



“I will never forget thy precepts,
for by them thou hast given me life.” Psalm 119.93



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Carmel,

Those of us who have dared to board an aircraft and fly, are accustomed with the word "Turbulence"; a word that reminds us that we are airborne. Wherever we encounter any turbulence, even a minute one, we are given the instructions to **“buckle up”**. We are told to prepare ourselves for what lies ahead of us which can cause some discomfort, to say the least. The pilot does not take these turbulences lightly. He knows that they can break the wings or cause damage to the plane and as such put in danger the life of those on board and also other people who might be hit with flying debris. If the pilot happens to be an experienced pilot, he is able to detect them from far and avoid these turbulences as much as possible.

As we journey through life, we too are bound to experience these turbulences which can cause us to awake from our sleep, and open our eyes, only to discover that we are surrounded by darkness, a darkness that contains hidden treasures.

In our Communities - whether the Friars, the Nuns, or the OCDS, not once or twice we encounter these turbulences, and we find ourselves facing darkness; and if we happen to be short of God's Word then we are bound to a disaster. This is way we, like the Psalmist, ought to remind ourselves of the necessity of keeping the PRECEPTS of the Lord in our hearts and minds, and manifest them through our actions. Many are those who are discouraged when facing turbulence in Communities, but as the Psalmist tells us: **“With Him on my side I can climb any wall”!!!**

Now that summer is at hand, the Board for the Centre, in collaboration with the Secretariat, are planning the informative talks sponsored by the Teresian Centre as we did last year. The dates are: 8th August; 12th September; 10th October; and 14th November. Please make it a point to advertise these talks as much as you can, and try to be present yourselves. Bring a couple of people with you. The Talks start at 6.00p.m.

Also, the OCDS Congress is approaching and a lot of work has been done by the Committee under the leadership of Deacon Brian. Very pleased with the organization and for sure they need our support. This time we are going to have with us our New Fr Provincial: Fr Manny Schembri,

and also His Excellency, The Archbishop of Toronto is honouring us with his presence. So make sure that you encourage others to attend. You will soon receive a package through your Presidents, and those who want more please contact Deacon Brian Mason, ocds.

God willing I will be going to Malta for the Chapter of Our Province on the 20th of June and be back on the 7th July. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. Under the leadership of Fr Manny, and with the zeal of all of us, we will be able to make a turn for the better.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Fr Victor, the Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, for his generosity in procuring the Hall so that we will continue with our Spirituality Talks and preparation for the Celebration of the 5th Centenary of the Birth of Our Mother St Teresa of Jesus.

May the good Lord reward all of you as you continue to live Our vocation with dedication and zeal, and may Mary Our Mother continue to teach us how to stand near the Cross and not to run away from it.

Courage, turbulences are a source of blessings, let us allow the Lord to show us the Riches in hidden in the Darkness. Keep focused on the CROSS !!!

*Fraternally in Carmel,
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