

# Carmelite News

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## *In honor of the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila*

In 2015 we will be celebrating the 5th Centenary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila. She was not only one of the great mystics of the Church, but also a reformer of our Carmelite Order, bringing it back to its original roots and projecting a creative vision for the future.

St. Teresa's profound religious experience enabled her to advance on the way of her interior life of prayer. As a contemplative nun she wanted to ensure that this path would be open not only to religious but for all people, whether family members, nobles or business people.

What does this Saint and faithful reformer have to say to us in the 21st century? This is the question we would like to explore with you as we prepare for this special occasion.

We invite you to journey with us during the next two years as we discover our sister and friend on a deep, personal level through days of prayer, lectures and panel discussions.

The Overture to our celebration of St. Teresa's birth will be a lecture by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, on April 4th, 2014. The culmination will be a closing liturgy on Sunday, October 18, 2015.

## *A Year of Education and Inspiration 2014 Events*

**April 4 at 7 p.m.** Lecture by Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams  
104th Archbishop of Canterbury and Teresian Scholar

**October 11 at 7 p.m.** Concert with music written and performed  
by Kim & Reggie Harris

**October 12 at 9 a.m.** Opening Eucharist for St. Teresa  
with music by Kim & Reggie Harris  
Presider Joseph Chalmers, O.Carm.



**November 15 at 2 p.m.** Lecture by Brian McDermott, SJ *Teresa & Contemporary Christology*

**December 13 at 7 p.m.** Lessons & Carols with Seasonal Readings and Music

## *2015 Events*

**February 7 at 2 p.m.** Lecture by Barbara Mujica, author of *Teresa de Avila: Lettered Woman*, *Women Writers of Early Modern Spain*, and the novel, *Sister Teresa*

**March 14 at 2 p.m.** Lecture by Alison Weber, author of *Teresa of Avila and the Rhetoric of Femininity* and *Teaching Teresa of Avila and the Spanish Mystics*

**April 17 at 7 p.m.** Lecture by Daniel Chowning, OCD

**September 19** All-day Seminar by Constance FitzGerald, OCD and Brian McDermott, SJ

**October 17 at 2 p.m.** Lecture by Sandra Schneiders, IHM

**October 18 at 9 a.m.** Closing Eucharist



*Also, special events for young Adults, tours of the Baltimore Carmel Archives, and more*

## *Celebrating the 225th anniversary of the founding of the Carmelite Sisters of Baltimore*

Baltimore Carmel will celebrate its 225th anniversary of foundation in 2015 as the worldwide Carmelite Family celebrates the 500th anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila's birth.

The Baltimore Carmelites are the first community of religious women founded within the thirteen original States. Founded in 1790 at Port Tobacco in southern Maryland, the community was formed by women from some of the oldest Catholic families in colonial Maryland. These Sisters shared intimately in the life of the Church and committed themselves to prayer and contemplation here in the Baltimore archdiocese. Community life has continued unbroken from 1790 until the present as the sisters moved from Port Tobacco to Baltimore city and then to the Towson area.

The life and witness of Carmelite prayer, our deep community life and our connections with God's people, especially in the Eucharist, are the tradition that has lived through the centuries.

Our Carmelite Rule and our mission statement inspire us to create a sacred space which calls all people to prayer and communion with God. We want our community life, lived in love and mutuality, to witness hope and peace in a world that suffers from violence, war and struggle.

*Please continue to keep informed about our events by checking our website, following us on Facebook, or calling the Monastery.*

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### Liturgical Schedule 2013

- October 1**    **Feast of Therese of Lisieux**  
Eucharist at 7 p.m. Quinn Connors, O.Carm
- October 15**    **Solemnity of Teresa of Avila**  
Eucharist at 7 p.m.
- November 28**    **Thanksgiving Day**  
Eucharist at 9 a.m. Rev. Larry Johnson
- December**    **Sundays of Advent**  
Eucharist at 9 a.m.
- December 13**    **Candlelight Vigil for St. John of The Cross**  
Lessons & Carols at 7 p.m.
- December 14**    **St. John of The Cross**  
Please call for Eucharist time
- December 24**    **Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.**  
followed by Midnight Mass
- December 25**    **Christmas Day**  
Eucharist at 11 a.m.
- January 1**    **New Year's Day**  
Eucharist at 11 a.m.



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