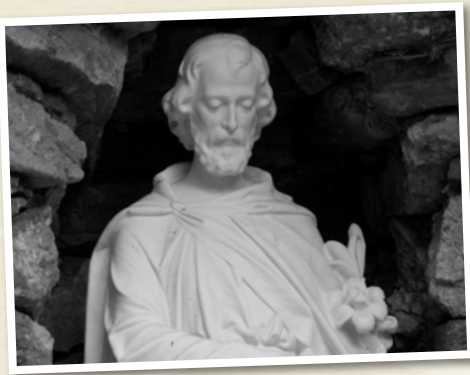


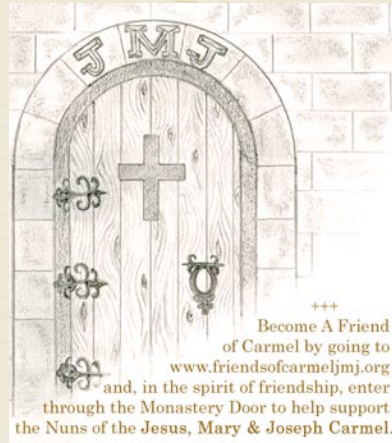
FRIEND OF CARMEL:

To register as a “**Friend of Carmel**” go to our website and look for the **Monastery Door** pictured directly to the right of this column. Enter the door and complete the registration. As a Friend you will be placed on our distribution list in order to receive the latest updates concerning the Monastery. You will also receive a free Brown Scapular, hand made by the Nuns, and a Friends of Carmel Holy Card. Plus, your donation will help us to help them keep their contemplative lives contemplative.



IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SISTER AND A NUN?

Simply stated, a Nun is a cloistered Sister. So not all Sisters are Nuns but all Nuns are Sisters. The Nuns of this Carmel are Papally Enclosed. Because of this enclosure and the rules under which they live, you will not see photographs of them in any publication produced by *Friends of Carmel JMJ*. ***You are most welcome, however, to visit the monastery and join in prayer as the Nuns praise God in chant during the Divine Office and High Masses.***



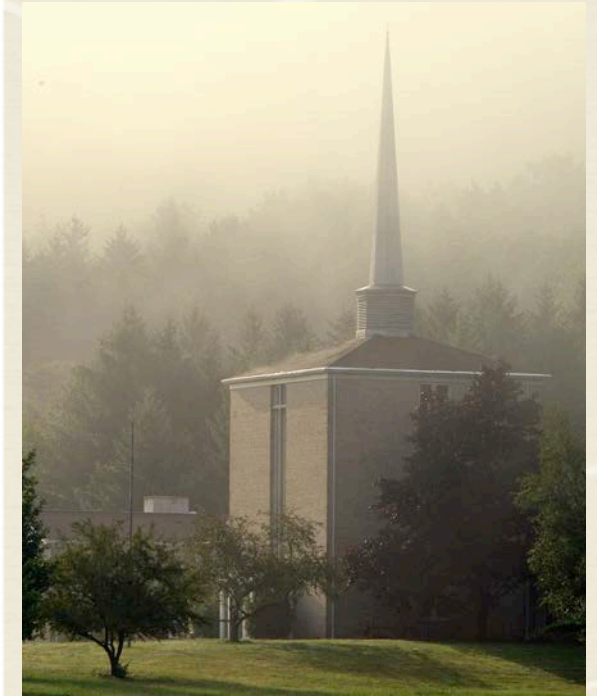
WHY SUPPORT A MONASTERY?

Do you have enough time during the day to pray for all of your loved ones, both living and deceased? Do others have enough time to pray and offer sacrifices for you when you are in need? Monks and Nuns in monasteries pray for our well being and offer up sacrifices to God on our behalf and on behalf of all priests and other religious. They also provide a model to lay people of how to live a life of prayer. By becoming a Friend, you will be able to pray along with the Sisters each day by reciting the Prayer to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel which is found on the back of the Holy Card you will receive.

DISCLAIMER:

Any activities, conduct, brochures, fundraising or web-site publishing carried on by the ***Friends of Carmel JMJ*** is done so apart from the **Carmel of Jesus Mary and Joseph**. Our sole purpose for existence is to support the nuns financially, actively and prayerfully.

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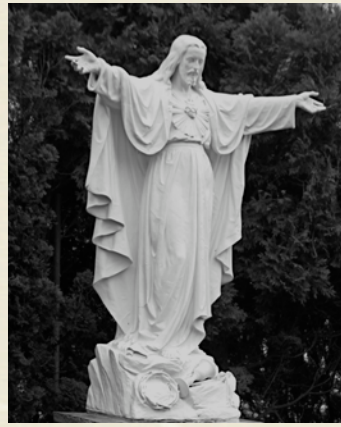
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A visiting religious Sister prays before the High Altar.



This statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus graces the main entrance to the Monastery.



A lovely statue of St. Therese of Lisieux greets visitors in the Chapel.

Friends of Carmel, JMJ

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WHO WE ARE:

Friends of Carmel JMJ is a group endeavoring to assist the Nuns of the ***Carmel of Jesus Mary and Joseph*** with fund-raising and other projects involving the successful financial operation of the Monastery buildings and grounds. By helping the Nuns financially, we hope to make it more possible for them to live their lives apart from the world, so as to pray for the Church and for all souls both on earth and in purgatory.

WHO WE ARE NOT:

It should be stressed that we are NOT the ***Carmel of Jesus Mary and Joseph***, and while our works support the Carmel, we are separate from them. It is not our place to speak for them, to “reveal” them to the world or to in any way breach the Papal Enclosure with which this group has been blessed. The Sisters do ask that you join them in their daily prayers for Pope Benedict XVI.

DONATIONS:

The ***Friends of Carmel JMJ*** is a Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation which is currently in the process of applying for IRS 501(c)(3) exemption. Any donations made to Friends of Carmel JMJ will be retroactively tax deductible upon the acceptance of our tax exempt status by the IRS. Since one of our goals is to relieve the Sisters of the crushing burden associated with fund raising, it would be preferred that you send your donation to them through the Friends organization. If you are concerned with the deductibility of your donation then you can make your donation directly to the Sisters non-profit corporation. Please contact us for more information or visit our website.

URGENT NEEDS:

The monastery building was originally constructed in 1959. The Diocese of Harrisburg has been very supportive in helping with the initial renovations, but there is still a great deal to do. The heating system and roof need to be replaced in the near future. Many rooms in the Monastery, including the Chapel and the Choir, require more work so that the Sisters may live out their enclosed life more adequately.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND US:

We will have a small presence at the Monastery, but that will consist of just a computer desk and some work space where volunteers can work sending out newsletters, information and solicitations. Our main presence will be the Friends website (see front panel) along with our email address and phone number which will be for leaving messages only. Please do not leave messages for Mother. Instead, she may be reached by writing her at the ***Carmel of Jesus Mary and Joseph*** at the address on the front panel.

HISTORY:

The seeds for the Friends of Carmel JMJ were originally planted in 2009 by then Father Waltersheid (now the Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh). He suggested to Mother Stella Marie of Jesus that such a group might be helpful to Mother in raising the large amounts of capital needed to operate and maintain the Monastery and to plan for future development.