



THE MOTHER ANGELINE SOCIETY

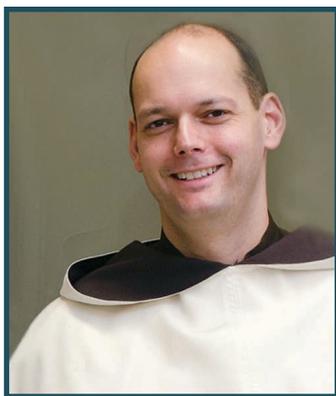
The Mother Angeline Society is dedicated to promoting the cause for beatification and canonization of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O. Carm, foundress of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm and advancing her charism in the church.



Rosary Rally 2017

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

*We were proud to sponsor a day of prayer to honor Our Lady in conjunction
with the Albany Division of Our Lady of Fatima's Blue Army*



From the Pen of Brother Robert Chiulli, O.Carm.

In a world that moves as quickly as ours does, it is comforting to know there will always be a certain stability to the Catholic Church. It is no great secret that the Catholic Church changes slowly, very slowly. She does so because she wants to be confident that, after much prayer and reflection, any developments will bring about a more authentic and Gospel oriented Church, and not one that is merely giving into contemporary ideas and values. The Church recognizes it has a great responsibility for the spiritual lives of its members and for their eternal destinies. Therefore any modifications in Church teaching, practice, or worship must be done carefully and judiciously. This, of course, frustrates those who think “Why can’t the Church get with the times and change their teaching on x, y, and z ?!” , but the Church has never felt the need to be “trendy”.

In recent times, at least from the perspective of the long history of the Church, one place that has experienced a great deal of change is religious life. For centuries, priests, nuns and brothers maintained a lifestyle that was fairly regimented and uniform. And while these consecrated men and women served the church and the world selflessly, Vatican II encouraged religious congregations to look back to the reason why their communities were founded in the first place, and recapture the initial enthusiasm and spirit their founders had. The world in which many religious congregations began was a much different one than of today. Some communities were founded with a very specific mission, e.g. to teach poor girls how to do domestic work, or to ransom Christians taken by non-Christians, or to minister to a particular immigrant group. When the need for

these apostolates disappeared, the congregations founded for these particular works were then left asking, “what is our role in the world to be ?” So, they examined the situation around them, discovered what the current needs are, and adapted their charism so that they would continue to live out their religious vocation in a modern context. This was not an easy process as it meant modifying traditions and customs that may have existed for centuries; it meant years of careful discernment and study, and it meant experiments that sometimes worked, and sometimes didn’t.

Always attentive to the Church’s directives, Mother Angeline embraced the Vatican Council’s call for revitalizing religious life. She sent Pope Paul VI’s Exhortation on the Renewal of Religious Life (1971) to all of her Sisters, and had the Sisters read and reflect on this important document. She believed wholeheartedly that religious life was not some static, never changing reality, but a way of living that is open to adaptation: “since we were established in 1929 we have not allowed ourselves to stand still”. And while Mother certainly believed the homes her community administered should be up to date with the latest advances in geriatric care, she told her Sisters, “we must never allow ourselves

to forget our original purpose, and our growth spiritually must never suffer as a result of professional training.”

Mother Angeline was not afraid of change. In fact, she was courageous enough to leave her former religious community when she discerned that the Holy Spirit was leading her in a different direction. But Mother, by temperament, was not in any way reckless or impulsive. When she did decide to leave her community, she only did so after a long period of prayer and in consultation with people whose judgement she could trust. In the same way with the new community she founded, she made sure that she and her Sisters understood what was being asked of them in terms of religious renewal. Any changes would have to be carefully studied; the consequences would have to be prayerfully considered. She wrote, “We have endeavored to keep our Congregation in step with the times, holding on, however, to the basic principles of religious life, and remaining faithful to Rome.”

Ultimately, Mother Angeline reminds us that, regardless of our state in life, our lives must be oriented towards the Divine. How we do this may change over the years, but the goal always remains the same: faithful service to God and to our brothers and sisters.



