's love.

The consecrated life within the Church is rooted in the sacrament of baptism when God welcomes us into His family of faith, cleanses us, makes us His children, and takes up His dwelling within us, consecrating us, making us holy by His sacred presence in our souls. To each of the baptized, Our Lord gives a further vocation, and to some it is to be His public witnesses, united to Him by vows within the Church. Religious share a special calling among the consecrated, and over the centuries have shown over and over again, their value as men and women of God first, and then as servants and workers in the Lord's vineyard. Sisters, brothers, priests, monks, hermits, 3rd Order members – each contributes to this great action of grace. Our

Mother Angeline lived her consecration to the full, never losing her humanity or her humility, she shined with the light and joy of a soul given completely to God.

So, as we honor Mother Angeline as a Consecrated Woman of the Church this year, we pray that her virtues will be recognized and her intercession sought. We pray too, that her religious family, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, will grow in holiness and zeal, and that good vocations will be theirs. Thank you for your support of Mother's Cause. God bless you and Mary keep you always.

In Christ,

Father Mario, O.Carm.

Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm.
Vice Postulator

garet Rawdon, Father Lawless was invited to Avila for the first time to take part in the 31st Anniversary Mass and dinner. This story illustrates how Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory continues to show her love for priests.

*(L-R)
Sr. M. Cyril Methodius, O.Carm.,
Fr. Lawless and Janice Smircich*

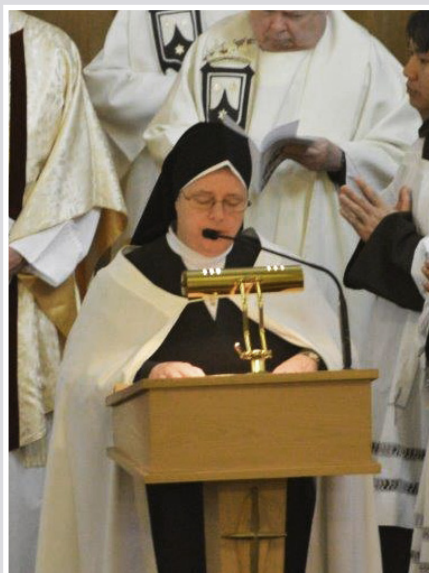




Top: Concelebrants of the Mass with Sr. Michelle Ann, Sr. Veronica Robert, Sr. Anthony de Lourdes, Fr. Mario Esposito, Mother Mark Louis, Sr. Patricia Margaret, Sr. Richard Carmel, Sr. Ann Elizabeth and Sr. Cyril Methodius



Fr. Mario's homily described Mother Angeline as a Consecrated Woman of the Church



Sr. Anthony offered the intercessions

Celebration of the 31st Entrance to Eternal Life Angeline Teresa M - Consecrated Wo

Pope Francis declared that a Year of Consecrated Life for the world beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2014, the World Day of Consecrated Life, February 2, 2015, and the Year of Consecrated Life, namely to look at the past with passion and to embrace the future with hope. January 21, 2015 was Venerable Mary Angeline, a Woman of the Church. The life of Mother Angeline, a Woman of Consecrated Life:

O God, throughout the ages you have called forth the love and charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. In the Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for the lives and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holiness is an offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enlighten and guide your daughters who, having found the pearl of the Kingdom, hold it above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



*Top: Sr. M. Catherine Angeline
Bottom: Sr. Luke Mary Angeline*

First Profess

The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirmed celebrated the First Profession of four Novices, Sr. Mary Catherine Angeline, Sr. Mary Hope Therese Angeline and Sr. Mary Hope Therese Angeline at Saint Teresa's Motherhouse in Germantown, PA. The Rev. Emeritus of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Harry J. Esposito, O.Carm., was celebrating were Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm., Homilist, Rev. Sunny Matthew, O.Carm., Rector, and Rev. Joseph Nguyen Do, O.Carm., Celebrant at Saint Teresa's Motherhouse.

The Chapel was filled with family members and friends to witness each Sister's profession of faith and the taking of the black veils symbolizing the death of the old self and receiving of the newly-professed Sister's name. The Obediences are: Sr. Mary Catherine Angeline- Carmel Manor in Fort Thomas, KY; Sr. Mary Hope Therese Angeline- Carmel Manor in Hollidaysburg, PA; and Sr. Mary Hope Therese Angeline- Carmel Manor in Fort Thomas, KY.

