

We're Expanding...



Dear Friends of the Carmelites,

As we have said before, these are exciting times.

Thanks to the hard work of the members of the Carmelites of St. Elias Province and the incredible support of our employees and friends we continue to see a bright and promising future ahead in the midst of the darkness we so often hear about elsewhere.

We have continued to improve the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and its grounds for the edification of those making pilgrimage here. Friends like you have made this possible. Now, as we continue to face the challenges the 21st Century offers us, we must prepare ourselves to serve the Body of Christ in new ways.

For this reason, we are breaking ground on a new St. Albert's Priory here on the Shrine's grounds in Middletown, New York, across the street from our Novitiate for men in formation. This priory will serve two (2) functions.

First, it will serve as a home for our senior Friars no longer in active ministry, who spend their days in prayer and contemplation following many decades of fruitful ministry in the Lord's "field."

Second, this will make available space in our Shrine complex currently till now occupied by these Friars for small retreats for those visiting the Shrine. We have been so blessed with vocations, with expanding apostolates here and abroad. We also have striven to become ever more streamlined and economical so as to be the best possible stewards of those resources the Lord has entrusted us with.

This new expansion will help us move toward the future – together!

Please peruse the information in this brochure. There are various ways you can form part of this dream.

Please consider becoming a part of this project, so important to the future of the Church in light of her urgent need for men consecrated to Our Lady, to prayer, and to the salvation of souls.

Yours in Christ and Carmel,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr Michael Driscoll, O. Carm." The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "Fr" and "O. Carm." clearly visible.

Father Michael Driscoll, O. Carm

The Challenge – A Question of Space...

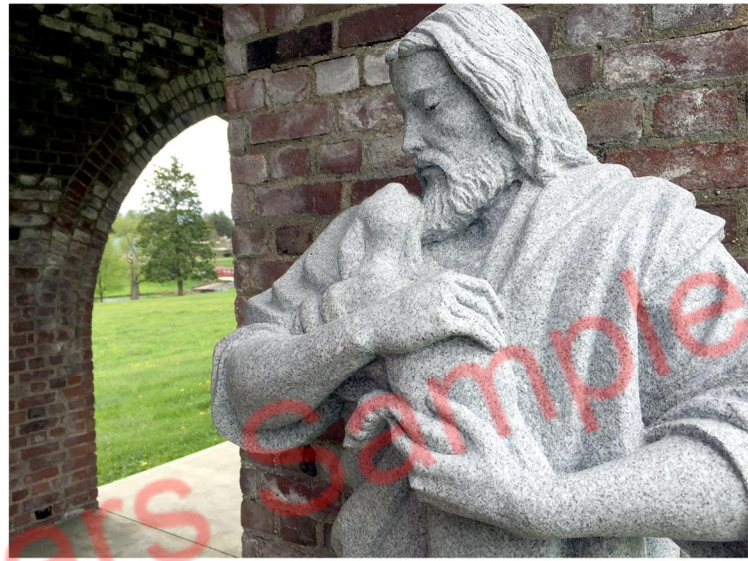
Since Carmelite Friars arrived to American shores in the 1890's, Our Lady has been kind enough to guide our Province to new growth.

Now we are trying to build a priory for professed Carmelite Friars here on the grounds near the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. While some of the friars who will live in this priory may serve in active ministry, others will be retired from such ministry. These latter friars who have borne the “heat of the day” in the Lord’s vineyard for many years now, as missionaries and pastors, teachers and hermits, live lives of prayerful contemplation.

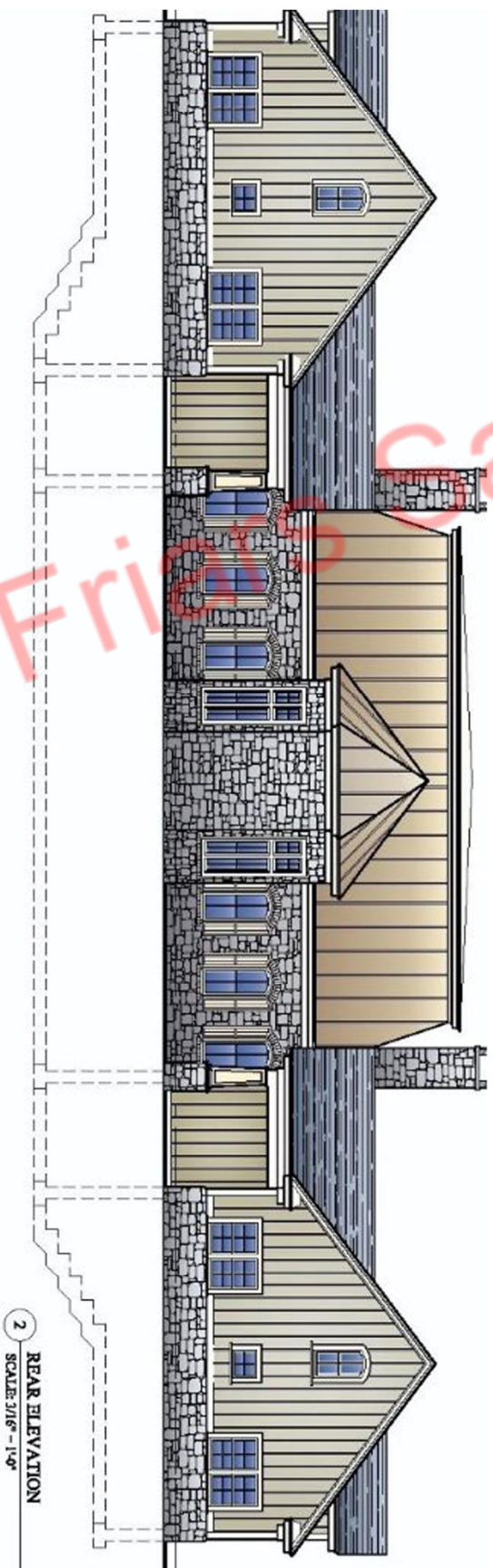
Constructing this priory can help open up a wing of the complex attached to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for small retreats. These retreats can include retreats for young men discerning a vocation to the consecrated life.

