

## INTERNATIONAL

**Thomas Zeitvogel, T. O.Carm.**, of Reno, Nevada, will be attending the Lay Carmelite Congress in Sassone, Italy May 1-5, 2001. He will be attending as the PCM/SEL representative on the International Commission for the Laity in Carmel and also as one of the keynote speakers. He will be speaking on "Challenges that Face The Carmelite Third Order as We Begin the New Millennium."

Our Province was well represented at the Carmelite Psychologists Symposium in Rome during the second half of February. Carmelites **Dominic Savino, Hank Ormond, and Quinn Conners** each produced a paper for delivery at the international symposium. These papers will be published at a later date.

The Prior General, **Joseph Chalmers, O. Carm.**, gave a talk entitled "The Priest: Man of Prayer, Called to Pray" on February 13 at the Diocese of Salford (England) Ongoing Formation for Priests.

The second Chapter of the **Philippine Provincial Commissariate** was held October 24-28, 2000 at the Titus Brandsma Center in Quezon City. **Antonio D. della Cruz, O. Carm.**, was elected Commissary Provincial. Members of his Council are **Christian Buenafe, Artemio Jusayan, and Anton Hoogland**. Extended Council members who were elected are Arnel Glodobe, and Mrs. Melvin Kleine Koerkamp.

A meeting of people from the various branches of the Carmelite Family met over the weekend of January 5-7, 2001 at Boars Hill in Oxfordshire. The gathering was sponsored by the **Priors Provincial of the O. Carm. and OCD Provinces of Ireland and Britain**. Its purpose was to "develop ways of making the rich resources of the Carmelite tradition more accessible to as many people as possible." Input



The skirl of the Pipes! In the colorful tradition of St. Paddy's day in the U.S., Fr. Kevin McBrien, O. Carm. will once again be leading his pipers as drum major around Los Angeles Irish festivities on and about March 17th. Although the band he leads is Scottish by inception, the skirl of the pipes is universally accepted by all Celts.

was given by Eugene McCaffrey, OCD, Teresa Clements of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, Mary of St. Philip, OCD, and **Christopher O'Donnell, O. Carm.**

The **French Delegation** is preparing to leave Bourges, but a community from the Polish Province will continue the Carmelite presence in the diocese that first welcomed us on our return to France. The French Delegation is studying various possibilities of starting a community in Angers. This town was the

site of the Carmelite monastery where Blessed John Soreth died and was buried. Angers is closer to Nante and is a university town.

The **O. Carm. and OCD Provincials of the Iberian Region** met on November 14, 2000, the feast of All Carmelite Saints. The meeting took place at the headquarters of CONFER, the General Assembly of Religious Superiors. Among the topics discussed were an Iberian Carmelite Directory and joint celebrations of the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scapular.

The relics of **St. Thérèse of Liseux** will be in Ireland, beginning on Easter Sunday, April 15, 2001. The visit is scheduled to last 75 days. The relics will visit, among other locations, the cathedrals of each of Ireland's 26 dioceses, all Carmelite churches and oratories. The itinerary can be found on the internet at [www.sttherese.com](http://www.sttherese.com).

## EASTERN COMMISSARIATE

The November-December 2000 number of the Montfort Magazine *Queen* has an article by **Eamon R. Carroll, O. Carm.**, entitled "The December Month of Mary-Advent Reflections."

The Carmelite Studies vol VIII entitled "Carmel and Contemplation: Transforming Human Consciousness" has contributions from **Carmelites Ernest Larkin, Donald Buggert, John Welch, and Keith Egan**.

The **Hermits of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** in Chester, NJ celebrated their incorporation into the Order on Saturday, March 10. **Joseph Chalmers, O. Carm.**, Prior General, was the president.

At the 52<sup>nd</sup> convention of the Mariological Society of America on May 30-June 2, **Eamon R. Carroll, O. Carm.**, will be giving a lecture on Carmelite Marian devotion. The overall theme of the convention is "Marian Spirituality: Early and Medieval Periods." Eamon's talk will be published in

the annual Marian Studies.

On December 13, 2000, the day the Vice President Gore conceded the presidential election and George W. Bush was named president-elect, **Emmett Gavin, O. Carm.**, Prior of Whitefriars Hall in Washington, DC, delivered the prayer to open the United States House of Representatives.

At the Mariological Seminar, sponsored by the **O. Carm. and OCD General Curias** to commemorate the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the scapular, **Eamon R. Carroll, O. Carm.**, will be speaking on "Recent Biblical Approaches to Mariology." The meeting will be held June 14-21 and Eamon's talk will take place on June 14.

The latest recommendations from the National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy for convocation and workshop presenters recommends two Carmelites. **Quinn Conners, O. Carm.**, is recommended for "Borders, Relationships/Sexual Harassment." **Don Buggert, O. Carm.**, is recommended for "The Theology of Hope."

**Eamon R. Carroll, O. Carm.**, will be a resource person at the Marian Library on the campus of the University of Dayton all of July 2001.

**Carmel Retreat** (Mahwah, NJ) hosted the "Taste of Carmel: The Fourth Helping" weekend retreat, January 26-28, 2001, was well received with good attendance. The team focused on the Marian year with emphasis on the 750th Anniversary of the Scapular Vision. In addition, 24 couples joined us for a "Valentine's Evening" on Sunday, February 11th. The evening began with Eucharist and culminated in a "Surf and Turf" candle-lit meal served by the team! The "Voices of Carmel II: Echoes of Treasure" Day of Renewal was held on March 10th. The focus was on the poetry and art of some of the less known Carmelite Greats.