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*In this issue
the sisters
reflect on
opportunities
past and present
to respond to
the needs
of the time.*

Needs Beckon Us

On a monument in Washington, DC words are inscribed, "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty." The lower inscription dedicates the monument to "the memory and in honor of the various Orders of Sisters who gave their services as nurses on battlefields and in hospitals during the Civil War." The monument depicts twelve different orders of nuns, including the Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, who tended to the wounded soldiers whether they were clad in blue or gray. When the soldier, wounded or hungry, came to the convent door, the sisters responded. When need beckons, the response is so clear.

This public dedication in Washington to the foremothers of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and other religious congregations in America, is a frequent meditation for us members as we reflect on the prophetic role of Carmelites in the world. To respond to the societal needs of the times is considered

essential to our Carmelite identity. At times when I doubt my own contribution to the needs of today, I attempt to surface within me some of that spirit of the Carmelite women founded in Louisiana who assumed diverse ministries during civil war on American soil, during civil strife on Philippine soil, through nursing yellow fever victims, by tending to orphans, by educating black children during racial strife, by tending to victims of hurricanes and typhoons, by saying "yes" to bishops and pastors who requested the sisters' assistance in response to the needs of God's people. Throughout our history, the various invitations to care for those in need strengthened the vocational call of the Congregation and its members. Our women were beckoned and they responded.

To respond to what God hopes for us in prayerful attention to the needs in our midst, is the Carmelite's call. Determining how we can best respond to the need is by no means an easy endeavor. Struggle builds faith, the faith that believes that we will be about what God hopes for us. We strive to stand prayerfully in God's presence to respond to the voices in our midst who beckon us in God's name.



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History Highlights

The monument to the Nuns of the Battlefield is located in Washington, DC at Dupont Circle on M St. and Rhode Island Ave. across from the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of the Hibernians proposed the erection of the monument to honor the members of the various Orders of Sisters who gave their services as nurses on battlefields and in hospitals during the war of 1861. The Ladies secured a site by authority of the U.S. Congress signed by President Woodrow Wilson on March 29, 1918. The bronze sculpture was commissioned to Jerome Connor and was dedicated on September 24, 1924.



Twelve orders of nuns are depicted in the monument: Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Sisters of Charity of Mother Seton, Sisters of Saint Dominic, Sisters of the Holy Cross, Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis, Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sisters of Providence, and Ursuline Nuns.



To the left side of the monument is the feminine winged figure of Peace; to the right, the woman with shield depicts Patriotism.

Following the clash of arms along Bayou Lafourche in Louisiana on October 27, 1862, many were killed and wounded on both sides. In the town of Thibodaux an emergency hospital was established by Confederates and operated by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The noble-hearted superior, Mother Saint Bernard Guerin, offered the services of the sisters and devoted herself to making the hospital as comfortable as possible for the suffering men of the two armies. Ellen Ryan Jolly, following the inspiration of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of the

Hibernians to initiate the monument, writes in her 1927 [Nuns of the Battlefield](#).

"...many a surviving veteran who wore the Blue or the Gray during that clash of arms, can yet recall the soothing touch of the Carmelite's hand as he lay upon the pain-tossed hospital cot at Thibodaux...the aged warriors can still see the tear-stained face of their Sister-nurse and they remember with affection her low, soft-spoken words of cheer, when the struggle between life and death yet hung in the balance. It was then that the Nun reminded the faint-hearted man that 'courage is half the battle.'"

Message from the

The Connection

In our world today, social media continues to evolve in so many new ways through the enhancement of technology. Remember when the telephone or snail mail was the only way to stay in touch with one another? Oh, we might say, those were the *good old days!* Today's generation is somewhat different. It uses cell phones, Texting, iPad, Facebook, Twitter and many more avenues to connect and interact with friends and family. These are the habits of a different generation but they have the same value... to connect with someone.

In the *good old days* as people call it, families gathered together on Sunday after Mass and visited with each other. Our grandparents, the patriarchs and matriarchs of our families, encouraged us to share family time together and to spend time getting to know our family members. There were no electronic devices to distract us at that time. I remember when my uncle would come in from New York and we would have a family reunion which included over one hundred people. What a celebration: people just getting together to connect with one another and bringing the younger generation together to meet each other. In Luke's Gospel (18:16) we read, "Jesus called for the children saying, "Let the children come to me. Do not shut them off." Our grandparents had the right idea to bring the children together and they passed this tradition of enduring love to our generation. The children of today have the desire to be connected and to belong as much as we did.

As Christians, we have Scripture, our social media, which explains the beginning of time. In John's Gospel (1:1) we read, "In the beginning was the Word: the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God." This is our faith. Do we share our faith with our children? Do they have the desire to be children of God? In John's Gospel (1:12), we read, "Any who did accept Him, He empowered to become children of God." We must empower our children to be children of God.

