



CARMELITES OF MARY IMMACULATE

CMI PRIOR GENERAL'S HOUSE

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Festal Greetings and Prayer Request

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Dear Rev. Fathers and Brothers

Wish you the greetings and blessings of the Feast of our Mother of Mount Carmel. May CMI family experience the affectionate love and protection of our beloved mother on this feast day!

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19). Contemplation is the spiritual patrimony of the Carmelite family after the model of our beloved mother. Contemplation and action are complementary, not contradictory; but they are not substitutes. The founding fathers have bequeathed to us the noble tradition of carrying on the spiritual movement they started. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, they committed their life to intense prayer and deep recollection and the building up and renewal of the Church. (CMI Constitutions, No 1). The true integration of contemplation and action (Their fervent, recollected prayer life which activated their apostolate and the apostolate which enriched their prayer life) is the heritage of CMI family. With the prophetic spirit of Carmel, we must pursue a life of inner solitude and sacrifice, reaching out towards the mystical union with God so masterfully explained by great mystics like Saint Teresa and Saint John of the cross and at the same time combine it with the burning zeal of Elias for God's kingdom on earth (C.4). While we make the renewal of vows, let us be reminded of the commitment we have taken and the legacy we have inherited.

The General Council needs your special prayers now after the untimely and unexpected departure of Rev. Fr. George Thanchan CMI, our beloved General Councillor, to Heavenly Father. We submit to God's will and pray for the intervention of the Holy Spirit in our discernment. *The General Council and all the provincials assemble on 24th and 25th July 2016 in Chavara Hills to pray together and to discern God's will and to pray for and commemorate the life of Fr. George Thanchan CMI. On 25th July, 2016 General Council will elect the General Councillor for Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry in the place of Rev. Fr. George Thanchan (C. 198).*

I request all the members of the congregation for your fervent prayers to make the right discernment. *From the Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel on 16th July till 25th July, I request the community to offer a karosuzha prayer either during the holy Eucharist or divine office for this intention. Every CMI community shall conduct one hour adoration to the Eucharistic Lord to pray for the congregation on Sunday, 24th July, 2016 or any other day prior to that.*

May our beloved Mother be with us and let us make our Mother proud by being her true children treasuring and pondering the word of the Lord in our heart and life.

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