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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

*with our Lady of Reparation*

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# Editorial

Dear Readers,

It's a joy to connect with you again through this new edition of the newspaper! This is already our fourth edition, and we hope you'll enjoy it.

This past week, we celebrated the Most Holy Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Celebrated on July 16th, Our Lady of Mount Carmel left us a beautiful legacy: her Scapular, which many of us receive with our First Communion. In this issue, you can discover or rediscover its history.

In the storms we face—whether familial, professional, ecclesiastical, or global—let us fearlessly seek refuge in this Mother who is a bulwark against the assaults of evil, the Virgin of Mount Carmel. May she calm the anger in the hearts of those who easily succumb to a spiral of rage when confronted with life's adversities. May charity reclaim its rightful place deep within our lives, because as Saint Paul tells us, "So faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Happy reading, and see you next week!

The Rosa Sine Spina Team

## Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

On the cross: Remember Mary  
Apostles' Creed  
Our Father  
Hail Mary  
Glory Be

On the large beads: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, your prayers of love soften the Heart of God, obtain for us His divine favors through the use of the Brown Scapular.

On the small beads: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, all-merciful Mother, help us without ceasing, and especially at the hour of our death. Amen.

Graces obtained:

- † The grace to be preserved from the fires of hell.
- † The grace of a good death.
- † The grace of going to Heaven on the first Saturday after leaving this earth.
- † The protection and help of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- † The grace of receiving the Sacraments from a Holy Priest before dying.



Excerpt from the Angelus of Pope Leo XIV

St. Peter's Square  
Sunday, July 6, 2025

"... Dear brothers and sisters, the Church and the world do not need people who merely fulfill their religious duties, showing their faith as an external sign; rather, they need workers eager to labor in the missionary field, loving disciples who bear witness to the Kingdom of God wherever they are. There may be some 'occasional Christians' who sometimes make room for some good religious feeling or participate in certain events; but rare are those who are willing to work daily in God's field, cultivating the seed of the Gospel in their hearts and then bringing it into their daily lives, in their families, at work, in study, in various social environments, and among those in need..."



## Cardinal Andrea Ventitrè

On July 18, 2025, the "Emmanuel" (France's second-largest bell), Notre-Dame Cathedral's great bell, and the bells of the churches in the Diocese of Paris rang 82 tolls in honor of the deceased servant.

Cardinal André Armand Vingt-Trois was born on November 7, 1942.

After studying at Lycée Henri-IV, he entered the Saint-Sulpice Seminary in Issy-les-Moulineaux in 1962. Ordained a deacon in October 1968, and then a priest on June 28, 1969, André received episcopal office on October 14, 1988, from Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger. He was created a cardinal on November 24, 2007, by Pope Benedict XVI.

From 1999 to 2005, he served as Archbishop of Tours, then as Archbishop of Paris from 2005 to 2017. Subsequently, he was Archbishop Emeritus of Paris. He was President of the French Bishops' Conference from November 5, 2007, to June 30, 2013.

Cardinal André Vingt-Trois was a significant figure in the Church of France. It's important to remember that his six-year episcopate in the Diocese of Tours was marked by the official recognition, in 2001, of the pilgrimages to Île-Bouchard, the site of the Virgin Mary's apparitions in 1947.

Once again, we see that the Most Holy Virgin Mary is always present in the history of the Church, active yet discreet.

Let us pray to Our Lady of Reparation for the soul of this Servant of God. May she open the Gates of Paradise to him, offering him the joy of seeing Eternal Hope. Amen.



### Message of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Given to Henri  
July 30, 2023

Here's the English translation of the message from the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
During the Marian Pilgrimage to the Sanctuary

Henri: On July 30th, the pilgrimage day concludes with a prayer vigil. The coming of the Blessed Mother is announced by three stars moving in the sky.

In the name of the Father + and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit + AMEN

The Blessed Mother: Praised be my Son, Jesus Christ!

Henri: May He always be praised!

The Blessed Mother: Dear children, I come with hands full of roses. It is because I love you that I await you in this little corner of paradise to bestow them upon you. My Heart has rejoiced in the homage you have offered Me. Your presence in this Chapel, erected for Reparation, is but the genesis of the Message I have brought.

At San Damiano, I manifested Myself through roses so that you might experience My blessings. What a gift I gave you! Oh, if only you knew! Once again, I continue what has been begun. Through these roses, I will show the Holy Church and the world the sign of My Presence.

Despairing hearts will find comfort. My children, I now ask you to accept the way of prayer, which is the only possible way for a great spiritual renewal. The call of a mother, of your Mother, the Virgin of Reparation, the Mystical Rose, resounds. Come now!

My son, bring roses to My Feet during My next visit. I will do what I have said. The tears of the sorrowful will disappear because they will now be able to see the superabundance of My Maternal Mercy.

See you soon!