The children of today have so much more opportunity to connect and interact with others through the enhancement of technology in this 21st century. Texting, the use of Facebook, etc. is their way of connecting with others like we did on our grandparents' front porch. It is our responsibility to direct them and to be informed about what is at their fingertips so that they will carry on our family heritage and share our faith with the world. There is so much positive activity through technology, yet all we hear is the negative. Take time to spend with your children and share our faith through technology because children are searching for meaning in their lives. In fact, Easter, the greatest feast of our Church is approaching, so share the moment with your children or grandchildren to tell them the story of our faith and maybe a story or two of the *good old days* from the front porch.

May the Risen Lord continue to be the Word for you! "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us and we have seen His Glory: the glory of an only Son coming from the Father filled with enduring love." (Jn.1:14)

Sister Janet LeBlanc is president/principal of Mount Carmel Elementary, Abbeville and serves on the Executive Council.



“I was in prison and you visited me.”
–Mt. 25:36

In any other setting, the look of sullen defiance on Teresa’s face would propel me in another direction. Instead, a radiant joy surrounded us from the continual prayers offered during the KAIROS retreat. For us, KAIROS means God’s time. After two days of saturation in agape love, the distrust on Teresa’s face had melted into a sparkle that never left her twinkling eyes.

For three days we sit together with the participants in LCIW (LA Correctional Institute for Women), sharing meals, listening to stories of faith and creating artwork to express our insights and feelings. For women who claim they have never been able to trust anyone, grace rains down in abundance. We witness the fear, anger and despair slowly or dramatically transform into hope, healing and faith. In only a few days the women feel safe enough to become vulnerable, crying together and hugging each other. Christian community begins forming within the prison to give them continuing support and growth.

One of the most powerful ceremonies during our KAIROS retreat centers on forgiveness. A team member shares her personal experience, often with tears and then each of us writes the names of those we want to forgive on a strip of paper. With a prayer in our hearts, we come forward to see those papers dissolve away and hear the cleansing words of scripture lighten our burden.

Each Wednesday evening some of us return to the prison to enable the women to unite in groups and pray together. They continue to be light in the darkness for others. Several have told me that being sent to prison saved their lives and their souls. After stepping onto the slippery slope of drug usage, they became caught in a downward spiral. Like Job, they bless God for his mercies and gifts that brought them to the presence of divine Love.

My hope is that you will visit the website: www.KairosLCIW.org and read the testimony of some of the participants in KAIROS. Statistics have been kept during the past ten years of all the women participating in the KAIROS retreat. The national average for recidivism, those returning to prison after release, is about 80%. For participants in the KAIROS retreat, recidivism rates are in the teens. Learning to trust is the greatest gift our loving savior has taught them.



Sister Maggie Williams is a Medical Technologist at Lakeview Regional Medical Center in Covington, La and serves as coordinator of Shalom Community where she resides. She is a volunteer and board member for KAIROS.

The Carmelite Spirituality Center, Lacombe, Louisiana offers a retreat experience,

“I Will Walk in the Presence of God”

This is a six day retreat with one presentation each day given by Sister Barbara Breaud, center director. Prayer experiences led by Sister Terry Falco, liturgist, flow from the presentation. A daily session of “Art and Prayer” is led by Sister Catherine Martin, artist.

The retreat begins Wed., May 30 at 7:30 p.m., concludes Wed., June 6 after breakfast.
 Accommodations: Private room, meals and art supplies. Fee: \$400
 Contact: Sister Terry Falco at carmelcenter@bellsouth.net or (985) 882-7579



In visits to the retired sisters at St. Leo Convent in Lafayette, Louisiana one can observe the gift of community life, noting how the aged sisters care for each other. Embodying that care is Sister Hilary Hernandez, O.Carm. who, in a rare talkative encounter, shared with Sister Andrée Bindewald, O.Carm. her vocation story.

Sister Hilary Hernandez grew up in her family setting along the Mississippi River with six siblings in White Castle, and later in St. Gabriel, Louisiana. She recalled active years as a child enjoying baseball games with her siblings and cousins in the open fields of these rural communities. Her backyard touched the school yard during some of those years. As a fourth grader, she was requested by her cousin whose husband worked nights as a machinist and later as an attendant at the leprosarium in Carville, to live with her in housing provided on the grounds of the leprosarium. Tending to her newborn cousins and getting to know well the community of workers and the Daughters of Charity who cared for the patients at Carville, she learned effectively the loving concern of a good caregiver. She was especially inspired by Sister Hilary Ross*, a Daughter of Charity, whose religious name she requested when she joined the Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in 1940 at the age of 15. When asked how she came to join the Sisters of Mount Carmel when she knew the Daughters of Charity so well, she explained that it was just the path to follow to join her cousin, Sister Bernadette Hernandez, in Carmel.

