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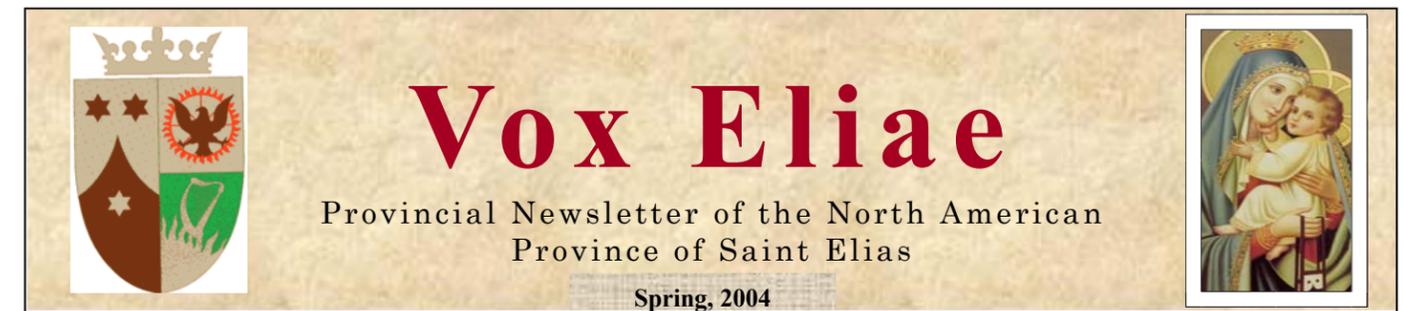
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Donum Dei Missionary Family. The three members of the Donum Dei Missionary Family who have been ministering at St. Jude's Pre-School in Boca Raton, Florida have been recalled to work in other apostolates for their community. **Malia Tuita** has been assigned to Marseilles, France; **Brigitte Paboudibem** has returned to ministry in Burkina Faso; and **Cecile Tran** has been assigned to ministry in Rome, Italy. We wish them well and

thank them, and all of their sisters who have ministered in the United States before them, for all of their loyal dedication and friendship to the Carmelite Friars, Carmelite staff members, parishioners and children they lovingly served for so many years.

Congratulations to former Prior General, Most Rev. **John Malley, O. Carm., (PCM)** who assumed the position as member of the Carmelite Order's International Commission for the Laity based in Rome, Italy. He graciously accepted filling this position left vacant by the recently deceased member of our Province, Rev. **Redemptus Valabek, O. Carm.** Father Malley shares this position on the Commission with Mrs. **Rose Mary Lancellotti**, of the St. Elias Province along with other members from around the world. The International Commission recently met for a week in Rome and are busy working on an International Congress to be held in Fatima during September of 2006.



St. Elias Province Embraces New Policy at Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Province of Saint Elias opened on Tuesday, April 13th, 2004 at Mount St. Alphonsus Retreat House in Esopus, New York. Father **Michael Kissane, O. Carm.**, Prior Provincial, and the Provincial Council organized and hosted this important meeting of the Province. Annual General Meetings are held on alternate years between Provincial Chapters where all professed members of the Province are invited to gather for a two-day meeting to discuss current issues facing the Order, Province and Church.

Dr. **Richard Dangle**, President of Praesidium, Inc., a risk management company based out of Arlington, Texas, gave a one-day educational workshop on the first day of the meeting. Dr. Dangle incorporated the Province's newly-revised "Policy For Standard of Conduct" into his own presentation. Dr. Dangle stated to the members, "As leaders of the Catholic Church, you now have an opportunity to advocate for the prevention of abuse and the protection of children." He outlined ways that members of the Province can make a difference in the lives of children:

- 1) Take the time to understand the dynamics of sexual abuse;
- 2) Seek support and involvement with others when in ministry with minors;
- 3) Protect yourself and the youth you serve by adhering to guidelines for boundaries in ministry with children and youth;
- 4) Listen to individuals who want to share their experiences of abuses. Give comfort and support;
- 5) Be a strong voice to respond to situations of boundary violations, don't wait for an allegation of abuse;
- 6) Advocate to parents about talking with their children in positive ways;
- 7) In the organizations in which you serve as leaders, intervene in situations of inappropriate boundaries;
- 8) Examine the child and youth serving programs under your own leadership and consider whether there is adequate supervision of those ministries; and
- 9) Embrace the opportunity you have been given to prevent a tragedy that has affected so many in our society.

