

Mount Carmel Center



Recent Developments

- ❖ Thank you to St. Ann's CRHP Teams for recently cleaning up the grounds. What a difference some elbow grease can make!



- ❖ The Center was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Koch Foundation. For more information see inside.
- ❖ The Fathers have elected their new Provincial. Congratulations to Fr. Luis Joaquin Castañeda.
- ❖ The Oklahoma Province is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. Please keep all the Fathers in your prayers in a special way this year.



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THE TRIENNIUM

Even though we belong to a monarchical system (Christ the King!), among the Religious Orders of the Church, the Mendicant Orders are probably the most democratic. We have a system of administration that is flexible in its service to its own members and that of the Church. We, the Discalced Carmelites of the Southern Province, serve in three-year cycles (triennium). Every three years all members of the Province (regional territory) that have made Solemn Vows begin the process of electing one of our own as a new Superior of the territory, the Provincial.

"The first thing I require is for you to have a Prior, one of yourselves, who is to be chosen for the office by common consent, or that of the greater and maturer part of you. Each of the others must promise him obedience..."

— The Rule of St. Albert

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This new Provincial (we have just elected Fr. Luis Joaquin Castañeda) will assume his office at the Provincial Chapter (think of it as a Church Council), when we gather together to review and renew all of the policies that impact the way that we live our lives in our monasteries and the way in which we serve the different dioceses of the Church.



Before the review, revisions and deliberations over the policies, the new Provincial and the Chapter members (those attending the regional meeting) after a day of silence, prayer and fasting begin the process of electing a new Council (the 4 friars that serve with the Provincial in the administration of the Province). At the end of the Chapter, the Provincial and Council becomes the Personnel Board that decides upon the assignment of each of the members of the Province.

So this June, after Fr. Luis Joaquin assumes office, we await the decisions of the Provincial and Council as to the friars that will be assigned to Mount Carmel Center. WE hope to know by June 13th. We pray that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit the Council will assign those friars that will continue the development of Mount Carmel Center and its apostolate.

In Him,

Fr. Stephen Sánchez, O.C.D



Sweet Dreams

at Mount Carmel Center

Mount Carmel Center is excited to report that we have received a \$15,000 grant from the Koch Foundation for the purchase of new furniture for the large dormitory. As anyone who has stayed on retreat knows, each of the current bed frames are very old and each is different from the other. We will be purchasing all new bed frames and linens. (The bed frame in the photo is the one we have chosen.) These beds will provide convenient storage space

for linens as well as a consistent look across each room. We've decided that hospitality quality linens, blankets, and mattresses are our best choice to ensure durability. A new pillow will finish out each bed.

This is just one step in the process of remodeling the dormitories. In the coming year we hope to raise enough money to take out the old partitions and add walls to make each bedroom completely private.

As you can see, we are hard at work making every dollar count. Our total cost per bed is \$704. We still need to purchase a lounge chair, desk, desk chair and lighting and new drapes and rug to complete each room.

We would like to ask your help in completing the furniture set for each room. Wouldn't it be wonderful to start the next retreat season with all new furniture? How much sweeter dreams are in brand new beds!

I'd like to help the Friars with my donation of:

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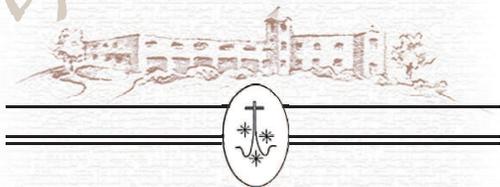
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Unfailing Wisdom: The doctrine of St. John of the Cross

by Fr. Stephen Sanchez

10am to 12pm on Wednesday, May 18th, or Saturday, May 21st

Fr. Stephen will present John's doctrine as found in the Minor Works of The Precautions and Counsel to a Young Religious and the ways in which we can apply them into our daily life. You may bring your lunch & stay for personal prayer until 4 p.m.

Suggested minimum donation: \$25

Mark your calendars:

(Program speakers and descriptions to be announced)

Introduction to Carmelite Spirituality

Wednesday, June 22nd, or Saturday, June 25th

Elijah, the Prophet of Carmel

Wednesday, July 13th, or Saturday, July 16th

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