Family connectedness and care for the vulnerable became characteristic of Sister Hilary’s ministry as she worked as an educator of young children, spent time in the Philippine missions, lived her most rewarding years as a parish visitor to shut-ins, and now attends to the daily needs of the sisters of her community who gracefully age with her.

**Sister Hilary Ross, Daughter of Charity, was a missionary, scientist, pharmacist, photographer, writer, research biochemist, international orator and educator in the field of Hansen’s disease. She received numerous awards for her work and writings on leprosy.*



News of Note



Left: The Lay Carmelite Southeast Louisiana and Louisiana North Shore and Mississippi Regions held their Day of Celebration at the Motherhouse on January 29, 2012. Six candidates were received into the Carmelite Third Order and eleven candidates made profession of promises. Deacon Wilfred Robichaux, T. O. Carm. presided over the ceremony of reception and profession. Pictured with candidates are Regional and Formation Coordinators. Right: A delegation of Lay Carmelites of Paincourtville share in table conversation.



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delGreco, Lucia by Miss Mathile D’Albor
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Shea Harriet by Community Foundation of Acadiana
Simonson, Mrs. Rose by Mrs. Joyce Cambias
Slatten, Mrs. Lise Anne by Mrs. Cecile Mouton
Smietana, Jean by Mrs. Pauline Lagarde, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Rader, Nona VanCleve and Ronnie Pete

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Van Cleve, Stephen by Ms. Nona Van Cleve
Vanderlich, Sister Cecile Clare, Mrs. Nona Robichaux
Vanderlich, Sister Virginia Lee by Mrs. Nona Robichaux
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Wilson, Steve and Suzette by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Broggi
Woodring Kelly and Tracey and Family by Bob and Kathleen Broggi

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Young, Jason by Mr. Scott Dupont
Young, Michelle by Mr. Scott Dupont

News of Note

The sisters assembled in March at the Carmelite Spirituality Center in Lacombe to discuss individual and corporate leadership styles for ministry.

CRIMESTOPPERS of New Orleans presented to **Sister Mary Ellen Wheelahan** it’s Warren Hogan Safe School Hotline Award for her efforts to bring the Crimestoppers Program into archdiocesan catholic schools. The annual awards luncheon was held March 20th at Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

A documentary is being prepared based on the response of women religious to Hurricane Katrina. The documentary will be aired on ABC in the fall. Mount Carmel Academy, Cub Corner and the Motherhouse were sites for the filming. Sisters and employees assited in the interviews.

News of Note



Left: **Sister Denis Rodrigue** entertains students of St. Elizabeth Elementary School in Paincourtville, Louisiana with stories of her vocation as a Sister of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. **Sister Alice Abate, Francesca Truxillo, Donna Girard and Barbara Nell Laperouse** were among the classroom visitors to



Right: **Rev. Chester Arceneaux** receives gifts from Cathedral Carmel Elementary students during a mass at St. John Cathedral which challenged students to be open to God's vocational call.



Sister Jane Remson, O. Carm., main representative of the Carmelite NGO, offers her wishes for peace while ringing the Bell of Peace in the 64th UN/DPI NGO Annual Conference. Sister Jane was presented a certificate of honor from Dr. Hong Tao-Tze, president of the Federation of World Peace for being chosen to ring the world traveling Bell of Peace.



Marketing consultant, **Stephanie Boh**, encouraged by **Sister Beth Fitzpatrick**, gathers ideas from Development Directors, **Marcelle Highstreet**, Mount Carmel Academy; **Sister Andrée Bindewald**, Congregation of Mount Carmel; and **Catherine Miller**, Mount Carmel Elementary.



Sister Gwen Grillot, Marcell Highstreet, Sisters Alice Abate, Kathy Farrelly, Janet LeBlanc and Mary Ellen Wheelahan, Stephanie Boh, Catherine Miller, Sister Angele Sadlier, Vickie Shelley and Sister Beth Fitzpatrick (seated) attended the marketing retreat.

News of Note



Sisters of Mount Carmel of the Philippine Region place a time capsule at the site of the construction of a retirement facility for the sisters in Balugo, Dumaguete, Philippines. **Sister Gloria Ibalio**, Holy Child Hospital administrator, covers the capsule. **Bishop John Duc** of Dumaguete, **Sister Beth Fitzpatrick**, president of the Sisters of Mount Carmel, **Sister Gina Yabo**, Regional Coordinator, look on with several other sisters.