That evening the Province hosted a Jubilarian Banquet to honor those celebrating Jubilees. Those honored were: Father Daniel Lynch, O. Carm.—50 years of Ordination to the Priesthood; Fathers Aquinas Stack, O. Carm., Bede

Mulligan, O. Carm. And Matthias DesLauriers, O. Carm.—50 years of Profession in the Order of Carmelites; Fathers Patrick McGuigan and Thomas Zalewski—25 years of Ordination to the Priesthood; and Father John Horan, O. Carm., 25 years of Profession in the Order of Carmelites. Congratulations to all! Father Timothy Johnson, O. Carm. Served as emcee for the evening and affectionately "roasted" all the Jubilarians.

Tuesday's gathering focused on the giving of financial, vocation and other reports as well as the presentation of the work done by the Interprovincial Task Force on Collaboration between the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary Province and the Province of Saint Elias by Brother Larry Fidelus, O. Carm. (PCM) and Father James Sidoti, O. Carm. (SEL), members of the Task Force. An opportunity was given to those in attendance to participate in an "Open Forum" whereby members could discuss any topic brought to the floor. At the wrap up and before departure, Father Michael Kissane thanked all for attending and encouraged all to familiarize themselves with the Conduct Policy of the Province as well as the Policies of the Arch/Dioceses where they minister.



L-R: Fr. Albert Pavlik, Br. Emiel Abalahin, Fr. Matthias DesLauriers and Br. Joseph Hung read through materials at the start of the AGM.

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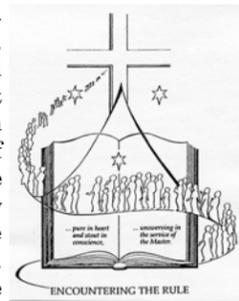
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2004 Lay Carmelite Convocation, "Encountering the Rule" planned for July, 2004 in Chicago, Illinois

The Saint Elias Province and the Most Pure Heart of Mary Province will host the 2004 Lay Carmelite Convocation, "Encountering the Rule" from July 17-20, 2004 at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The Carmelite Family — friars, nuns, religious sisters and brothers, laity — is fast approaching the 800th anniversary of the composition of the formula of life given to the first Carmelites in Palestine by St. Albert of Jerusalem at the beginning of the 13th century. This document became the Carmelite Rule in 1247. The whole Carmelite Order is beginning to engage the Rule through reflection and study at this time.

The Lay Carmelites of the Third Order from both Provinces in North America

come together in this Convocation in order to immerse themselves in this text that is at the heart of all Carmelite living. The Rule of St. Albert contains in embryonic form all the fundamental principles of Carmelite spirituality and our Carmelite charism.



The presenters at this Convocation, all Carmelites themselves, will not only inform but guide the participants in encountering the Rule anew as lay members of the Carmelite Order who seek to witness to the Gospel at the beginning of a new millennium. The Convocation gathers in prayer around the two liturgical solemnities of our Order, that of Our

