

Saint Joseph Lay Carmelite Community #2415, Rochester, Minnesota

Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary

May 2023 Newsletter



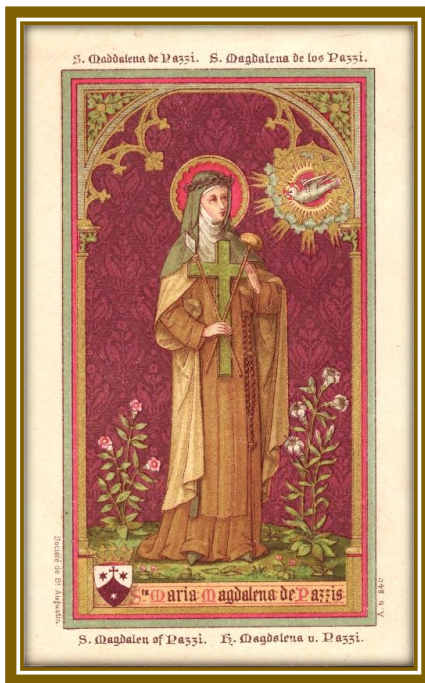
Dear Lay Carmelites,

As we prepare for the upcoming Eucharistic Congress June 10<sup>th</sup> in Mankato, Minnesota.<sup>1</sup> Let us meditate on the gift that is our Carmelite Sister, Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi. May 25<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, the 16th century Carmelite mystic from Italy.

Baptized Caterina, and affectionately known as "**The Passion Flower of the Eucharist**"<sup>2</sup> Saint

Mary Magdalene was taught mental prayer at the tender age of nine at the request of her mother. By age ten she received her First Holy Communion and began experiencing mystical ecstasies.

Saint Mary Magdalene's first ecstasy happened at the sight of a beautiful sunset. She was so struck by the beauty of God's creation that she trembled and became speechless.<sup>3</sup>



She eventually entered a Carmelite monastery. Her great love and devotion to the Eucharist is what led her to enter the Carmel of St. Mary's of the Angels, who had a special dispensation to daily receive Communion, which was almost unheard of at the time. In her first ecstatic experience after entering, her sisters found her weeping before a crucifix and crying out, "O Love, you are neither known nor loved." She experienced within her soul the pain that her Beloved Jesus experiences from the rejection of so many souls on the earth.

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We savour [sic] most fully when we receive the holy Sacrament of your Body and Blood, for there more than anywhere else this sweetness and grace are found hidden, when the Sacrament is really received with purity and honesty. Let whoever wishes to taste of your gentleness and sweetness approach this Blood and there he will find all rest and consolation. The soul will be washed with this Blood, cleansed in this Blood, nourished by this Blood" -*The Complete Works of St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi* vol 3

May Carmelite Saints and Blesseds: Saint Angelus, Priest and Martyr--5<sup>th</sup>; Blessed Aloysius Rabatà, Priest--8<sup>th</sup>; Saint George Preca, Priest--9<sup>th</sup>; Saint Simon Stock, Religious--16<sup>th</sup>; Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, Virgin--25<sup>th</sup>.

May Community Birthdays to be remembered at Holy Mass at the Annunciation Hermitage:

Dick Boyd (deceased)--11<sup>th</sup>; Niniek Pranoto--16<sup>th</sup>; Mary Lou Smith (inactive)--22<sup>nd</sup>; Bunnie Powers (deceased)--25<sup>th</sup>; Suzanne Norris --29<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> <https://eucharist.dowr.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ucatholic.com/blog/the-flower-of-the-five-wounds-how-jesuits-named-the-passionflower-after-christs-crucifixion/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/who-was-st-mary-magdalen-de-pazzi#:~:text=May%2025%20is%20the%20feast,the%20request%20of%20her%20mother.>



[Optional 8am Holy Mass at St Pius.]  
 May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Co-Cathedral of St John the  
 Evangelist- Gathering Space/Kitchen.  
 In-person/online. 9:15-12:15 pm.

Side 1: Michael; Side 2: Dave  
**Christian Prayer: Week IV**  
 Inv. 687.  
 Hymn #121 ('Alleluia, sing to Jesus!')  
 Psalms/Canticle 988.  
 Reading/Intercessions/Benedictus/Prayer 517.  
**Volume II: Week IV**  
 Inv. 1044.  
 Hymn 546.  
 Psalms/Canticle 1610.  
 Reading/Intercessions/Benedictus/Prayer 808.

Consecration to BVM; *Salve Regina*; St Joseph Prayer.  
 Lectio Divina: St. John 10: 27-30.

Carmel's Call: (new).  
 Announcements.  
 On-going Formation-*Praise of Glory* Ch. 4-5, pp 47-59.

**Announcements:**

- Reserve September 8<sup>th</sup> for Holy Mass with Professions at Co-Cathedral. 5:15 pm Evening Prayer before Holy Mass.
- We will have our regular First Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting.
- Dues are \$ **55 by May 1<sup>st</sup>** (not Phase I). Please send dues [note in memo line] and all donations: Annunciation Hermitage Masses (recent increase to 50\$/month); Hermits of St Mary and Annunciation Hermitage to Rob Robak: 4700 80<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Rochester, MN 55902.
- Dorothy Day House evening meal help in June on the 17<sup>th</sup> needed. To give food/funds or serve contact Michael.
- SJLCC Adorers in the Chapel of the Co-Cathedral. Come adore Friday 4-5pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7-8pm).
- Please sign up to bring treats once, and read Lectio Divina once this year.



**May Formation Notes**

On-going Formation is *The Praise of Glory*, pp. 47-59, Note parts that inspire you and be prepared to share your selected ones. Also learning the *Flor Carmeli* chant with Dave.

**Phase I: Ruth:** Ch. 4 'Part I: Living as a Carmelite: Personal Prayer Part II: Lectio Divina', with Bob Robak.

**Phase II Year 1: Tia:** Ch. 4 'Carmelite Spirituality and Charism' pp. 79-94 in Climbing the Mountain with Marie.

**Phase II Year 2: Suzie and Deacon Randy:** Ch. 18b 'Holy Men and Women of Carmel: Part 1.b. Early Saints' pp. 507-528 in Climbing the Mountain. Paula will be their Formator.

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

TABLE 1	TABLE 2	TABLE 3	TABLE 4	TABLE 5