Above: Sr. Eileen and Sr. Julie visit with residents at The Villas at St. Therese

Greetings from Father Mario

Dear Members of the
Mother Angeline Society,

Greetings and peace to you as we draw close to the fall season. During the summer, all of you and all of your intentions were remembered in a Novena of Masses offered in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We remain grateful for your unflagging spiritual and financial support, and for helping us to make Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, O.Carm., better known and loved. She is a sure helper in many situations, and an inspiration for all those who know and venerate her.

August 15, 2017 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Introduction of the Diocesan Phase of the process for the beatification and canonization of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa. The promotion of the Cause began in 1989, five years after Mother Angeline's death, when the Holy See accepted the request of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm and the then bishop of Albany, the Most Reverend Howard J. Hubbard, to initiate the Cause. The first Promoter of the Cause was Father Eugene Robitaille, SS.CC. Upon his death, Father Jude Mead, C.P. became the first Postulator of the Cause and did so much of the preparatory work and research that made the Cause move forward. In Rome, Ireland, France and throughout the United States, materials were gathered and organized and with the help of many of the Carmelite Sisters, particularly Mother Mary Gabriel, all the plans for the opening of the Diocesan Investigation were made. Sadly, Father Jude was called to his eternal reward before the August 15th Ceremony, but since his death I have been privileged to assist in the Cause first as Diocesan Postulator and now as Vice Postulator.



*Very Reverend Mario Esposito,
O.Carm., Vice Postulator*

Mary Angeline Teresa fervently and often. Introduce her to others, sharing your newsletter and other literature. Enroll friends and family in the Society, and continue to help with this most worthy Cause.

Thank you for your support. Join the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm in this 25th year and every year, in saying "thank you" to the good Lord for the gift of Mother Angeline, and pray with us that the Cause may be "renewed" with a new spirit and ardor. God bless you and Mary keep you always.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Father Mario, O.Carm." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm.
Vice Postulator

The Resident's Corner *The Villas at St. Therese*

The Villas at St. Therese was established by the Catholic Diocese of Columbus to provide independent and assisted living housing for elderly residents of the Columbus area in 1998. United in service with their mission to the elderly, an agreement with the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm to provide management services began at that same time. The Independent Living side

provides 75 apartments with one or two bedrooms. The Assisted Living can accommodate 50 residents in studio apartments with kitchenettes.

In late 2015 the Carmelite Sisters took over Sponsorship of The Villas at St. Therese from the Diocese and because of its proximity to Mother Angeline McCrory Manor began to share and expand Mission services between



the facilities on one campus! As Mother Angeline herself reminds us "We must not go to heaven alone!"

The Carmelite Sisters Celebrate 50, 60 and 75 years of Religious Consecration to God



Top Photo: Front Row, L-R: (60 years) Sister M. Veronica Therese De Lourdes Charlton, O.Carm.; (50 years) Sister M. Timothy Anne Iovannone, O.Carm.; (50 years) Sister M. Joan Rita Anne Jennings, O.Carm. Back Row, L-R: (60 years) Sister M. Carmel Cecilia O'Connor, O.Carm.; (60 years) Sister Jean Ann Davis, O.Carm.; (60 years) Sister M. Brigid De Lourdes Riley, O.Carm.; (60 years) Sister M. Joseph Catherine De Lourdes Raymond, O.Carm.; (60 years) Sister M. Bernadette Therese De Lourdes Reilly, O.Carm.; (60 years) Sister M. Patrick Michael De Lourdes Kane, O.Carm.; (50 years) Mother M. Mark Louis Anne Randall, O.Carm.; (50 years) Sister Ann McCartney, O.Carm.; (50 years) Sister M. Joachim Anne Ferenchak, O.Carm.

Above: Unable to attend - (75 years) Sister M. Stephen Immaculate Sodl, O. Carm.

Middle Row Left: 50th Jubilarians

Middle Row Right: 60th Jubilarians

Bottom Row Left: Line dancing the Electric Slide — a media hit!

Bottom Row Right: Mother M. Mark Louis Anne Randall, O. Carm.