Congratulations to the Sisters and may they receive many blessings, as they give themselves to God and the Church.

1st Anniversary of the Life of Venerable Mary McCrory, O. Carm. Woman of the Church

Consecrated Life be celebrated throughout the
event, November 30, 2014 and closing on the
2, 2016. Pope Francis underlined the aims of
look to the past with gratitude, to live the present
with hope. The theme for the celebration held on
Venerable Teresa McCrory, O. Carm. Consecrated
Life Angeline is reflected in the Prayer for the Year

*and women and men to pursue lives of perfect
poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this
thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith
Holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect
enrich your Church by calling forth sons and
great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
ever and ever. Amen.*



*Offertory gifts presented by Sr. M.
Julie Michael, Sr. M. Pia Ignatius,
Katie and Michael McCrory,
Sr. Maria Therese and Sr. Lois Ann*

***“We have an
obligation to radiate
Christ all about us.”***

***— Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa
McCrory, O. Carm.***

Profession of Vows

The firm celebrated the First Profession of Vows
e, Sr. Maureen Paul Angeline, Sr. Luke Mary
Angeline. The Eucharistic celebration was held
town, NY on October 4, 2014. Archbishop
Joseph Flynn was the main celebrant. Con-
posito, O.Carm., Master of Ceremony and
Rev. Xavier Santiago, Rev. Ashley Harrington,
n., and Rev. Joseph Finch, Chaplain of St.

bers, invited guests and friends to share the
religious vows. The highlight of the day was
the status of a professed Sister, and the giving
of “Obedience” or mission assignments. Their
ne- Kahl Home in Davenport, IA; Sr. Luke
nas, KY; Sr. Maureen Paul Angeline - Garvey
Hope Therese Angeline- Carmel Manor in

*ry find joy and fulfillment as well as receive
s to the service of God and His Church!*



*Top: Sr. Maureen Paul Angeline
Bottom: Sr. M. Hope Therese Angeline*



Sr. Ann proclaimed the 1st Reading



*Sr. Michelle proclaimed the
2nd Reading*

In Memorium *Two esteemed members of The Cause and Charism Commission passed away in 2014.*



SR. M. ANTHONY OF THE SACRED HEART, O.CARM. died peacefully at St. Patrick's Home, Bronx, NY on October 4, 2014, in the 76th year of her religious life. A member of the Cause and Charism Commission since 2000, Sr. Anthony had a great love for Mother Angeline, and never tired in her efforts to make Mother known and

loved by enrolling numerous family members, friends, staff, and residents in the Mother Angeline Society. A prayerful, cheerful, and zealous Carmelite, Sr. M. Anthony of the Sacred Heart was well loved and respected by her Sisters, and by all whose lives she touched with her wit and wisdom. Sr. Anthony was a faithful daughter of Mother Angeline and will be missed by all.



BILL KELLY passed away at Teresian House in Albany NY on Thursday December 18, 2014. He was a longtime friend of the Carmelite Sisters, a friendship that started in 1974 when he was employed at Teresian House as the Executive Housekeeper. Bill was always generous with his time and talents and loved to share his memories of the Sisters he met

and worked with over the years including the first time he met Mother Angeline. Several years ago Bill became a member of the Cause and Charism Commission and loved promoting Mother's Cause. When he became ill the only place he wanted to go was back to Teresian House where he knew he would be able to go to Mass daily and be cared for by the Sisters and staff he came to love and respect. Bill touched many lives and will be missed by all.

The Resident's Corner *Garvey Manor and Our Lady of the Alleghenies Retirement Community*



Nestled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains in West-Central Pennsylvania in the small town of Hollidaysburg, Garvey Manor has been providing care and services for the elderly for 50 years.

The facility first opened as a skilled nursing home in 1965 with the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm serving in ministry. To meet the changing needs of the elderly in long-term care and to expand the services offered, a new complex was built on the 14 acre site, opening in 2003.

Garvey Manor is designated a Continuing Care Retirement Community providing multiple levels of care in a spacious, graciously furnished, home-like environment on its beautifully landscaped site. The Nursing Home

provides skilled nursing and rehabilitation to 132 Residents. Included is the Marian Center for Dementia Care offering dignified care for those with cognitive impairment in an intimate environment with special programming and services. Within the same campus, Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence offers Personal Care, commonly referred to as Assisted Living to 54 Residents in apartment style suites and Independent Living residential apartments.