Lady of Mount Carmel and of Saint Elijah the Prophet. Scheduled Convocation speakers are: Fr. **Bruce Baker**, O. Carm. (PCM), Fr. **Joseph Chalmers**, O. Carm., Prior General of the Order, Fr. **Brocard Connors**, O. Carm., (SEL), Fr. **Michael Driscoll**, O. Carm. (SEL), Fr. **Patrick McMahon**, O. Carm. (PCM), Ms. **Darleen Doiron**, TOC (Louisiana), Fr. **John Russell**, O. Carm., Provincial of PCM), Sr. **Angele Marie Sadlier**, O. Carm., (Louisiana), Fr. **John-Benedict Weber**, O. Carm. (PCM), and Fr. **John Welch**, O. Carm. (PCM). Fr. **Michael Kissane**, O. Carm., Prior Provincial of SEL will be the Celebrant and Homilist at the closing liturgy. For further information contact Father Brocard Connors, O. Carm. at the Lay Carmelite Office: (845) 359-0535.

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St. Simon Stock School in the Bronx, New York

Saint Simon Stock School, in the Northwest Bronx, New York, was founded on February 2, 1926 by the neighboring parish under the supervision of the Carmelite priests and the Sisters of Mercy. Cardinal Patrick Hayes, who made it possible for the school to be built had three noble reasons: to introduce Catholic education to school aged children of the community, to provide space to the numerous children of new parishioners and to prepare for more children in the future as a large number of apartment houses were in construction.

In 1929 the top floor was added to the School for the high school level. There were 32 pupils in the first graduating class of June, 1929. Through the years St. Simon Stock School has seen several improvements. Parents of the community have placed full trust in its ability to educate their children in various aspects of their young lives.

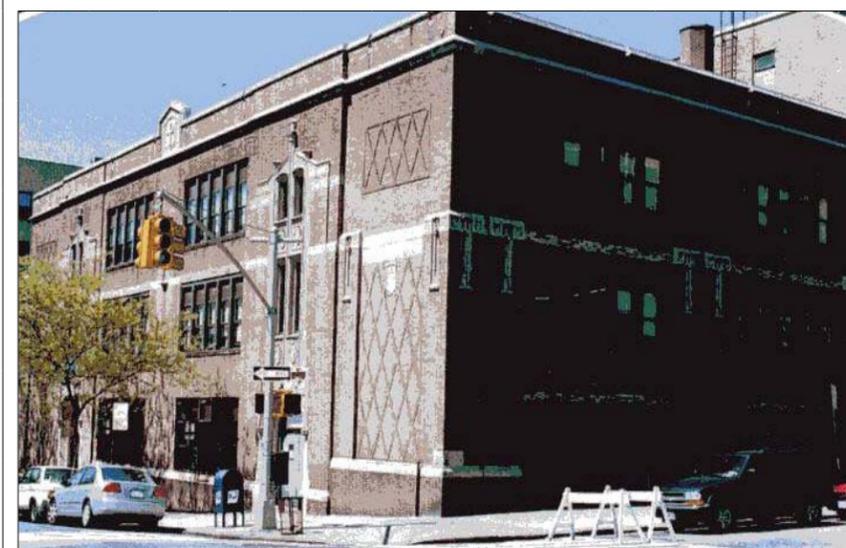
Originally, the School was built to educate the children of local Irish immigrants. At first the school housed grades kindergarten through 12 and all classes were taught by the Sisters of Mercy and the Carmelite Friars.

Today, St. Simon Stock's commitment to the children of the Bronx neighborhood remains. The Parish seeks to provide their students, most of whom are from poor and broken families, an opportunity for a solid education. In an atmosphere of disciplined purpose, the School strives to make sure each of their students has learning experiences that result in both intellectual and character growth. Despite limited financial resources, the School has created in one of New York City's poorest neighborhoods an environment that nourishes the student's spiritual, physical, moral and intellectual development.

While St. Simon Stock aspires to a challenging and comprehensive educational environment, economic realities make implementation difficult.

