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Good News  
Mission Band  
Brethren

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Let me first give you a brief summary of news, and then a few words as to our development.

I consider this the most important news of late -- the granting by the Sacred Congregation of Religious on February 14th of the petition submitted by the Procurator General of the First Order of Carmelites in our behalf of the privilege of using the Breviary and Missal of the Discalced Carmelites -- First Order. This mark of esteem upon the part of the ancient Order of Carmel reflects, without doubt, the wishes of Our Lady, Queen of Carmel, and its granting by the Congregation of Religious on St Valentine's Day, I interpret as a Valentine from Our Blessed Mother and Queen.

We have ordered the special Breviaries and Missals requisite for the change over, as also the Ordos which, when available, will be in use in our own Monasteries and Houses. Guest priests will continue to say the Office according to the Ordo of their own Diocese or Community. The Masses will be of the First Order of Carmelite liturgy. Paracletes will follow the Carmelite Ordo as regards both Mass and Office, as regards Mass in our own Houses -- as regards Breviaries everywhere. I myself, being fortunate in securing an Ordo, and having a Carmelite Breviary, have begun already to use our new Office, which I am sure all of you will grow to love as you realize into what a rich galaxy of canonized Saints Our Lady has led us into in giving us our Carmelite affiliation. And for those who find all innovation difficult and distasteful, to them will come the special graces reserved to those who in the Spirit of Obedience bury their wills in the Great Embrace of their Holy Vows.

Here are other vital developments. Sparked by Bishop Schenk's personal initiative, inspiration and personal leadership, the Minnesota Paracletes have launched a drive looking to the expansion of their facilities for priest retreatants at Our Lady of the Snow, Nevis, Minnesota. Were His Excellency Bishop Schenk himself a Paraclete, he could not be more helpful or enthusiastic in our support.

The Paraclete Mission Band is activated. The honor of the first Mission goes to Father Joe Moylan, s.P., our assistant general, who opened a two week's Mission on March 10th at St Agnes' Parish, Mingo Junction, Ohio. This is only the prelude, as on March 23rd, Father Edwin Connolly, s.P., opens the first multiple priest mission at St Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Youngstown Ohio. Assisting him on this history-making Mission will be Father Ambrose Kavanagh s.P. and Father George Pausch s.P. - Ad Multos Annos !

Distinguished visitors of late included Archbishop Berry of Halifax, the Father General of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers and of the Camaldoulese Hermits.

By Easter our new carrillons of Flemish tone - the only ones in New Mexico - will be saluting the heavens and earth with glorious melody - amplifiers will be at 8000 feet elevation.

You know, of course, that Our lovely Novitiate Chapel is blessed and functioning - a Deo Gratias to Father Joe Kay under God and Our Lady.

May God bless you all and Pray our Material advances may be paced by spiritual growth - till Easter and

Always in Spiritu,

Father Gerald s.P.