Jointly sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, Garvey Manor has earned its reputation of being one of the finest long term care facilities in Pennsylvania. The care and services given throughout all levels of care are based on Venerable Mary An-

geline's philosophy of 'clasping the hand of an aged person and giving meaning to the autumn of life.'

In the Facility's Catholic atmosphere, staffed by Sisters, and dedicated lay persons and volunteers, the Mission 'To promote and provide personal and professional quality of care in an atmosphere which reflects Christ's love, care and concern for the elderly is lived out every day. Dignity, hospitality, privacy, individuality, security, holistic and pastoral services are hallmark values addressing the sanctity and quality of life of the residents. At Garvey Manor, seniors come to live a fuller and more complete life in a loving, community setting.

Ireland Honors Mother Angeline

On October 24, 2014, Archbishop Eamon Martin performed the unveiling of a new shrine at Saint Brigid's Church in Brocagh honoring Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O. Carm. In 1893, Mother Angeline was baptized in the Co. Tyrone Church and lived in the village until she was seven years old. The baptismal font bearing a plaque with the inscription of the date of Mother's baptism, and the shrine with a portrait of Mother Angeline were blessed



Archbishop before the new shrine

during the celebration of the Mass.

After the celebration service, representatives from the Ulster History Circle installed a prestigious commemorative Blue Plaque on the outside of the Church. The Ulster History Circle is a voluntary, not for profit organization that places commemorative plaques in towns and villages in honor of men and women who have contributed to local history. To be considered for Blue Plaque selection, each nominated person has to meet basic selection criteria which include having an association with the province of Ulster through birth, education, work or vocation, and having a significant contribution to the development of industry, commerce, science, arts and literature, education, politics, or international affairs, any-



(L-R) Sr. Mary of Jesus, Archbishop Eamon Martin and Sr. M. Therese Eileen of All Saints



Friday 24th October 2014 was an historic day for Clonoe Parish. A blue Plaque was placed on the wall of St Brigid's Church, Brocagh to recognize the birth and achievements of Venerable Mother Angeline McCrory who was born in Brocagh.

where in the world. Unveiling ceremonies are attended by descendants, friends and colleagues of the person being commemorated. The cost of plaque design, manufacture and installation is borne entirely by the Ulster History Circle.

Children from the Brocagh National School participated in the celebration, and the event concluded with a buffet tea and a full night of song, music and entertainment. Sr. M. Therese Eileen and Sr. Mary of Jesus represented the Congregation at this community event to recognize Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O. Carm.



Newly Elected Council Members (L-R): Sr. Richard Carmel Brusca, Sr. Cyril Methodius Kasper, Sr. Jeanne Francis Haley, Mother Mark Louis Anne Randall, Sr. Mary Rose Heery, Sr. Patricia Margaret Rawdon, Sr. Veronica Robert Bien

Newly Elected Council Members

The 13th General Chapter of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm was held in September 2014. The Chapter consisted of prayer, community, study, conversation, reflection, and decision-making. In the first portion of the General Chapter specific directives for the Congregation were formulated. During the second portion, delegates elected the leadership of the Congregation for the next six years.

Mother M. Mark Louis Anne Randall, was re-elected as Prioress General of the congregation. The newly elected General Council members are Sister Mary Rose Heery as Vicar General; Sister M. Jeanne Francis Haley as 2nd Councillor; Sister M. Cyril Methodius Kasper as 3rd Councillor; Sister Patricia Margaret Rawdon as 4th Councillor; Sister M. Richard Carmel Brusca as Secretary General and Sister M. Veronica Robert Bien as Treasurer General. Congratulations to the newly elected Council Members of Carmelite Sisters.

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Update on Mother Angeline Heritage Center

The construction of the new Mother Angeline Heritage Center is finally beginning to take shape. It was wonderful to see the walls go up and the roof go on before all the snow came. The construction crew has been hard at work helping to make this dream a reality. We hope the great legacy of our past as presented in the Center will inspire all its visitors to deepen their faith and take on the challenges of the present and future with renewed enthusiasm.



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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Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm
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SAVE THE DATE – ROSARY RALLY

October 17, 2015 at 2pm
St. Teresa's Motherhouse
600 Woods Road
Germantown, NY 12526
*Call 518-537-5000 for
directions and information*