

# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS THIRD ORDER CARMELITE COMMUNITY BANGOR, MAINE

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## GROWTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

In the fall of 2017, the members of our Lay Carmelite community celebrated the Reception of Phase I formation candidates; the Temporary Profession of members completing Phase II formation; and the Final Profession of members who had completed Phase III formation in the Lay Carmelite Order. At this time, we have 15 members in our community.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION

During our May meeting, we devoted ourselves to celebrating the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Each member shared the knowledge of the visitation of Our Lady and how it has touched their lives. After a May crowning of the Blessed Mother, we prayed the Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows of Kibeho. As Third Order Carmelites, our devotion to Our Lady is something we strive to deepen and share with others.

## ONGOING FORMATION

In addition to the formation studies in Phases I and II, our group has been participating in ongoing formation at our monthly meeting by studying "*A Pattern for Life: The Rule of Saint Albert and the Carmelite Laity*" by Patrick Thomas McMahan, O.Carm.

## WHO ARE THE THIRD ORDER CARMELITES?

Third Order Lay Carmelites are not a prayer group or a social gathering. The call to Carmel is a vocation of the laity. The call is to live a way of life that is dedicated to prayer, community and ministry. Lay Carmelites are men and women who have answered this call to live out their Baptismal promises more deeply. Carmel's spirituality is but one path to God and is not for everyone. But for those who are called, it becomes a source of comfort and spiritual strength.

For more information on Third Order Lay Carmelites, visit the Lay Carmelite website: [www.ocarm.org](http://www.ocarm.org)

To learn more about our Carmelite community in Bangor, please call our Director and Formation Director, Patricia Roy, at 942-5641.



Our Lady of the Snows