On June 3, 2017, thirteen Carmelite Sisters celebrated their 75th, 60th and 50th Religious Jubilees. The Mass, held in the Chapel at St. Teresa's Motherhouse, was a beautiful and joyous occasion. The principal celebrant was Father Myles Sheehan, S.J. Also present on the altar were Fr. Jack Welch, O.Carm., Fr. Joseph Finch, Fr. Christopher Iannizzotto, O.Carm., Fr. Jack Collins, C.S.P., Fr. John Davis, O.P., Very Rev. Michael Kissane, O.Carm. and Very Rev. Mario Esposito, O.Carm. The Carmelite pre-Novices provided assistance by serving at Mass. Family members, guests of the Jubilarians, and the Carmelite Sisters attended the event.

Father Sheehan gave an insightful homily on the blessings, challenges, and ebb and flow of religious life. The Carmelite Sisters Community Choir led by Mother Mark Louis Anne, O.Carm. (also celebrating her Golden Jubilee), provided the music for the liturgy. We offer our gratitude to all our Jubilarians who have given so many years and so much of themselves to the service of God, the Church and our Community. May God bless each of them abundantly, and may Our Lady of Mount Carmel enfold each in her mantle and draw them ever closer to her Son.

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The Pilgrim Statue at St. Teresa's Motherhouse

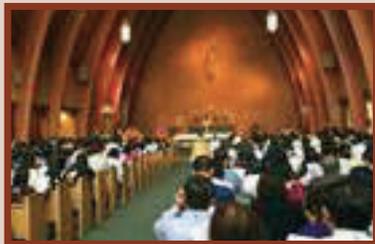
The Pilgrim Virgin Statue was originally given by the Bishop of Fatima to Monsignor Harold V. Colgan of New Jersey in 1947. Monsignor Colgan had dedicated his life to Our Lady of Fatima, working to found The Blue Army, the precursor to the Worldwide Apostolate of Fatima, USA. The statue was a gift in recognition of his work. The statue is carved from cedar, stands about four feet tall, and contains several fragments from the tree upon which our Lady stood during the apparitions in 1917.

After the death of Monsignor Colgan, the St. Joseph Marian Center was formed to represent the Albany Diocesan Division of the Blue Army, the worldwide apostolate of the faithful that

continues to spread the message of Fatima and to encourage prayer and veneration to Our Lady.

Since 1978, The Center has carried the pilgrim statue in processions, rosary rallies, and led devotions at area shrines in answer to Mary's call for prayer and conversion.

We were honored to make the Fatima Centennial tour, sponsored by the Albany Division of Our Lady's Blue Army, part of our Rosary Rally at St. Teresa's Motherhouse on August 13th. The day included a Fatima Video, Confessions, a Rosary Procession, Mass, and a presentation was given by The World Apostolate of Fatima International President Prof. Américo Pablo Lopez Ortiz.



Above Top: The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Chapel

Above Middle: Sister Barbara Maloy, O. Carm. with Sister Philomena Anne, O. Carm.

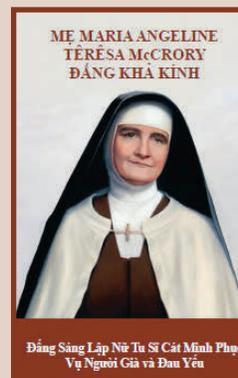
Above Bottom: Our Lady of LaVang Statue

Right: Our Vietnamese brochure

Promoting the Cause for Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O.Carm. — Our Lady of LaVang Pilgrimage

In July the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, NY hosted the annual Vietnamese Our Lady of LaVang Pilgrimage. Approximately 500 people were present to participate in the main event - the blessing of the future site of a Shrine to Our Lady of LaVang.

Our Lady of LaVang was a reported Marian apparition in 1798 in a Vietnamese jungle village of LaVang, at a time when Catholics were being persecuted and killed in Vietnam. It is said that Our Lady of LaVang told the people who fled into the jungle for safety that she was fully aware of their hardships. Her words to them: "From this day on, prayers said on this spot will be heard - and answered." In 1901, Our Lady of LaVang was proclaimed as the patron saint of Vietnamese Catholics.



In 1988, Pope John Paul II publicly recognized and stressed the importance of Our Lady of LaVang in the devotion of Vietnamese Catholics who suffered much from war and post-war persecution.

