

*Our Lady of Confidence*  
CARMELITE MONASTERY



THE MORE OUR LIFE OF  
SILENCE AND SOLITUDE IS SAFEGUARDED,  
THE MORE WE ARE IN SOLIDARITY  
WITH ALL OF HUMANITY.

MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED  

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A HOUSE OF PRAYER  

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In 1958, Bishop Thomas McDonough invited Nuns from the Carmel of Philadelphia to come to Savannah for the explicit purpose of praying for "priests and in particular for a deepening of faith in the few and scattered faithful," expressing his firm belief and concern that efforts to evangelize the Diocese of Savannah would bear fruit only if supported by PRAYER.

As Discalced Carmelite Nuns, we pray especially for priests and for all the needs of the church: for the poor and unemployed, the sick and suffering, the missions, and for all those who call or write us with their special needs and intentions.

In the midst of our troubled world, we are a presence of unceasing prayer – striving to be ever more united with Christ Jesus who "went apart to pray" and often "spent the night in prayer." We are truly and deeply committed "day and night" to a constant and earnest life of prayer which is the very heart of our Carmelite Rule and the essence of our monastic life.

Since our arrival in Savannah 55 years ago, we have been living in a make-shift situation: in an inadequate, uninsulated cinder-block dormitory which is very limited in space, poorly constructed, and costly to maintain. We also lack an appropriate Entrance – our area where we receive visitors was formerly a two-car garage and has no private rooms to meet with those who come and wish to speak of private matters.

Our need is a simple but strong monastic building – a structure that will endure and provide security; together with needed space for work areas and sufficient rooms for the candidates who are waiting to join us! To accomplish this, we have begun a campaign to raise the funds necessary to make our concept a reality, to the praise and honor of Almighty God. The project estimate is \$3 million.

We humbly place our vital need before each of you and ask for your financial assistance in providing for the ongoing life and mission entrusted to our Carmel.

With our grateful love and prayer,  
Sister Mary Elizabeth, OCD, Prioress  
and your devoted Carmelite Nuns †



ARCHITECT'S RENDERING OF THE PROPOSED MONASTERY, VIEW FROM T



ABOVE: VIEW OF OUR CURRENT DORMITORY.  
BELOW: SR. CARMELA AND SR MARY ELIZABETH REVIEW  
PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED MONASTERY.







THE FOREST RIVER

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# Spirit of Carmel

*Discalced Carmelite Nuns live their contemplative life in an atmosphere that integrates solitude and silence with a sisterly communion of life.*



The vocation of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns is a gift of the Spirit. Through it, they are called to a hidden union with God in friendship with Christ, in familiarity with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in an existence in which prayer and immolation blend into a great love for the Church.

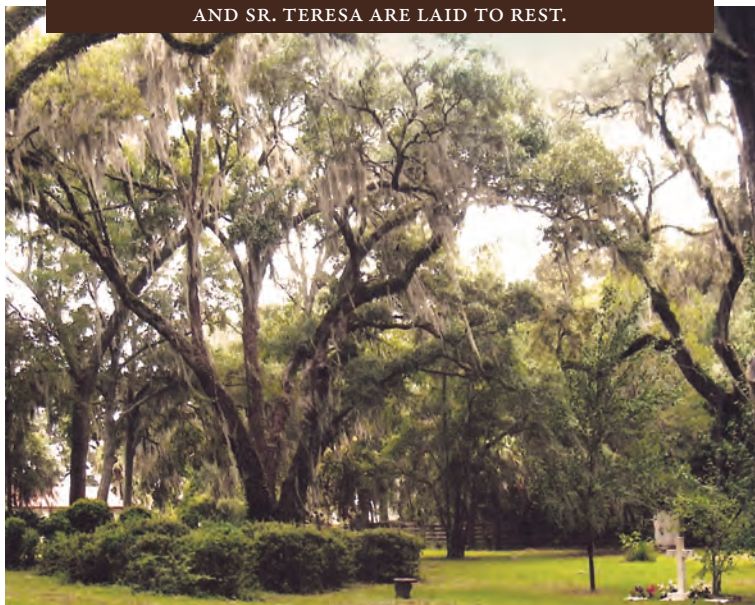
The very nature of the charism demands that the prayer of a Discalced Carmelite Nun and the consecration of all her energies be directed toward the benefit of all of humanity.