Presently there are more than 450 boys and girls ranging from kindergarten age through eighth

worked diligently to give you academic knowledge, goals and Christian values. I encourage you to study, to read, and to continue to grow in friendship, faith and wisdom. You are special, very enthusiastic, bright students. With perseverance, you can change the



Dr. Ann Mulvey, Principal and St. Simon Stock School in the Bronx, New York

grade. The majority of the students are from immigrant families from the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Central America. A significant number also come from Mexico and the English speaking Caribbean. 60% of the School is Hispanic. 38% are African-American, and 2% are Caucasian. 45% speak a language other than English at home. 60% are from families with one parent only. 100% are eligible for free or subsidized school meals.

St. Simon Stock School, which began as a school to serve an immigrant population continues to do so. The color of the faces may have changed. But the present students still desire a future for themselves.

Dr. **Ann Mulvey** is the School's Principal and has successfully administered to the Faculty, Staff, Children and Parents for the past 6 years. As she tells her students, "Your parents and teachers have

world!" St. Simon Stock School earned Middle States Accreditation in early May, 2004. Congratulations!

Father **Michael Kissane**, O. Carm., Prior Provincial of the St. Elias Province and former Pastor stated, "St. Simon Stock School has remained one of the best schools in the Bronx with the finest administrators, faculty and staff."

The School is situated next door to St. Simon Stock Church on Valentine Avenue in the Bronx. Presently St. Simon Stock Church is staffed by Carmelite Friars, **Nelson Belizario**, O. Carm., (PCM), Pastor, **David Kearns**, O. Carm., (SEL), Parochial Vicar, assisted by **Andrew Skotnicki** (PCM) in residence, and Brother **Christopher Iannizzotto** (SEL) Teacher of 4th grade at the School.

The Red Barn at “The Thistles”

Visitors to the Carmelite property on Carmelite Drive in Middletown, New York drive by the Red Barn on the corner of Waverly Place and Carmelite Drive, unaware of its colorful history.

The old red barn fell into disrepair over the years and it looked like it wanted to fall down and just rest its weary boards. Father **Albert Daly**, O. Carm. kept a careful watch over the barn for many years, reminiscing about the “olden days” and wistfully thinking that some day the barn could be restored. “Some day,” said Father



The Red Barn “before” restoration

Albert, “when I’m long gone, the barn will be known as the Father Albert Memorial Red Barn.”

“The Thistles”, the present Brandsma Priory (our Carmelite Novitiate), the red barn and some property including the third lake at St. Albert’s, was purchased in July, 1899 by James Wallick, a theatrical producer. The stained glass windows in the barn—no longer exist—probably date from this era. The Red Barn was used as a sort of “summer stock” theatre. Once a production was published, it was presented at Middletown’s Casino Theatre. If it was a hit there, it went to Broadway in New York City. Wallick apparently did not do well in the theatre business. “The Thistles” was sold at public auction in September 1907 to Count and Countess Cortina. They used the red barn as a garage and stable.

The Carmelites of the St. Elias Province purchased the property in 1917 and initially used it as a garage and stable. In later years the students at St. Albert’s Junior Seminary used the red barn as a recreation center.

In Father Alfred Isacson's, *A History of Saint Albert's Junior Seminary*, Father **Mel Daly**, O. Carm is quoted: “My arrival in Middletown was in the year 1920. I was thirteen years old. To the best of my recollection, there were twenty-five postulants—a remarkable number considering the small size of the Province and the lack of a Vocation Director. Vocations in those days were in great part due to personal contact by Carmelite priests. My own vocation resulted from an invitation to dinner by dear old Father Slattery. The good food and a few shots of fire water with the Irish Fathers on East 29th Street convinced my dad that the only place for me was Middletown. So off I went! I only knew “The Thistles.” A large orchard was then located on what is now the baseball field. The only spot for play was the plot of land now having the flag pole. We did have a so-called section of the barn for a handball court.” Father Albert Daly was known to recall days of students playing pool in the loft of the red barn.

Prior to the Carmelites purchasing the property, in addition to the theatre productions, some older Middletown residents also recall having dances on the weekends in the Red Barn.