In the name of the Father + and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit + AMEN

*Mary, Our  
Lady of  
Reparation, my  
Mother, my  
Trust, my Hope,  
and my Salvation,  
pray unceasingly  
for us who have  
recourse to you!*



## The Succession of King Charles

### An Unexpected Monarchy

*"O Lord, you who have shown me mourning for England, fire in the royal family, grant us to pray with sincerity for the conversion of England, the country where Our Lady appeared. You ask the Church to consecrate England now. Let us pray, let us make reparation, let us not cease to pray, let us not cease to make reparation."*

*Excerpt from Henri's speech on Good Friday, April 19, 2025*



King Charles III's ongoing battle with cancer, coupled with his advanced age, has led to preparations for his eventual funeral. As a result, Prince William, as the first in line to the British throne, is actively anticipating this transition and planning for his own future coronation.

Prince William reportedly envisions a simpler, more modern coronation, aiming to break from some long-held traditions. He plans to streamline the monarchy by reducing costs and focusing on a smaller core group of active working members. This indicates a significant shift is expected within the British monarchy under his reign.



*"Let's look at this period from 2023 to 2033. We will observe how the Church changes by absorbing England. We will observe how Europe changes by absorbing England. The second secret given by Our Lady speaks of the disintegration of the European Union and the end and fall of the Church. All these words seem improbable, but we will see them come true in time. We will remember this pilgrimage. Today, the world looks to England. The reign of this King will be very short. And we will see someone on the throne whom no one expects, who will upset the established order in the lineage of the royal family. There is a small soul who will be the joy of the Church because they will be a true Christian. Our Lady tells us that this young soul will come to this chapel because the future of England is linked to the Mission of the Roman Order. These are powerful and mysterious words, difficult to grasp with the mind. But we who have grown up with Our Lady, we who belong to the generation of Benedict XVI, know that Our Lady's words are true."*

*Excerpt from Henri's internal speech on May 6, 2023*



### Attack to the only Catholic church in the Gaza Strip

On Thursday, July 17, 2025, the Holy Family Church in Gaza suffered an Israeli attack that killed three people and injured nine others, including the parish priest.



### Martyrs of the Faith

On July 10, 2025, the Minor Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Ivhiaro, Edo State, Nigeria, suffered an attack that resulted in the death of a security guard and the kidnapping of three seminarians. The remaining seminarians were safely evacuated. A ransom has been demanded from the Diocese of Auchi, and negotiations are currently underway as of the time of this writing.

Let's pray that this minor seminary can be a sign of hope for the local Catholic community.



## Our Lady of Mount Carmel



In the symbolism of Sacred Scripture, particularly the Old Testament, the mountain represents the privileged place of encounter with God. It symbolizes the height to which the soul ascends through prayer to communicate with the Most High, a metaphor for Paradise itself, as the psalmist also reminds us: "Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob" (Psalm 24:3-6). Mount Carmel, in particular, represents one of the most beautiful places in the region. According to tradition, the Holy Family stopped there on their return from Egypt.

**How did the devotion to Our Lady of Carmel originate and develop?**

Towards the end of the 12th century, a group of Latin pilgrims, desiring to imitate the example of the prophet Elijah, gathered in community on Mount Carmel, near the spring that bears its name. Their intention was to embrace the eremitic life under the patronage of the Virgin Mary, to "live in obedience to Jesus Christ with a pure heart and good conscience." The hermits then built the community's first small church in the center of their cells and dedicated it to the Virgin Mary, thus placing themselves under Her protection. It was from the veneration of Mary in this small church that the title of Saint Mary of Carmel was born. This title would gradually take hold over the centuries. The veneration of Our Lady of Carmel is also linked to the devotion of the Scapular, revealed and given by Mary to the Prior General of the Carmelite Order, Saint Simon Stock, which carries with it a great promise: all who wear it will be delivered from the pains of purgatory on the first Saturday after death.

**July 16, 2020 - Message from the Virgin to Henri**

"My children, have My Scapular blessed by a Holy Priest. Let him impose it upon you according to the Ritual. This great sacramental, an object of great popular devotion, is made of a piece of cloth, tied by two ribbons. Wear it around your neck. It will guarantee you the help of My Protection; it will save you from danger and evil. Wear it day and night with the utmost confidence, without removing it for a single moment. I, your Heavenly Mother, the Virgin of the Most Holy Rosary and of Mount Carmel, with the prerogatives granted to Me, will preserve the spiritual health of your soul and the vitality of your body. Always keep Faith, Hope, and Charity firmly anchored within you. They will be your safeguard. My children, My Most Holy Rosary and My Most Holy Scapular are inseparable. They form a single, powerful weapon, so feared by Satan."

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (or even Our Lady of Carmel) is one of the most revered titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, rich in biblical references, originated in Palestine with the Order of Carmelite Friars. This Marian title primarily refers to Mount Carmel, meaning "verdant garden" or "garden of God," located in Western Galilee, a symbol of beauty and splendor.



