

# INTO THE LAND OF CARMEL

## A Retreat/Seminar in the Carmelite Tradition

### July 12 - July 17, 2026



### **Carmelite Spiritual Center**

8419 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-4597 • 630-969-4141

The Carmelite tradition began with a small group of Christians coming together in a valley on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land in the late 12th century. Life in the valley included an atmosphere of silence and solitude. These hermits gathered for daily Eucharist and weekly dialogue. Their fundamental activity was a contemplative attending to God's loving presence and hospitality to other pilgrims.

Eventually the Church invited the Carmelites to share our spirituality in ministry. We became Contemplatives in Action. This retreat/seminar will reflect our faith life and ministry lived for 800+ years, in allegiance to Christ, seeking light amid darkness within and around us. We follow the Universal Christ being revealed in our future, as he empowers us to reveal God's Kingdom. Since Fr. Jack Welch, O.Carm. and Keith Egan T.O.Carm were both reclaimed by God last year, we want to continue this powerful Into the Land of Carmel program which both Jack and Keith were so instrumental in creating. I had the privilege of working closely with Fr. Jack for several years. We often reflected on the evaluations about where to go in the future. In recent years we talked about getting back to the basics of Carmelite Spirituality, which may have been covered in previous years and often presumed.

We have some regular speakers back. A few are unable to participate this year but want to be involved in the future. A few new presenters will educate and inspire us. So with the help of our Carmelite Rule and the saints of Carmel as our guides, we will explore the origins of Carmel, our living tradition, our role in the Church and Society and the experience of mysticism and contemplative prayer.

Your very presence as Carmelites from various ways of life gathering and sharing our lives and hopes, makes Christ present and help us deepen and awaken to the Divine Intimacy and empowers us into the future with grace, presence and transformation. Carmel is inspired to teach the Church to pray and help us all create God's kingdom here on earth because of the Presence. We hope Jesus calls you here to bring the Land of Carmel alive.

*Fr. Bob Colaresi, O. Carm.*



### **This Year's Speakers**

**Bob Colaresi, O.Carm.**

**Quinn Connors, O.Carm.**

**Leopold Glueckert, O.Carm.**

**Kelley Henderson, T.O.Carm.**

**Mother Madonna of the Assumption, O.Carm.**

**Michael Joyce, O.Carm.**

**Michael Mulhall, O.Carm.**

**Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.**

**Sr. Veronica of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, O.Carm.**

## Sunday, July 12

5:00 pm

Eucharist for travelers

6:00 pm

Dinner

7:30 pm

Welcoming Back to Basics

Presenter: Bob Colaresi, O.Carm.

## Daily Schedule

### Monday, July 13

through

### Thursday, July 16

8:00 am

Morning Prayer

8:30 am

Breakfast

9:30 or 10:00 am

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11:30 am

Eucharist

12:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Quiet time to  
enjoy the campus,  
shrine, museum,

& gift shop

4:00 pm

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5:30 pm

Evening prayer

6:00 pm

Dinner

7:30 pm

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## Friday, July 17

8:00 am

Morning prayer

8:30 am

Breakfast

10:00 am

Seven Mansions

Presenter: Tracy O'Sullivan, O. Carm.

11:30 am

Eucharist

Liturgy at the CSC

12:30 pm

Lunch & Departure

## RETREAT CONFERENCES

### Monday, July 13

Brother Lawrence and his  
"Methodless Method"

Presenter: Leopold Glueckert, O.Carm.

10:00 am

Silence: Carmel's Gift

Presenter: Michael Joyce, O.Carm.

4:00 pm

Theresa of Avila,  
the Reform of Carmel  
Video

7:30 pm

### Tuesday, July 14

Knowing Yourself

Presenter: Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.

9:30 am

Trinitarian Mysticism in Carmel

Presenters: Mother Madonna of the  
Assumption, O.Carm and Sr. Veronica of  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary, O.Carm.

4:00 pm

Albert's Great Command

Presenter: Michael Mulhall, O.Carm.

7:30 pm

### Wednesday, July 15

Go Back! Traveling the  
Desert Road toward Purpose

Presenter: Kelley Henderson, T.O.Carm.

10:00 am

First Carmelite Friars in the USA

Presenter: Leopold Glueckert, O.Carm.

4:00 pm

Open Evening

Private Time, Discussions, Group Meetings

7:30 pm

### Thursday, July 16

Patterns of Prayer: Heart to  
Heart with Mary, Our Sister

Presenters: Mother Madonna of the  
Assumption, O.Carm and Sr. Veronica of  
the Immaculate Heart of Mary, O.Carm.

9:15 am

Procession of OLMC

In the Meditation Garden

10:15 am

Pope Leo XIV and Dilexi-Te on Human  
Development: A Love for the Poor

Presenter: Quinn Connors, O.Carm.

4:00 pm

Healing Service in the Chapel

7:30 pm



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## RESERVATION INFORMATION

\$475 for double occupancy

Includes  
Meals & Tuition

\$625 for single occupancy

Includes  
Meals & Tuition

## COMMUTERS

\$375 for the week

Includes  
Meals & Tuition

## REGISTER ONLINE

<https://tinyurl.com/landofcarmel>

REGISTRATION

DEADLINE

JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026



# RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

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## Please Check One

*Due to high demand we encourage participants to choose double occupancy if possible.*

**Program w/Double Occupancy Room & Meals - \$475**

Roommate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program w/Single Occupancy Room & Meals - \$625**

**Commuter Rate - Program w/Meals - \$375**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Carmelite Spiritual Center to charge \$ _____		to my		_____ Visa	_____ Mastercard	<input type="checkbox"/> AMEX	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name on card: _____	Account #: _____	_____							
Expiration date: _____	CVV #: _____	_____							
Please sign here: _____		_____							

or

I have enclosed check in the amount of \$ _____
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## Please Check All That Apply

**Special Meal Requirements** - *kitchen will contact you prior to event.*

**Accessibility Requirements** - *front desk will contact you prior to event.*

**Return Registration Form & Payment To**  
**CARMELITE SPIRITUAL CENTER | 8419 BAILEY ROAD | DARIEN, IL 60561**  
**Registration Deadline is July 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

