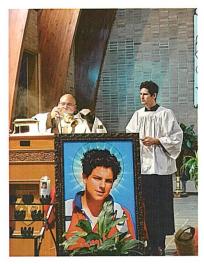
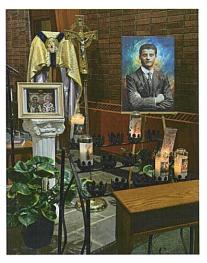
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# Celebrating a Mass at the Shrine dedicated to the new millennial Saints









Owing to the death of Pope Francis in April, the canonization of Carlo Acutis was re-scheduled until September. However, the April Youth and Teenage Mass that was intended to celebrate the millenial Saint went on as planed, but in- stead as a Mass of thanks for the life of Bl. Acutis.

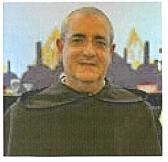
Fr. Justin Maria Cinnante, O. Carm., who celebrated the April Mass, was back at the Shrine on September 16 th this time to celebrate the canonization of both St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Known for his ability to reach the congregation when he preaches, Fr. Justin captivated the large crowd of people who attended the Mass for the new saints.

At a time in the world when young people are starving for spiritual nourishment, the National Shrine believes that the life of the two young men who dedicated their lives to God will have a powerful impact on teens and young adults around the world.

Vince Begley, the Carmelite archivist at the Shrine, teaches young adults at Marist University. He witnesses first-hand the plight of young people living in a world torn by anger and hatred.

"In such a divided world," he said, "young adults need to believe that kindness and peace can prevail. The super heroes that dominate the silver screen, need to be replaced with flesh and blood heroes like saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati."



## **New Carmelite Prior General Elected in Indonesia**

Br. Robert Chiuli, O. Carm. and Fr. Mario Esposito, O. Carm., were among the Carmelites from every province at the Order's General Chapter meeting held in Indonesia in September. Desiderio García Martínez, O.Carm., a member of the Spanish Carmelite Province of Arago, Castellae et Valentiae, was elected as the new Prior General of the Carmelite Order. He studied philosophy, theology, specialising in Biblical theology and Hebrew philology. He has held many important responsibilities within the Order.

The National Shrine extends our prayers and good wishes to Fr. Martinez.





## A look back at Sept.

- 1- Fr. Francis Amodio's Carmelite Spirituality talk. 2-Carol Bezak, Shrine Administrator and president of NASPA (The National Association of Shrine and Pilgrimage Apostolate) attended the Association's Convention.
- 3 & 4 -Shrine trip to the Cloisters & the shrine of Mother Cabrini
- 5 -Shrine's Fall journey to Toronto
- 6-9 Joyous Mass to celebrate the 49th anniverary of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.















## CARMELITE SAINTS AND BLESSEDS FOR OCTOBER



#### St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face (1873-1897) Virgin and Doctor - Feast Day - Oct. 1st

Also known as St. Therese of Lisieux, The Little Flower. St. Therese of Lisieux was born January 2nd 1873 as Thérèse Martin in Normandy, France. She entered the Carmel of Lisieux at the age of fifteen. At that time the notion that God's anger on account of sin must be appeased by voluntary self-offering was prevalent in the Church. Instead within nine years Thérèse achieved holiness through her grasp of the central Gospel truth of God's merciful saving love for everyone without exception. Her teaching has rescued convicted criminals, alcoholics and other addicts from despair as well as pointing out the simple way of trust to countless Christians. She is the patron saint of missionaries and in 1997 was declared a Doctor of the Church

You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them. - St.Therese



#### St. Teresa of Jesus (St. Teresa of Avila) (1515-1582) - Virgin and Doctor - October 15th

Also known as St. Teresa of Avila. Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada was born in Avila, Spain, March 28th 1515 and entered the Carmel of the Incarnation there in 1536. She lived there for about 20 years until she felt that God was asking something more of her. After many tribulations and heart-searching Teresa, left the Incarnation on August 24th 1562 to found St. Joseph's, a new monastery in which she planned and hoped that the original Rule of Carmel would be kept faithfully. Over a period of twenty years she founded 15 more houses for the nuns and, in association with St John of the Cross, at least two for the friars.

She died on October 4th 1582. When the bells of Avila tolled for her the local citizens said: "The Saint has gone to heaven."

## Bl. Mother Maria Teresa of St. Joseph - October 30th

Mother Maria Teresa of St. Joseph. Anna Maria Tauscher, as she was known, was born on June 19, 1855, in Sandow, Germany, and grew up in a deeply religious family. Her father, a Lutheran pastor, disowned her when she converted to the Catholic faith. Through meditating upon the Sacred Heart of Jesus, was born in her to love the Sacred Heart with her whole being. She desired to place her life in the service of God. Reading the life of St. Teresa of Avila, Anna Maria found a spirituality that corresponded to her own heart. To spend her life in union with God, living for Him alone and offering all for the glory of the Divine Heart and the salvation of souls was her ardent desire.

#### MASSES

Monday-Friday: 11:30 am Saturday & Sunday: 12 Noon

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 10:45 - 11:45 am

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION** 

Every Friday: 9:30 - 11:20 am

SHRINE HOURS: Tues-Fri: 7 am to 4 pm

Sat: 10 am to 4 pm Sun: 10 am to 3 pm

GIFT STORE: Tues -Sat 10 am to 4 pm

Sun: 10 am to 3 pm

Please note: The 11:30 Monday Mass will be celebrated, but the Shrine will be closed after Mass.

#### **OCTOBER SHRINE EVENTS**

Oct. 1, Wed., Feast of St. Therese of the Child of Jesus: 10 am - Morning Prayer: Mass @ 11:30 am. Evening Prayer, 6 pm, Mass @ 7 pm. Oct. 3, Friday - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi @ 5 pm in the Carmelite Cloister. Special blessing of the animals following Mass.

Oct. 4, Sat., Spanish Mass, 6:30 pm.

Oct. 7, Tues., Series on prayer with Sr. Peggy Murphy, OP, 10:15 am in the Edith Stein Conference Room. (World Rosary Day)

Oct. 11, Sat., Carmelite Spiritual Series: 10:15 am. "Our Lady of the Place," presented by Fr. Gregg Durham, O. Carm. in the Edith Stein Conf. Room Italian Mass, 4:30 pm.

Oct. 17, Fri., Pumpkin Carving - 5:30 - 7:30 om (\$35 PP)

#### **Coming in November**

Flea Market in Pilgrim Hall: Fri., Nov. 14th - 10 am to 4 pm and Sat., Nov. 15th - 10 am to 4 pm - Sun., Nov. 16th - 10 am to 3 pm