Sr. Philomena, Sr. Helena, and Sr. Barbara attended the pilgrimage in Middletown, and helped

make Mother Mary Angeline Teresa known to a wider audience by distributing pamphlets translated into Vietnamese. In a letter written in 1957 Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa wrote "Mary (the Blessed Mother) was the model of recollection and she inspired the boldest conquests: she was the humble handmaid of the Lord, yet all generations recognize her as their Queen and Mother."

Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa's Visit from Robert and Seline Johnston

Mother Angeline McCrory is my Grandmother Mary Margaret McCrory's first cousin. We grew up hearing the stories of this incredible lady, so I had always wanted to visit the Carmelite Sisters to learn more about her life and achievements that reflect so heavily through my family history.

On an American road trip in June, we realized how close our route would take us to the Carmelite Sisters in Germantown and were thrilled to be able to stop and visit. On our arrival we were welcomed by Sister Patricia Margaret Rawdon. It was a real pleasure, as she had known Mother Angeline personally so could tell us all about the real person; her sense of humor, as well as her being strong and courageous.

As we moved from room to room in the Motherhouse we started to build up a fantastic biography of Mother Angeline and her life story. Each part of the house was steeped in her history and values, and we were able to pause for a prayer in the chapel and visit the room in which she passed. A humbling moment for us both.

We were both moved and inspired by her life story, incorporating tragedy and



Left: Alexander (Robert's Father) in 1962; Right: Seline and Robert Johnston in June 2017

joy in equal measure and I was personally able to trace back my own family history through my Grandmother, Mary McCrory, and certainly pick out similar traits with my current family, which we had a good chuckle about. As such a strong woman in a male orientated world Mother Angeline's achievements were truly remarkable and with our immediate family being so female weighted, our mother, 4 aunts, 3 sisters, 8 nieces, it's been incredible to not only see such strength in my family but to also know where it came from.

After a moving visit to her grave, we then had the pleasure of wandering through the impressive Mother Angeline Heritage

Center. We were allowed access to a real treasure trove of artifacts, clippings and photos that reflected the hard work and passion Mother Angeline had for her life and work.

The building has been thoughtfully and beautifully collated with a stunning portrait of Mother Angeline at the entrance. We were thrilled and also moved to discover the definitive history of her life drawn out in beautifully rendered pictures and text providing the visitor with a visual and emotional account of the inspiring life of Mother Angeline.

After a quiet moment at Mother Angeline's final resting place, we said our goodbyes and thanks for what was a truly enlightening experience. We both felt completely inspired and moved by the whole visit but not least, that this is a part of my family history of which I am immensely proud. It was easy to see why Mother Angeline chose this special place. We really fell in love with upstate New York and in particular the Catskills and look forward to keeping up communications with all of the Sisters and their hard work.

A Dream Come True — Peggy Daly

My family has a great devotion to Mother Angeline and knowing she is related to us gives us a sense of ownership. My great uncle Mick McMahan is one of her nearest relatives on her mother's side of the family, the Taggarts, followed by my mother Peggy Daly and her family.

After the Carmelite Sisters visited Brocagh two years ago my mother Peggy had her heart set on visiting the convent and the grave of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa in the US. In May on a visit to Philadelphia for my niece's First Communion, we were surprised to learn that a trip to Germantown had been arranged!

My mother Peggy, Judy, Anthony, Margaret and myself set off early in the morning on the long journey by car to Germantown. The Sisters were awaiting our arrival and from the first moment we stepped into the

convent we were welcomed with open arms by all the Sisters. Honestly we felt like royals especially my mother who at age 74 years was like a teenager again. Lunch was already prepared and warmly received. We were shown the convent where Mother Angeline had lived and it was quite overwhelming and very special as the Sisters chatted openly and happily about Mother. Their devotion to her was so evident and heartfelt.

At the Mother Angeline Heritage Center we had the privilege of viewing the gallery of photographs about Mother Angeline's life as a child and her progression through life and death. Everything was meticulously displayed with reverence. Her



L to R: Judy Coyle, Gina Duggan, Peggy Daly, Anthony Daly and Margaret Corr

memorial garden has a life size statue of Mother Angeline honouring the Eucharist and is a fitting tribute to a lady who devoted her life to God and helping others. Her grave is near the Heritage Center — a special area where the sun shines brightly, the leaves rustle gently in the trees, the sound of the

birds singing and the Hudson River flowing by are so beautiful.