Bringing the history of the Red Barn up to the present, it was Father **Patrick McGuigan**, Provincial Procurator of the St. Elias Province, who instituted and oversaw the recent renovations to the Red Barn in the fall of 2003 and the spring of 2004. The old roof was completely removed and a new roof constructed. The walls were strengthened, the back portico was torn down and rebuilt, old windows were replaced and new windows and

garage doors re-installed where they first existed. A fresh coat or two of bright red paint and trimmed with white finalized the renovation. The inside of the Red Barn presently serves as a base of maintenance operations for the Carmelite Fathers. Mr. **Albert Crawford** has worked for the Carmelite Fathers for more than 35 years in the Maintenance department. He is assisted part time by Mr. **Michael Bane**, a former Alumni of St. Albert’s Junior Seminary.

Father Albert Daly delightfully watched the renovations from start to finish this past fall, winter and spring. Everyone knew that this was “Father Albert’s barn. Father Albert died on April 14, 2004. The renovated barn was finished. Father **Michael Kissane**, Prior Provincial of the St. Elias Province and the Provincial Council, have named the barn “The Father Albert Daly Memorial Red Barn.” A plaque designating the barn as such will be installed during the summer of 2004.

The newly-renovated, historical Red Barn sits proudly on the corner of Waverly Place and Carmelite Drive—a silent sentry to all things Carmelite.



The newly-restored Father Albert Daly Memorial Red Barn, Middletown, New York

THE WAY IT WAS

By Father Alfred Isacson, O. Carm., Provincial Archivist

Father Sean Reid’s Political Involvements

Sean Reid, O. Carm. became the Pastor of Our Lady of the Scapular, Manhattan, in 1943. He was an outward-going personality who welcomed groups to his Church to strengthen membership and income. It is not surprising then that the James F. Thompson Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), previously known as the Tudor City Post, asked to attend Mass there on September 9, 1945 and have a ceremony of blessing for their flags.

1945 was a mayoral election year in New York and William O’Dwyer was the Democratic candidate. He had been endorsed by the American Labor Party which had definite Communist Party ties. An Irishman from Bohola, County Mayo, O’Dwyer had a fine record in World War II rising to the rank of general. Despite his service as the District Attorney of Brooklyn and his prosecution of Murder Incorporated, rumors were rampant concerning not only communist ties but also the practice of his religion.

In his sermon that day, Sean Reid called the post flag a sign of unity for Catholics, Protestants and Jews who fought as brothers in arms. Citing the past political involvement of the Veterans in their tracing and squelching the sources of false accusations and rumors, he said that Catholics running for office are often subject to these. Without mentioning any names, Reid said this is manifested in saying that a candidate is not a good Catholic or that he is aligned with communists. This was exactly the situation in which O’Dwyer found himself. Reid prayed that God’s truth would prevail.

William O’Dwyer was present for the Mass and ceremony as was a reporter for the *Daily News*. Monday’s edition of the paper carried the story of the Veterans’ Mass and Sean Reid’s sermon. The reporter took Sean’s words as an endorsement of O’Dwyer and so wrote in his article. Bishop J. Francis McIntyre, vicar general of the Archdiocese of New York, called the Carmelite Provincial, Lawrence D. Flanagan, to report his

dissatisfaction with Sean Reid’s sermon. After Flanagan called him, Reid wrote an apology to McIntyre. He stated that he had been asked by the VFW to cite their support for Alfred E. Smith in running down rumors when he ran for the presidency in 1928. Sean wrote that he did this without mentioning any names and protested that he did not know in advance that O’Dwyer and reporters were going to be present. Surely, there was a bit of tongue in cheek in Sean’s reply.

This was the end of the matter except for some letters Sean Reid received. Those from Catholics were generally against his remarks while those from those from professors of other faiths were in favor.

