



Do you want to do something for GOD'S GLORY,

the true renewal of the Church and the salvation of souls?

If your heart responds "yes!" then keep reading.

Our Story

We want to share with you a difficult situation in which our Community of cloistered Discalced Carmelite Nuns who pray for the Church and for the world, especially for the sanctification of priests and the salvation of souls, finds itself at present, with the hope that our Lord might inspire you to help us.

Our Carmelite Monastery, in the Diocese of Brooklyn, is located next to a park (just 10 feet away from our wall) which has proved to be a real problem and in recent times, even a danger for our Community. The noise level coming from the park has always been a difficulty, but this past year it has grown to be unbearable, especially following the outbreak of the pandemic and the curtailment of the police. The area directly behind our wall has become a hangout for gangs who blast horrendous music (if one can call it music) all hours of the night. Worse than the noise, however, is the

late night carousing, drinking and drugs, as well as the evidence of satanic rituals just feet away from us. Under such conditions it is impossible for our Community to grow and flourish. We are a Community of ten Sisters and we have several inquiries from young woman who feel called to our Carmel; however it would be impossible to receive them at our present location. In addition, a rural setting would be a



"I brought you into the Land of Carmel to eat the fruit thereof and the best things there of"
Jeremiah 2:7

great help and stimulus to contemplative life and with the uncertainty of these times, it would afford us the opportunity to be more self-sufficient.

There's Good News!

This summer, as we were praying and searching for some place where we could move, we were put in contact with a family near Scranton, PA who were willing and eager to

donate 13 acres of their property to us in order to



Future site of our New Carmel in Pleasant Mount, PA



build a Carmelite Monastery. They have already consecrated their property to our Blessed Mother, and we really felt that this was an indication of her guidance, since we are daughters of Our Lady, and clothed in her Holy Scapular. We went to visit the property in question, which is located in Pleasant Mount, PA, and found that it was beautiful, abounding in silence! It is an ideal site for a Contemplative Monastery.

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Our Vision

An architect friend of our Community, is currently drawing plans for us to build an authentic Spanish Carmel, like those in which Our Holy Mother, St. Teresa of Jesus and her daughters lived in, following the beautiful yet austere Carmelite architecture which has characterized so many of our Monasteries throughout the centuries in Catholic Spain. With your help, we hope to build a Monastery where God will be glorified by the beautiful traditional Latin Liturgy. At this location in Pleasant Mount, PA, we will be able to live a completely cloistered life of





Sunday Mass at our Carmel

prayer and sacrifice, interceding for the sanctification of priests and the salvation of souls. We were given a rough estimate that building this particular kind of Monastery, and moving everything from Brooklyn to Pleasant Mount, will cost around 15 million dollars.

Phase 1

However, it is important for us to leave Brooklyn as soon as possible due to our current difficulties, so we plan to begin by building one wing of the cloister, where we could reside and begin living our religious life, while the rest of the Monastery is being constructed. We estimate that this initial phase will cost about 2 million dollars. Within the simplicity and poverty of our Carmelite charism, we hope to eventually build a Chapel and cloister worthy of the majesty of God and which will be a place set apart as consecrated ground, but even to be able to move by the end of this year to an initial structure of the new Monastery would be a great blessing for our Community. If you are able to contribute anything, especially toward this initial goal, these poor Discalced Carmelites and a multitude of souls will be eternally grateful.

Why do we need financial help?

When we arrived in the Diocese of Brooklyn, 16 years ago, to begin this foundation, we were given a property which had a former Franciscan Monastery on it, for our use, with the understanding that if we ever left, the property would return to the Diocese without any revenue given to our Community, in spite of any renovations which we might have to make (and have made!) on the existing structure. Now that we are unable to find another suitable place to relocate within the Diocese of Brooklyn, but a beautiful property has been donated to us by a generous family in the Diocese of Scranton, we find ourselves without any means to build! And this is where we need your help.



Chanting the traditional liturgy

Important Reasons for Financially Contributing to the Building of a Carmelite Monastery

1. Many people are interested in bequeathing their money to

their Alma Mater's or other popular charities. However, there could be no better way to make an investment toward eternal life than helping to build a Monastery where God might be glorified through the beautiful traditional Latin liturgy, and where you will be perpetually remembered in the Masses, prayers and sacrifices of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, as a benefactor of the Community. Even after you have died, and the rest of the world has forgotten about you...these Carmelites will not forget and continuous prayers will be offered for your soul which may be greatly in need of these graces in order to be freed from Purgatory and to

enter Heaven. **Helping to found a Monastery is a true investment that will always yield interest-for eternity!**

2. The letter of St. James tells us that "whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins." (*James 5:20*) Just think of the souls that are saved by the prayers and Masses offered up in a Carmelite Monastery, and these souls will one day be able to thank you for making a Carmelite Monastery possible where these prayers *could* be offered.

Hence, you too can help to bring back sinners from the error of their ways and hope, by the mercy of God to cover a multitude of sins by your charity. When Our Lady appeared at Fatima, she told the three shepherd children, "pray much and offer many sacrifices; there are many souls who go to Hell because there is no one to pray and offer sacrifices for them." We want to heed Jesus and Mary's plea for the salvation of souls, and you too can be a part of this work by enabling us to continue our contemplative presence on their behalf.