It was a very special visit for all of us and we will continue our devotion to Mother Angeline and hope through our prayers she will become Saint Angeline one day. It was a dream come true and a journey worth making. Our special thanks to all the Sisters of Mother Angeline's convent that made us feel so welcome.



Above: Some of the new items at The Mother Angeline Heritage Center

New Additions to The Mother Angeline Heritage Center

This spring the Mother Angeline Heritage Center was enhanced by the display of awards, international gifts, and artwork: (1) an Award given to the Carmelite Sisters at the 60th Anniversary Gala for St. Patrick's Manor and Marian Manor, November 14, 2012; (2) the Monsignor James J. Murray Memorial Award presented to the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm by Scott La Rue President and CEO of ArchCare, November 3, 2011; an Award from AAHA – American Association of Homes for the Aged – presented to Mother Angeline November 19, 1969 (not pictured); and the Alfred E Smith Memorial Foundation Award – presented to the Carmelite Sisters by John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York on September 4, 1997 (not pictured).

International Gifts include: (5) a Statue of Our Lady of Aparecida – given to the Carmelite Sisters by the Braga Family from Brazil after praying at Mother Angeline's grave for the healing of their daughter Pietra (6) a Silver St. Brigid's Cross-and Irish Tea Pot – presented to the Mother

Angeline Heritage Center by Very Reverend Benedict Fee and the people of Brocagh in Mother Angeline's native parish of Clonoe, Co Tyrone, Ireland and (7) a Wood Carved Statue of the Holy Family made from trees in Vietnam – given to our Sisters visiting Rome for the Jubilee of the Elderly during the Holy Year 2000, by Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen.

A handmade quilt (8) presented to Mother Mark by the members of Carmel Connection during their Reunion in 2016 is displayed over the gift shop case. A Photo of Mother Bernadette and President Lyndon Baines Johnson along with the original pen used by the President in signing H. B. 3708, authorizing the development of programs for the elderly and the Administration on Aging can be viewed (not pictured), as well as (10) a display depicting Mother's devotion to ordained priesthood and the 1978 Decree declaring Mother Superior General for life (not pictured). The east wall of the Reflection Room has been enhanced with beautiful graphics and quotes of Mother Angeline (12).

Carmelite Institute Symposium 2017

The Carmelite Institute of North America held this year's symposium at Loyola University in Chicago, IL on June 25-29, 2017. The theme chosen was "Pope Francis Points the Way to Carmel." The Holy Father's 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si'" was the major point of reference for many of the presentations. In "On Care for our Common Home" (Laudato Si') Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path.

Over 100 attendees of Friars, Nuns, Sisters and Lay Carmelites, as well as Carmelite Brothers and Sisters in initial formation were represented at the symposium. Sr. Helena and Sr. Philomena traveled to attend this wonderful Carmelite event and promoted The Mother Angeline Society. Sr. Anthony, Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Lois Ann and Sr. Raphael from Saint Patrick's Residence in Naperville, IL participated in the symposium.



Top: Sr. Philomena promoting the Cause; Bottom: Sr. Raphael, Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Anthony attending the Symposium

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liative care is not the same as hospice care or end-of-life care, which is reserved for those who are clearly dying.

The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm have offered palliative care since 1929, and they felt it was important to formalize the palliative care they have provided throughout the years to preserve the mission and philosophy of their Foundress, Venerable Mary Angeline McCrory. To do this, the Carmelite Sisters along with the Avila Institute of Gerontology began a pilot program with six of their homes where they serve, sponsor or co-sponsor. By working with these six homes and measuring their outcomes, a research-based program that seeks to ensure quality palliative care in long-term facilities was developed. The Avila Institute's new, extensive palliative care training program includes a complete approach to implementing a program, staff training, and a series of assessment tools. To learn more about this program visit the website: www.carmelitepalliative.org



Those who believe their prayers were answered through Mother Angeline Teresa's intercession are encouraged to contact the Carmelite Sisters, or you may write to:

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Rosary Rally Reminder

Please note: this year the traditional Rosary Rally held in October was incorporated as part of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima held on August 13th.