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TO: Lay Carmelites of the Provinces of St. Elias and The Most Pure Heart of Mary
FROM: The Lay Carmelite Offices in Darien IL and Middletown NY

The Interprovincial Lay Carmelite Commission is busily planning a special Convocation to be held from **June 27-29, 2025**, at The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington DC. This letter comes to you with instructions for online registration – a new feature for this year’s Convocation. We hope that many of you will participate in what is sure to be an interesting and informative gathering as we connect with our sisters and brothers in Carmel from the two provinces of North America.

The Convocation theme “*The Carmelite Family: A Timeless Tapestry*” will be presented in the General Sessions by Carmelites Prior General Fr. Míceál O’Neill, O.Carm., Fr. Mario Esposito, O.Carm., Fr. Craig Morrison, O.Carm., and a closing panel of both Carmelite friars and Lay Carmelites. Saturday afternoon workshop presenters will include Lay Carmelites from both provinces sharing information on icons, the meaning of community, and a pilot program sharing Carmelite spirituality with parish youth.

Liturgies will include morning and evening prayer, Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on Friday afternoon and Sunday morning and on Saturday on the Campus of CUA.

As in the past, a Leadership Day for current and aspiring leaders has been planned for Friday, June 27th prior to the start of the Convocation. Registration forms as well as additional information including costs, and schedules for the Convocation and Leadership Day will be linked on the PCM Lay Carmelite Website at <http://www.laycarmelitespcm.org>.

Please complete your online registration as soon as possible. After registering, you will receive an email confirmation within 5-10 business days with further instructions for sending your \$75.00 non-refundable deposit within 30 days of registering online. Registration and payment in full must be made no later than June 1, 2025.

We look forward to seeing you in Washington DC!

**** If your Lay Carmelite Community would like to send a donation to offset the costs for this event, please make a check out to **Lay Carmelite Office** and send it with a notation of “Donation” to the PCM LCO at the address above. The names of these generous contributors will be listed in the Convocation materials.