

# The Carmelite News

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## *Pray for our Pope*

**P**OPE PAUL, on Television on Easter Sunday, brought back happy memories of the Easter mornings, when, I as a student, was in St Peter's square. It was a wonderful experience to see people of practically all nationalities and religions there . . . the dignitaries rubbing shoulders with the ordinary working man, many of them speaking different languages, and all of them waiting to hear the message of the Vicar of Christ and to get his blessing. I was in Rome for the Election and Coronation of Pope John XXIII, and I was lucky enough to be at the first semi-public audience he gave in the Vatican. I remember He gave a beautiful talk on the Angelus. Standing beside me at the audience was a small, rather plump, American lady and her husband. Standing in front of us there were some rather tall people. Being over 6 ft. myself it didn't worry me, but the American lady couldn't see the Pope. As He was carried in on his chair, she watched the procession using her vanity mirror—it does have some practical uses—but that wasn't the same as seeing him with her own eyes. I got the people in front to make way for her so that she was in the front line, and got a good view of the Pope as He was leaving the audience.

She came to me outside and said, "This is the highlight of my visit to Europe. Now I will die happy. I have

seen the Pope. You know, I am a Jewess." I wonder how many Catholics today have as much regard for the Pope as she had!

As you know, the Pope's Easter message was for Peace for this confused and topsy-turvy world. Watching Him that morning on Television, I thought He looked tired and haggard. No wonder! His is a terrible responsibility, and a lonely one. As He celebrates the Golden Jubilee of His Ordination—50 years a Priest—this May 26th—I thought it would be a nice gesture on our part to offer a Novena of Masses for Him, and His intentions, and that He would be successful in bringing peace to this world and to the Church. We will have the Novena for the Feast of St. Peter, the first Vicar of Christ, and a special Mass on the 30th July, which is the Anniversary of Pope Paul's election as Vicar of Christ.

### **"HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS"**

I was very pleased, recently, to hear that the Carmelite Apostolate for Priests is growing and spreading. It is a movement of prayer. It was started in London by some of our Tertiary or Lay Carmelites, meeting regularly for an hour or two.

It has spread to three or four areas in London, and will soon be starting in Bournemouth, and other people are

interested in this work. We have printed a little booklet which will help the Groups to make the Holy Hour. It is in rather modern style, and very scriptural, and many of the very beautiful prayers are taken from the Missal and the Ordination Ceremony. It is designed for a Congregation or Group, but it can be used by an individual if they make some slight adjustments in the prayers. If you want a copy we can let you have one, price 1/- plus postage. I hope that this apostolate will spread more and more.

### THE BROWN SCAPULAR

Thursday, 16th July, is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. She is the Patroness of all Carmelites and of all wearers of the Brown Scapular. In fact, *Her* Brown Scapular is *the* first and foremost of all scapulars. Pope Pius XII in a letter to the Prior General said, "There is no-one who is not aware how greatly our love for the Blessed Virgin Mother of God contributes to the enlivening of the Catholic Faith . . . In the first rank of the most favoured of these devotions, that of the Holy Carmelite Scapular must be placed." Further on in the letter He says, "May it be to them a sign of their consecration to the most Sacred Heart of the Immaculate Virgin, which consecration We in recent times have so strongly recommended." The present Holy Father Pope Paul VI has warmly commended the Brown Scapular devotion when He appointed Cardinal Silva as delegate to the Marian Congress in San Domingo. He wrote, "Let the faithful hold in high esteem the practises, and devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, approved by the teaching authority of the Church, in the course of the centuries. It is Our conviction that the Rosary of Mary and the Scapular of Carmel are among these recommended practises."

People very often ask us this question, "Is it necessary to be enrolled again in the Brown Scapular if one has lost one's Scapular or Scapular Medal?" The answer is 'NO'. A second enrolment in the Scapular is never necessary. The reason for this is that the Scapular Blessing is given to the person and not to the thing. The Scapular is the outward and visible sign of the Blessing, and when you are enrolled in the Brown Scapular, you become a member of the Family of Carmel throughout the world, and you share in the Masses, prayers and penances of all the Carmelites; and you in your turn, by your prayers and good works, help other people. So It helps to unite us all closely together, and that is why we speak of the Family of Carmel. We urge all our Members to say some special prayers on that day, and to renew their dedication to Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Her Feast Day, and if possible, go to Mass.

