



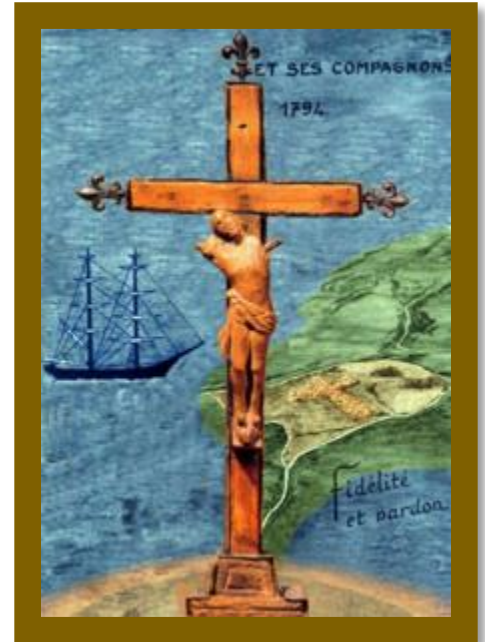
Saint Joseph Lay Carmelite Community #2514, Rochester Minnesota
Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary
August 2024

Dear Lay Carmelites,

Earlier this year we prayed with the Martyrs of Compiègne; this August let us meditate on the gift of the French Revolution martyrdom of Our Lady's Catholic priests---specifically a Carmelite priest: Bl. Jacques Retouret. He was born at Limoges in France on 15th September 1746 to a merchant family. He was a serious young man, a lover of books and greatly gifted. At fifteen years of age, he entered the Carmelite house in his native city. After ordination, his zeal and learning were widely admired, and large crowds of people were attracted by his way of preaching. Unfortunately, he was often unable to fulfil all his engagements, due to his persistent bad health which plagued him throughout his life.

The French Revolution did not spare him. Like most of his fellow clergy, Jacques refused to accept the civil law, unilaterally introduced by the state, which decreed, among other things, the election of bishops and parish priests by the people, only afterwards to be approved by the hierarchy and the pope. In addition to this refusal, Jacques was accused of siding with a group of political emigres who had invaded the country against the revolutionaries. He was arrested and condemned, together with many other priests and religious, and sentenced to exile in French Guinea in South America. Taken to Rochefort, he was held there in a prison ship. The British navy, at this time, was blockading the French coast and so preventing the departure of the prison ships. The conditions for the prisoners were beyond description: they were crowded together, hungry, plagued by sickness, and suffered from either the heat or the cold in overpowering smells, and persecuted by their jailers.

Jacques died at Madame Isle, some miles distant from Rochefort, on 26th August 1794 at the age of 48 years. He was beatified, together with 63 other priests and religious¹, as martyrs for the faith, on 1st October 1995 by Pope Saint John Paul II.²



Pray for Dave Reinschmidt installed as our Secretary/ Treasurer on Our Lady's Feast Day.

August Carmelite Saints and Blesseds:

7th --St. Albert of Trapani, Priest; 9th-- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr; 12th--Blessed Isidor Bakanja, Martyr; 17th--Blessed Angelus Augustine Mazzinghi, Priest; 25th--St. Mary of Jesus Crucified, Virgin; 26th--Blessed Jacques Retouret, Priest/Martyr.

August Birthdays remembered at Holy Mass at the Annunciation Hermitage:
Suzie Oliver (29th).

¹ [French Revolution \(05\) \(faithweb.com\)](http://faithweb.com)

² [Carmelites | Carmelitani | Carmelitas :: O.Carm :: Bl. Jacques Retouret, Priest and Martyr \(ocarm.org\)](http://O.Carm.org)



[Optional 8am Holy Mass at St Pius.]
 August 3rd Meeting
 Co-Cathedral of St John the Evangelist
 Gathering Space 9:15-12:15 pm.

Side 1: Terese; Side 2: Niniek

Christian Prayer:

Inv. 1383.
 Hymn #166. "Praise to Mary, Heaven's Gate".
 Psalms/Canticle: 770-773.
 Reading/Ben/Inter./Pr; 1373-1375.
Volume III:
 Inv. 1614.
 Hymn 1627.
 Psalms/Canticle: 811-814.
 Reading/Ben/Inter./Pr; 1629-31.

Consecration to BVM; *Salve Regina*; St Joseph Prayer.

Lectio Divina: St. [Jn 6:24-35](#) [Paula]

Carmel's Call: (new) pp. 71-74.

Announcements.

On-going Formation-St Elizabeth Vol. I: 'Greatness of Our Vocation', pp. 121-130.

Announcements:

- *****Service***:** August 6th Channel One: [Channel One – Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist \(sj.org\)](#) See Marie for help signing up.
 - *****Service***:** SJLCC Adorers Chapel of the Co-Cathedral. We lead EA every Friday of the month 4-5 pm.
 - *****Service***:** Watch and plan for next Visit Day with Hermits of St. Mary.
 - Open House/ Come and See discerning the call to Carmel begins August! Bring your interested friends and family.
 - Thank you all for signing up for Lectio Divina, Morning Prayer, Formation Teams and Treats!
- *Beautiful Evening Prayer, Holy Mass
 Brown Scapular Catechesis for Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16th---
 Thank you all!

We enrolled 12 New in the
 Confraternity of the Brown Scapular!



Formation Notes:

On-going Formation is *Works of St. Elizabeth*, Vol. 1; pp. 121-130. Underline/note parts that inspire you; prepare to share.

Phase I: Bill Groslie (on hold until October).

Phase II Year 1: Ruth: Ch. 7, 'The Rule of St. Albert', pp. 133-154, with Dave.

Phase II Year 2: Tia: Ch. 17, 'Carmel and the Kingdom', pp. 437-476, with Marilyn Baker.

Formation groups meet at St. James Coffee every 3rd Sunday, noon till 2 pm.

TABLE 1	TABLE 2	TABLE 3	TABLE 4
Suzie Oliver (Lead)	Dave Reinschmidt (Lead)	Terese Horlocker (Lead)	Marie Goihl (Lead)
Paula Plummer	Deacon Randy	Mary Hayek	Bob Robak
Marilyn Baker	Slava Dousa	Dorthy Loftus-Nall	Michael Kacir
Saundra Groslie	Sharon Stanton	Dianne Johnson	Paul Byron
Tia Meyer	Niniek Pranoto	Lise Paulik	Ruth Wentz
Laurie Archbold	Bill Groslie	Clark Amorillo	Deb McCauley

Our Carmelite Charism: Prayer, Community and Service