Sisters of the Archdiocese of New Orleans gathered at the chapel of the Sister Servants of Mary in New Orleans to celebrate World Day of Consecrated Life and to reflect on the local challenges of human

Catholic Schools' Week Celebrations--The Mass for Catholic Schools; week hosted by Vermilion Catholic high school was attended by (l-r) a representative of David Vitter's office; **Michael Guilbeaux**, principal of Vermilion Catholic High School; **Rev. William Blanda**, pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish; **Mark Piazza**, Mayor of Abbeville; **Sister Janet LeBlanc**, Mount Carmel Elementary principal; **Nancy Ehret**, Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools in Lafayette Diocese; and **Sister Andrée Bindewald**, Vice President of the Sisters of Mount Carmel.



Maltrait Elementary School students of Kaplan lead a closing prayer following the celebration of Eucharist and a concert by **John Angotti** hosted by Mount Carmel Elementary and Vermilion Catholic High School in Abbeville.



Dear Friends,

Greetings! The Bagong Silangan convent is finally finished and was blessed last March 1st by Fr. Tony, the parish priest. The new house and center for the formation of the people in that village are pictured. Our Carmelite presence has reached this small village which they call "Mount Carmel Village," named after the Carmelites. The Carmelite family headed by the O.Carm men were able to raise funds for the rebuilding of the people's houses. The Congregation thru the help of the Development Office, USA was able to raise funds to support the housing program of the parish as well as the relief operation.

These pictures reveal how the sisters responded to the needs of the local church. At present, Sister Roslyn is active in visiting families and organizing the youth and women. Prayer sessions (lectio divina) for women are conducted once a week. A monthly recollection for the youth is on-going. On occasion, women and youth come to the convent for counseling. A formation program for the officers and families will be our goal for the coming months. Thank you so much to each one of you who supported this ministry. The people have expressed their gratitude for our active presence. You are invited to visit this ministry when you can. Keep us in your prayers.

Blessings,
Sister Carlita Panaligan,
Philippine Region Councilor



There are more than 100 houses built for the families who lost their homes after the flood following Typhoon "Ondoy" in Manila last September 2009.



Inside the first floor of the building, mass was celebrated. Sister Roslyn Delgado gave holy communion to the people at the entrance.



Father Tony, O. Carm. blessed the Carmel Center on the first floor and the convent on the second.



These women and youth helped in cooking and fixing the place prior to the blessing.



Sisters prepared the food to be served to the people after the blessing.



Food was served after the blessing. The food was cooked by the mothers. Drinks were donated by the Regional Development Office through Sister Bernadine Juarez.

Being Vigilant to Where the Spirit Calls Us

God calls us continuously according to the needs of the times. Just like our fathers and mothers of faith—Abraham, the prophet Elijah, our Carmelite saints, and our foundress Mother Therese Chevreton— by responding to the calling of God, we are weaving the history of our faith up to the present moment. When I was assigned as the vocation promoter in Luzon, I was quite reluctant. I had many fears and doubts that I could make it because I was lacking knowledge. However, because I believe that God is calling me to that ministry, I accepted the work of a vocation promoter.

Promoting vocations to religious life entails challenges. Nowadays, there is a decline in religious vocations because of family problems and the introduction of modern technologies. The family is the seedbed of vocations and, sad to say, in the Philippines there are increased numbers of broken families. Another thing, youths now spend more time on computers to make contact with others. Because of this, I need to create a Facebook account to keep in contact with them.

I am also assigned in Aurora to help with catechism in the parish and at the same time to work with Basic Ecclesial Communities. Last December I was sent by our parish priest to the coastal area of San Luis, Aurora to do a bible service during the nine-day novena Dawn Masses before Christmas. In order to reach the place, I needed to ride a small boat for three hours. During my travel, as the boat was being tossed by the big waves, I felt dizzy and afraid. However, as I remembered Psalm 139, my fears subsided knowing that I am in God's hand. The coastal area is like a paradise because it is surrounded by mountains and located on the seashore. The people are very simple and it seemed they were thirsting for the Word of God. The people began to arrive at the chapel at around two o'clock in the morning for the four o'clock morning bible service. As I was leading the bible service I felt that they are a people without a shepherd. During my stay, they treated me very well and asked me to stay for a longer time. Times keep changing and we need to be open to new possibilities. This is our Carmelite calling, to be always vigilant to where the spirit will bring us. By doing this, we will be always renewed in God's love.

Sister Lilibeth Espiritu is a temporary professed sister, soon to begin preparations for final vows. She lives and ministers north of Manila on the island of Luzon in San Luis, Aurora Province. Besides being the vocation animator for the Luzon area, Sister Lilibeth assists with parish ministry in rural areas of Aurora.



In loving memory, honor your deceased parents this Mother's Day and Father's Day by a memorial donation to the Sisters of Mount Carmel who strive to strengthen family life through educational ministries in the U. S. and Philippines.

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