William O’Dwyer handily won the mayoralty that November. Sean Reid was invited to give the invocation at his inauguration on January 1, 1946. Paul O’Dwyer, brother of the mayor, asked Sean to mention the importance of city government especially in relation to Black citizens. After he had prayed, Sean Reid gave a little speech in which he outlined the tasks that laid before the new mayor. He pleaded for better conditions for the poor and the underprivileged, the widows and the orphans. He then added what he considered two other problems. First, he briefly

touched on religious animosity and then he broached the problem of discrimination against Negroes in a somewhat more specific manner. On the same day, Sean Reid gave the invocation as well as a talk along these same lines at the swearing in of the City Council.

A large number of letters, almost all in praise, came to Sean Reid from both of these inaugural appearances. There is no record of any chancery office protest. However, the *Interracial Review* in its January, 1946 issue carried his inauguration speech and he gave a talk along these same lines on station WMCA on January 22. Apparently, the radio talk irked Bishop McIntyre and Sean had to write him an explanation that in appealing to an end to racial and religious discrimination, he was simply following the teachings of the Church especially as laid out in recent papal encyclicals. The encounter, fortunately, seems to have ended here.

Today, there is emphasis on the achievement of peace and justice. More than fifty years ago, Sean Reid called for this in his adopted city. It took effect as William O’Dwyer tried to put the suggestions of Sean Reid into practice. His terms were marked by efforts towards social justice. What Sean had urged did nothing but increase the friendship between himself and Mayor O’Dwyer to such an extent that it was often said in those days



(L-R) Father Sean Reid, O. Carm., His Honor the Mayor of New York City, William O’Dwyer, and Father Kilian Lynch, O. Carm., Prior Provincial of the St. Elias Province. Photo circa 1946

“The Passion of Christ” draws Interfaith Observers

Boca Raton, Florida. It didn't just happen that a Catholic priest and a rabbi were in the audience at the Mavico Theater in Boca Raton, FL for the first showing of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of Christ" on Ash Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

"We decided to come together said Rabbi Richard Angler of Congregation B'nai Israel, who stood by the Very Rev. **Michael Driscoll**, O. Carm., Pastor of St. Jude's outside Theater 6. They had seen Gibson's riveting film—and watched as moviegoers — many in tears or just stunned — walked by. Father Driscoll said he was concerned about the reported level of violence. And he also wanted to see if the depiction of the 12 hours before Christ's Crucifixion were true to the Bible. He noted that the film pretty much was true to the Bible, although there was a little bit of Hollywood to it.

One reason Rabbi Angler went to see the movie was in response to reports that the film was anti-Semitic, but he also feared that the violence in the movie might enflame hostility. Whether that happens, the rabbi said, depends on where the film is released. He doesn't expect there to be hostility in the United States, where religious differences are not terribly divisive. Neither of the two religious men felt the film was Anti-Semitic. "We have been taught that all nailed Jesus to the cross," said Father Driscoll. But he added

that the film, which shows Christ being beaten bloody by Roman soldiers, then nailed to a cross to die, was "graphic." Both men said audiences have to look past the violence and understand the message.

About 250 parishioners from St. Jude's Church in Boca Raton viewed the film with their Pastor. Both Father Driscoll and Rabbi Angler said they would incorporate "The Passion" into ongoing interfaith dialogue.

"I think Gibson is trying to teach," Driscoll said, "Anyone with a brain should get the message of this film, which is love."

