

# Is God Calling You To Carmel?



- Wanting to Deepen Your Prayer Life?
- Feeling Drawn to Carmelite Saints and Spirituality?
- Interested in being part of a Community of Catholics Seeking God's Will in Their Lives?
- Looking for a Vocation Grounded in Personal and Liturgical Prayer?

The Lay Carmelite is called to the Family of Carmel to be deeply involved in the mission of the Church and to contribute to the sanctification of the secular world.

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## *Servants of Mary and Joseph* *Community of* ***Lay Carmelites***



***Our Lady***

***Of***

***Mount Carmel***

## History and Elijah



*"With Zeal I am Zealous for The Lord God of Hosts"*  
Prophet Elijah

The Carmelite Order takes its name from Mount Carmel in the Holy Land and traces its origins back to the ancient hermits living on that mountain. Lay Carmelites follow the Rule of Saint Albert of Jerusalem. The charism of the Order takes its inspiration from the figures of Our Lady and the Prophet Elijah.

In the midst of their normal family lives, in the work place, in their social commitments and relationships with other people, Lay Carmelite men and women seek out the hidden image of God. According to the tradition of Carmel, they will especially cultivate prayer in all its forms.

## Prayer



Lay Carmelite Third Order members participate in the daily celebration of the Eucharist when possible. They meditate daily with reflection on the Scriptures, pray the Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Evening Prayers, read spiritual works, and attend annual retreats and days of recollection.

## Silence and Intimacy



Lay Carmelites wear the Brown Scapular as a sign of their dedication to Mary and Jesus. They seek silence and strive to grow in intimacy with God and live in His presence.

## Community



Being a Lay Carmelite is not just a devotion added to life; it is a way of life, a vocation. A Lay Carmelite lives the Carmelite Order's charism of prayer, community, and service to others. Seeking God's will in ordinary life they are rooted in love of those with whom they live and work, in the recognition of God's presence in all circumstances, and in solidarity with God's people.

## Formation

There is a three phase process of study and formation leading to Final Promises for life. The average length of formation is six years. A candidate must be a Catholic fully participating in the sacramental life of the Church and at least 18 years of age when seeking entry to the formation program.