*~ taken from the Constitutions of the Discalced Nuns of the Order of our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel*



ABOVE: NUNS AT PRAYER.

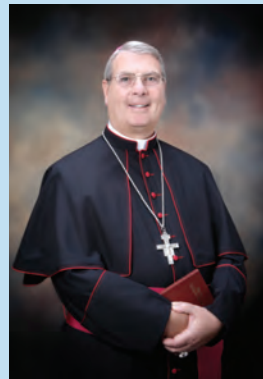
BELOW: OUR CEMETERY WHERE SR. MAGDALEN, SR. ANGELA AND SR. TERESA ARE LAID TO REST.



The Lord God lives,  
in whose presence  
I stand...

A REQUEST FROM

## Bishop Hartmayer



These consecrated women are beginning a capital campaign to raise the funds necessary for them to have an adequate and secure monastery in which to live. I ask each member of the diocese to prayerfully consider making a contribution or a multi-year pledge to make the construction of the new monastery a reality.

Would you please help these dear Nuns and those who will come in the future with an appropriate monastery in which to live and pray? A sacrificial gift will make this possible. Thank you for your consideration. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.  
Bishop of Savannah

*To read Bishop Hartmayer's letter in its entirety, please go to <http://carmelofsavannah.org/campaign>*

Dear Sisters,

Please remember me and the following intentions during your life of prayer.

Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Intention(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, please send your brochure and more information about your monastery to:

Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contribute**

*We invite you to share in the joy of providing a much-needed House of Prayer where all people will be remembered in the prayers of the Carmelite Nuns of Savannah.*

BY CREDIT CARD

We are able to accept credit card contributions through PayPal.

Please visit our Web site at <http://carmelofsavannah.org/campaign> to donate or transfer money directly via PayPal.com using [mekangaine@yahoo.com](mailto:mekangaine@yahoo.com)



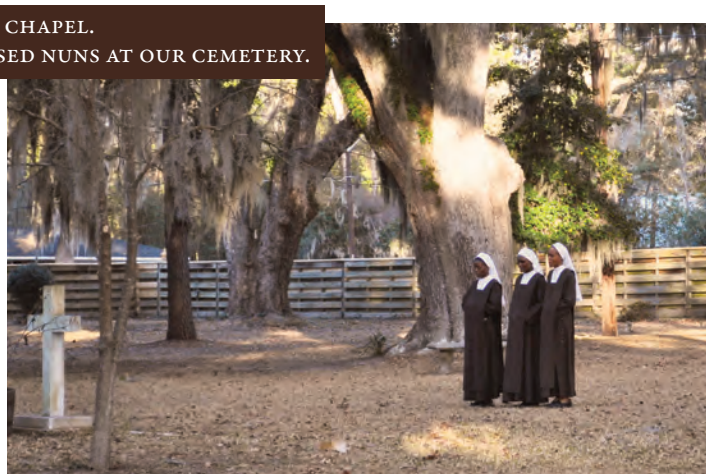
We hope to begin the construction of this much-needed monastery in 2015, and so honor the 500th anniversary of the birth of our Holy Mother, St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila), who brought the Discalced Carmelite Order to life. Your tax-deductible gift to our Building Fund will help make this possible. The project estimate is \$3 million.

\$25,000     \$15,000     \$10,000     \$5,000     \$1,000     \$500     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge to donate:

*monthly:*     \$200     \$100     \$50     \$20     \$10     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*or annually:*     \$2,400     \$1,200     \$600     \$240     \$120     \$ \_\_\_\_\_



LEFT: OUR CHAPEL.  
RIGHT: THREE YOUNG PROFESSED NUNS AT OUR CEMETERY.

*~ it is our policy never to sell or give away donor addresses or any other information ~*



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