Angler agreed, "This movie is not anti-Jewish. Hopefully everyone will get the proper message, which is a Christian understanding of human sin and salvation." *"Boca News" 2/26/04*

Middletown, New York. Mel Gibson's former schoolteacher was "numbed" watching the scourging of Jesus in "The Passion of Jesus Christ" yesterday morning. Numb. That was the reaction of many of the more than 250 people who attended the 10:30 a.m. screening at the Lowe's Cineplex at the Galleria at Crystal Run. Nobody was smiling as the audience filed out, many were crying. Yesterday, on Ash Wednesday, the Times Herald-Record took a group of nine—representing a range of ages and faiths—to one of the area's first showings of the controversial film. Most

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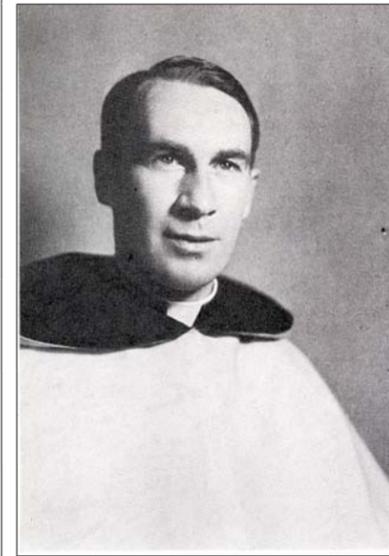
described the film as gripping, riveting, emotional and moving. But some wondered if the intense brutality was entirely necessary. "The violence overwhelmed the real message, that Jesus freely went to his death to save the world," said Very Rev. **Michael Kissane**, O. Carm., one of the Record's invited guests.

"We speak of Jesus as a model citizen, and we don't think of the horrible price he paid for our redemption," noted the Rev. Terry Delaney, Pastor of Grace Community Baptist Church in Washingtonville. "In the Bible it says he would be crushed. We saw that in the movie. Here in the U.S. we don't like suffering. But to get to Easter Sunday, we need to understand the suffering. The movie showed us this."

Rabbi Joel Schwab of Middletown's Temple Sinai noted, "You could see Satan working the crowd. In the old medieval passion plays, Jews were portrayed in a stereotypical, bloodthirsty way. People would watch the plays and then go beat up the Jews. I thank God every day, that in the past 50 years, Christians as a whole have gotten away from the old hatreds." *The Times Herald-Record, 2/26/04*

And then Father **Vincent McDonald**, O. Carm., of St. Albert's Priory in Middletown, who saw the movie independently, summed up his experience, "I was amazed to see the people's reactions when the movie ended, there was total silence. You could hear a pin drop as they exited the movie theatre."

Rev. Walter Albert Daly, O. Carm., 1910-2004

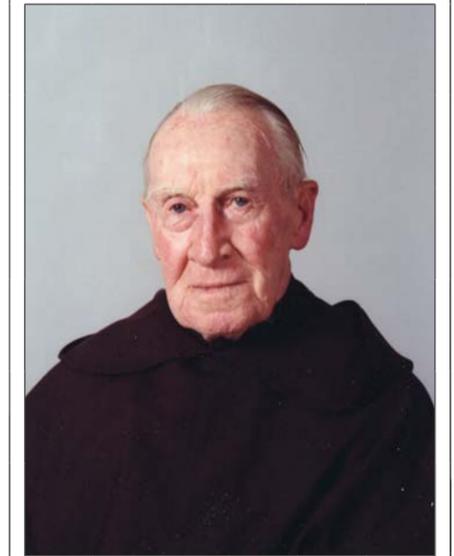


Fr. Albert Daly—1948

Reverend Walter Albert Daly, O. Carm., a member of the Order of Carmelites and of the North American Province of St. Elias, died unexpectedly at Saint Albert's Priory, Carmelite Drive, Middletown, New York on Wednesday, April 14, 2004. He was 93 years old. Father Albert was born in Stamford, Connecticut on October 12, 1910 to Peter J. and Mary A. Cadden Daly. One sister, Mrs. Loretta Garry of Stamford, Connecticut, survives him. His parents and brothers predeceased him: John Daly, Rev. William Mel Daly, O. Carm. and Peter Daly.