Monday, 20th July, is the Feast of St. Elias, the Leader and Founder of all the Carmelites. He was the great fiery Prophet of Mount Carmel — a magnificent Old Testament figure. You should read about him in the Old Testament, in the Third Book of Kings. It's a wonderful story! You can see He was a powerful man, and is certainly one of the most exciting figures of the Old Testament. He lived and walked in the presence of God, and his only desire in life was to do as God commanded him. When idolatry threatened his people, he rose up, like a fire, and his words thundered through the countryside. He feared no man.

I want to thank all of you very sincerely for your letters and more especially for your prayers, co-operation and help. It is a great consolation for me to know that so many of you are praying for me. It definitely makes my work much easier, and as a token

of my thanks to you, I will offer up a Triduum of Masses for your special intentions for the feast of St. Elias, 20th July, which is the Anniversary of my Ordination.

This year is the Centenary of St. Thomas of Canterbury. I hope to say something about him in the next newsletter.

The Forty Martyrs will, we hope, be canonised next October. You remember I mentioned we hope to start a shrine to them, and Our Lady, at Hazelwood, but difficulties and snags have cropped up. Please say a prayer that everything will be straightened out very soon, and that we will obtain full possession of the place.

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### CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR  
CANONIZATION OF THE FORTY MARTYRS

We hope to organise an eight-day pilgrimage by air to Rome for the canonisation. The date is expected to be the end of October, 1970.

Apply now and your name will be registered. We must have the number by the end of June. *Cost £55 approx.*

Details will be forwarded to you as soon as The Holy Father announces the date. Travel arrangements will be in the care of St. Christopher Tours. *Apply to Fr. PETER COOPER, O.Carm., THE FRIARS, AYLESFORD, MAIDSTONE, KENT.*

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## EDITOR'S LAMENT

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*Getting out a paper is fine, but no picnic.*

*If we print jokes, people say we're silly,*

*If we don't, they say we are too serious.*

*If we clip things from other magazines, they say we are  
too lazy to write them ourselves ;*

*If we don't we are too fond of our own stuff.*

*If we don't use suggestions and contributions,*

*We don't appreciate true genius ;*

*If we do use them, the page is filled with junk.*

*Now, like us or not, someone will say we took this  
from another publication ;*

*We did—and so did the Publication from which we swiped it !*

OUR STUDENT BURSES

<i>The St. Jude Burse No. 6</i> ... ..	940	10	0
<i>Holy Child of Prague Burse No. 2</i> ... ..	398	4	0
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes Burse</i> ... ..	274	2	6
<i>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Burse</i> ... ..	666	8	6
<i>Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Burse</i> ... ..	364	15	0
<i>Little Flower Burse No. 2</i> ... ..	323	17	0
<i>Sacred Heart Burse</i> ... ..	205	7	0
<i>St. Anthony Burse</i> ... ..	227	12	0
<i>St. Joseph Burse No. 2</i> ... ..	149	11	0
<i>Holy Souls Burse</i> ... ..	498	10	9
<i>St. Martin de Porres Burse</i> ... ..	102	4	6
<i>St. Mariha Burse</i> ... ..	95	0	0
<i>St. Patrick Burse No. 2</i> ... ..	84	5	0
<i>Our Lady of Seven Dolours</i> ... ..	125	0	0
<i>Father Titus Brandsma</i> ... ..	150	0	0
<i>Father Cyril of the Mother of God</i> ... ..	41	9	0

THANKS

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Nothing has the grace or beauty of an old Irish blessing, and recently I was delighted to learn that instead of dying out our Irish blessings are on the increase.

It is easy to give a blessing and it costs nothing. Try it sometime. When next you say goodbye to a friend say 'that your shadow may never grow less' or 'that you may have a son a bishop.' I'll lay you odds that you'll get a bigger and better blessing in return.

JOHN B. KEANE

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**HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS**  
 PRICE 1/- PLUS POSTAGE

*Our Lady Keep You!*  
*Yours in Carmel,*

*A. A. Brennan*  
*O.Carm.*