3. It is recorded in the *Book of the Foundations*, of Our Holy Mother St. Teresa of Avila, foundress of many Carmel's, that she had visions of what great glory was given to God through the benefactors who helped to build her Carmelite Monasteries, and how useful such a work was for the Church. She also saw **what great benefits were given to those who generously contributed to build her Carmel's, and the countless graces which they received from using their means to advance the founding of a Contemplative Monastery.** One particular man who had the misfortune to die in mortal sin, was saved by what He did to purchase a property for a





Monastery, and his soul was released from Purgatory on the day when the first Mass was offered in the new Carmel.

4. You can contribute to the sanctification of priests, which is the main aim which Our Holy Mother St. Teresa of Jesus had in beginning the strict Carmelite Reform, bringing back the primitive Rule and writing Constitutions for her daughters. She reformed the Carmelite Nuns, moved by an apostolic impetus, to give aid to the apostles who were on the front lines, especially through her and her daughter's faithful observance of the Evangelical Counsels. She wrote, "though enclosed, we fight!" How we need holy priests during this time of crisis in the Church and if these poor Carmelites can continue to be "love in the Heart of the Church", we hope by the mercy and goodness of God, that **with your help, together, we can contribute to a harvest of holy and valiant laborers.**

What are you willing to give to build God's kingdom?

Considering the generous gift of property which we have already received, and with our plans for the future Carmel already in the making, will you help us take the next step of

building a Monastery which will contribute so much to God's glory, the greater good of the Church and the salvation of souls? We hope to hear a resounding yes! If the Holy Spirit touches your heart, and you think that Our Lord may be moving you to help us, we hope to hear from you! Our Community, with grateful hearts, offers perpetual prayers and Masses for our benefactors, living and deceased. Be assured that Our Lord is never outdone in generosity; He always repays us a hundred-fold for all that we give in this life to build His Kingdom.

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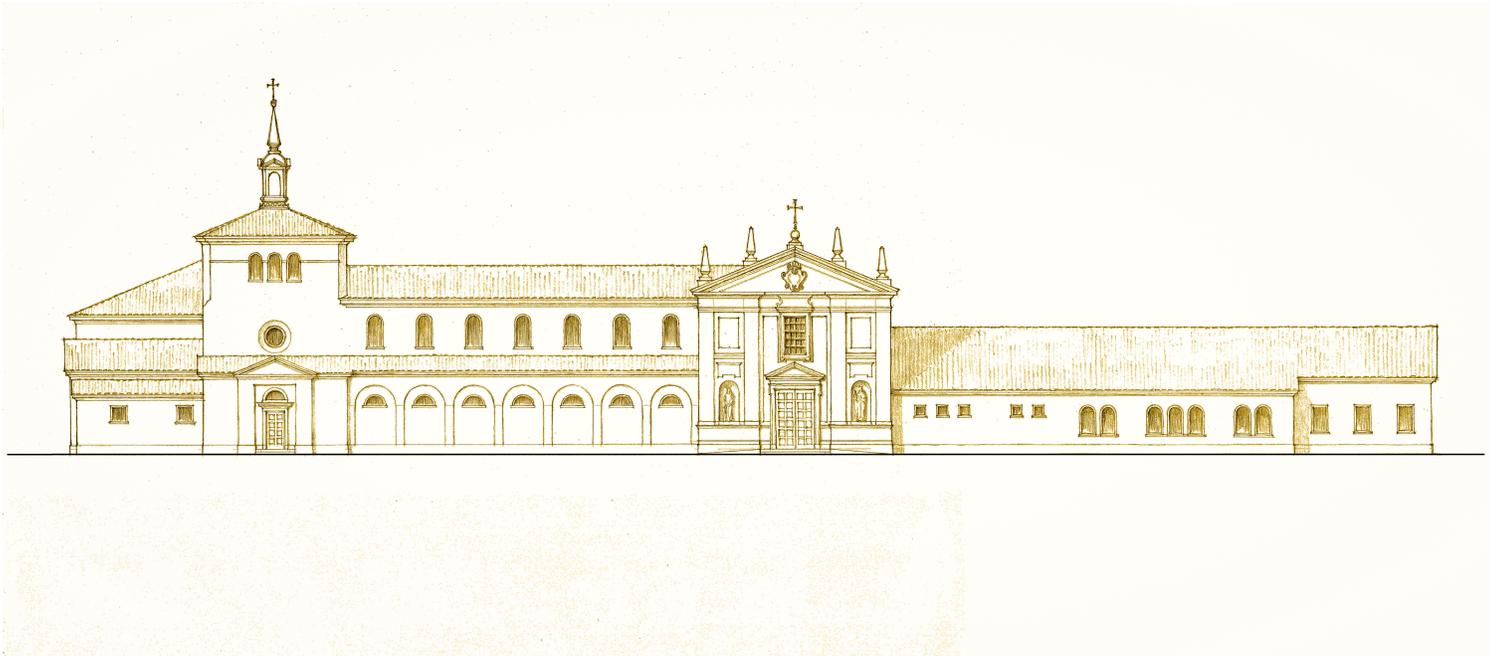


*"My vocation is love!
In the heart of the Church,
my Mother, I shall be love!"*

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