Father Albert entered St. Albert's Junior Seminary in Middletown, New York at the age of 13 in 1923. He received his habit in the Order of Carmelites, Commissariat of Saint Elias in October, 1925 when he entered the Carmelite Novitiate. At the conclusion of his Novitiate year he professed First Vows of Obedience, Poverty and Chastity on October 27, 1926. He professed his Solemn Vows on November 1, 1931, the same year that the Commissariat of Saint Elias became the Province of Saint Elias, and was then ordained to the priesthood on April 15, 1933 in Rome, Italy, as was the custom in those times. Graduating from Ardavon University in Dublin, Ireland, Father Albert earned his degree in Philosophy and English in 1929. He attended St. Albert's College in Rome, Italy from 1929-33 and

earned his Ph.D. in Thomistic Philosophy, Scripture and Theology. Returning to the United States he continued his education at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. earning a Masters Degree in History and Education in 1934. Father Albert's greatest love was teaching Carmelite students and that career spanned a 33-year period. Beginning as a History Teacher in Joliet, Illinois in 1934 where he taught for one year, he moved to Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School in Los Angeles, California in 1935 where he taught both English and Latin until 1940. Between 1940 and 1943 he taught English and Latin at Saint Albert's Junior Seminary in Middletown and then returned to Mt. Carmel High School in Los Angeles, California where he served as High School Principal and Teacher until 1949. Returning to San Alberto in Rome, Italy, he served as Master of Students from 1949 to 1956 and then came back to the United States to continue his teaching ministry at St. Albert's Junior Seminary in Middletown, New York until 1966. He also served as Chaplain at the New York State Training School in New Hampton, New York during this time. Moving to Mt. Carmel in Williamstown, Massachusetts for the years of 1966-68, Father Albert served the Carmelite community as Procurator and teacher of Liturgy. He transferred to Bedford, Massachusetts in 1968, to serve as Chaplain at the Veteran's Administration Hospital there for the next nine years. From 1976-77 he served as Chaplain at the V.A. Hospital in Miami, Florida before returning to St. Albert's in Middletown in 1977 where he served as the Chaplain at Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown, New York until 1979. Father Albert then moved to Our Lady of the Scapular Priory on 28th Street in New York City and worked as a V.A. Hospital Chaplain in New York City until 1981 and then the V.A. Hospital Chaplain in Montrose, NY until 1983. Father Albert served as Chaplain to the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm and residents at their Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, New York from 1983 to 1987. In 1987 he was transferred to St. Thomas Aquinas Church at 249 Ninth Street in Brooklyn, New York as a Parochial Vicar for one year and then to Our Lady of the Scapular-St. Stephen's on 29th Street in New York City as a Parochial Vicar until 1990. He then moved to St. Albert's Priory on Carmelite Drive in Middletown, New York where he resided and assisted with the ministry at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel during his retirement and



Fr. Albert Daly—2000

until his death. During the course of his Carmelite life, Father Albert was active in the life of the Province of Saint Elias, serving in many leadership positions including Prior and Procurator of many communities in which he lived and serving on many Provincial Commissions over the years. A much-loved Carmelite, Father Albert was a professed member of the Carmelite Order for 77 years and a priest for 71 years. Always gracious, always with a smile, Father Albert found the time to be present to the people of God in all that he did his whole life. He will be greatly missed.

A Wake and Evening Prayer was held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Carmelite Drive in Middletown, New York on Friday, April 16, 2004. The funeral Mass was also held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Saturday, April 17, 2004. Very Reverend Michael Kissane, O. Carm., Prior Provincial of the Carmelite Province of Saint Elias presided along with Father Francis Amodio, O. Carm., Prior of St. Albert's and Deacons, Rev. Mr. Thomas Connolly and Rev. Mr. Richard LaRossa. Burial took place in the Carmelite Cemetery on Carmelite Drive in Middletown, New York. In lieu of flowers, donations in Father Walter Albert Daly's memory may be made to the Carmelite Education Fund, and mailed to: P.O. Box 868, Carmelite Drive, Middletown, New York 10940.



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