In short: we are expanding. Two decades ago our Province was present in just one country – the U.S.A. Today we not only are present in three countries, but are optimistic about our vocational prospects. This means a need to expand further. Through your generosity you can support our Carmelites in meeting their pressing need for space due to this rapid expansion.

We could never have arrived this far without you – and the second Christian Millennium is still young! Thank you for – yet again – having been there for us. Help spread the news!



Building a future with the Carmelites



Exterior

Figure with the Carmelite Floor Plan



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In the Words of Blessed Titus Brandsma

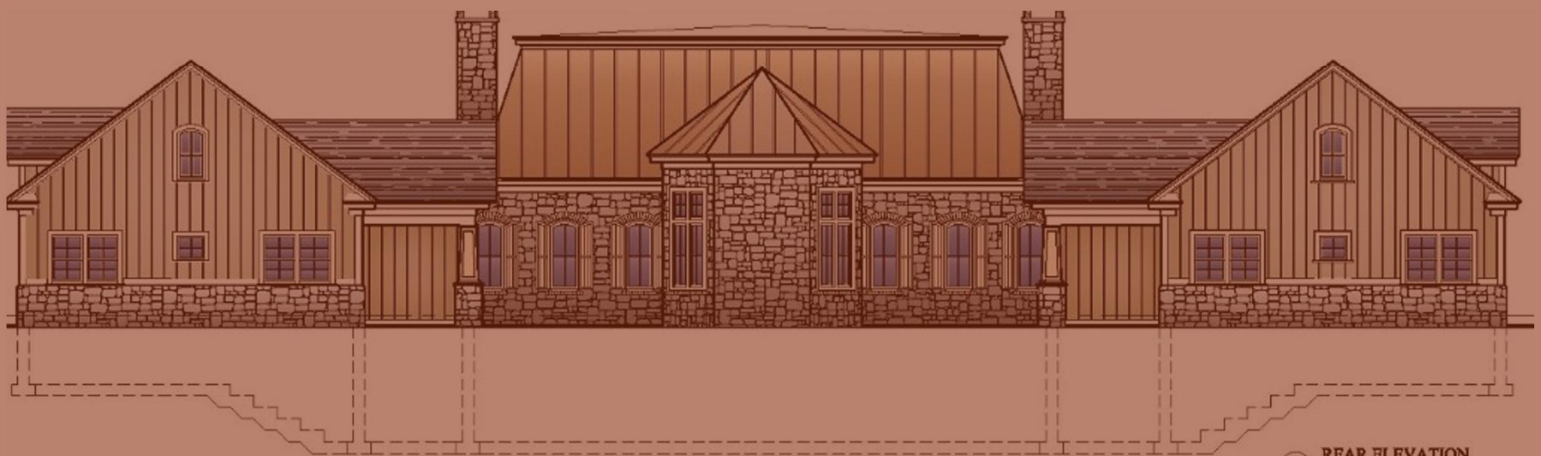


“Inevitably, in almost all circumstances of modern life, the active apostolate makes its great demands on Carmel. When this is necessary, Carmel will be honored and blessed by such an apostolate. But it must never forget that the better part is contemplation – the active life must always take a second place.”

Blessed Titus Brandsma, O.Carm.

“With the expansion of the Order...this special devotion to Mary will be its beloved characteristic, a title of which the Brothers are proud and which they put forward time and time again...”

Blessed Titus Brandsma, O.Carm.



2 REAR ELEVATION
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



“Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens.”

– *James 1:17*

As we say “thank you” – yet again – for all the good you have done for us and with us. May we never forget to see beyond these to the Giver of all good gifts, our God and Creator, who gives to each of us what is good.



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