

Discalced Carmelite Nuns

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Dear Friend of Carmel,

"What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good He has done for me? The cup of salvation I shall take up and I will call upon the name of the Lord." (Ps. 116:12-13)

As we continue this Advent Season and approach Christmas, it gives us an opportunity to reflect on all the graces and blessings our good Lord has bestowed upon us: for the gift of life, our families, for the Church and her Sacraments, and for all the personal blessings He has given us. As Carmelites, our days are spent giving praise and thanks to Him, and we especially thank Him for the blessing of having you as our dear friends and benefactors.

We have been so deeply touched by the continuing support you have shown us, those of you who have been friends for decades along with so many new ones. In this, our Annual Appeal, we ask your continued financial support for our Community. Your donations help to cover the cost for the daily sustenance of the Nuns: for food, utilities, maintenance of the building, medical and building insurance, and all other ongoing expenses. Your generous support allows us to continue our life of prayer, penance, and sacrifice for the needs of the Church, and for our world, so desperately in need of God's grace and mercy.

We became associated with the Society of St. Pius X in August of this year. They graciously accepted our petition for association and we were visited by Bishop Bernard Fellay, SSPX, who has given us great encouragement in living our vocation as Carmelites. A Chaplain was assigned to us so that we could have daily Mass again, the very heart of our day as contemplatives.

Thank you in advance for your kind and generous offering to us. We happily realize that your monetary gifts to us are given to the good Lord through us, and we are again grateful to fulfill our mission here at the heart of the Church by offering Him all the love and gratitude of which we are capable, and which is so constantly due to His Majesty, in the name of all His people.

May God bless and keep you safe in His Hand, fulfilling His Will as He desires. You remain in our prayers each day.

The scenes depicted here are the Advent Mass in honor of Our Lady, called the "Rorate Mass" celebrated entirely by candlelight early in the morning.

Prayerfully yours in the Name of Jesus,

Mother Jeresa Agnes and the Nuns