Simon STOCK

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us!*

## Brother Marist Lycarion May

**Beatified on July 12, 2025**

A young Swiss monk, educator of the poor in Spain, he was martyred during the popular uprisings of 1909, known as Barcelona's "Tragic Week." Churches, convents, and Catholic educational institutions were plundered and set on fire. On the night of July 26-27, 1909, the Marist Brothers' school building was torched.

Brother Lycarion was shot to death, and his body was further beaten with stones and a long knife.

Through his closeness, dialogue, and respect, he bore witness, placing Fraternity, Reconciliation, and Peace at the heart of his vocation.

*A future saint to discover!*



Brother Marist Lycarion May,  
Barcelona, Spain



## The Miraculous Holy Face of Christ Preserved at the Carmel of Créteil

*Still too little known, a deeply moving small painting of royal origin radiates its intense, almost real presence upon the faithful.*

*This Face of Our Lord in His Passion, already crowned with thorns, likely a remnant of a larger work depicting Him perhaps on the cross or a fragment of an outraged Christ, is utterly unbearable without an absolute outpouring of suffering and compassion. It's impossible not to be overwhelmed with tenderness and Love by the plea expressed in this unforgettable gaze. His pupils, convulsed with pain, cast their living and incarnate appeal into the depths of the soul. Tears stream to the edge of His eyelids, invoking with the most ardent desire for communion with the divine, tortured even more by His sovereign sacrificial torment, betrayed to the inconceivable, yet imploring humanity to embrace the waves of His mercy, redeemed at the immeasurable cost of His unprecedented carnal and divine gift. "It is at this price, ungrateful soul, that I have redeemed you, come to Me who saves you from eternal damnation..."*



This image, which is not strictly an icon according to the Eastern and now Orthodox conception—of an emanation from Heaven offered to one who writes it in a state of grace and spiritual reception, erasing carnal references such as volumes, expressions of immediate sensibility, real perspective, and thus embodied thickness—nevertheless remains an "ikonos" in the Greek sense that aligns with that of Genesis (1:27), literally of a man made in the image of God the Father, a true portrait, "trait by trait," almost acheiropoietic, not made by the hand of an artist, but revealed by the Living One Himself, as demonstrated by the Face of the Holy Shroud or even more so the Veil of Manoppello, so much so that the Face of the latter is superimposable on this miraculous image.

The painting is currently preserved at the Carmel of Saint Teresa, founded in Rue de Bouloy in Paris in 1664 by Maria Theresa of Austria, Infanta of Spain, after her marriage to Louis XIV. As an eminent relic, the pious queen brought it in memory of her father, King Philip IV, from whom she received it. This sacred image was considered very ancient, almost of immemorial origin, as tradition held that it was rescued from the Moors who, in hatred of the Christian religion, wanted to tear it to pieces with knives. But in an almost Eucharistic miracle, the image bled profanely under the furious blows, yet resisted the massacre, retaining only the scars of the lacerations. The heretics then wanted to throw it into the fire, which refused to touch it. Snatched from the profaning hands, the church of Toledo became its guardian, later offering it to Philip IV.



**In 1792, the Carmelites who then resided on Rue de Grenelle in Paris, like many others who were martyred or forced to flee, couldn't save the revered Holy Face from the revolutionaries in time. The bandits seized the precious frame, and the small painting was tossed aside, fortunately deemed insignificant. Suddenly inspired, one of the execution commissioners picked it up and, in a surprising, even miraculous gesture, returned it to the Mother Prioress, thus saving this incomparable treasure.**

**Just as then, when faced with such a presence—such a personal, intimate, true apparition, a pictorial theophany even more intense than the most beautiful imagined work of art—how can we not feel the call of the Savior? Crushed by abandonment and pain in His human flesh, and even more so in His divine soul, He calls and implores His creature to finally recognize the folly of His eternal Love, paid at the most unprecedented price, eternally renewed on the Cross as in His definitive Resurrection.**

To contemplate this tortured Face, whose gaze penetrates the truth of being to its most secret depths, is to pray before Our Lord Himself in an encounter of infinite Love. It also means contemplating Him as Mary, His Mother, looked upon Him and received Him. It means contemplating Mary face-to-face in the most touching conversation possible. Who would have ever thought that, if scientific research similar to that conducted on the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe—after deciphering the vision of her interlocutors in her eyes—were not to reveal the face of Mary... to each of the faithful who immerse themselves forever in the gaze of the Living One!

In hoc signo vinces!

[1] In Italy - Umbria. The face of the martyred Christ, depicted on a byssus fabric—the precious sea silk that also formed the veil of the Temple—is venerated as the image revealed to Saint Veronica by the miraculous impression of the Savior's face on the Way of the Cross. Pope Benedict XVI venerated it there in 2006.

[1] After a forced exile in Belgium in 1901, the Carmelites, who returned in 1920, have resided since 1950 at 69 Avenue de Ceinture in Créteil (Île de France)

## Saint Maria Goretti: Wisdom and Love

Maria Goretti is venerated as a saint and martyr by the Catholic Church, which canonized her on June 24, 1950. Maria was born in Corinaldo on October 16, 1890. Due to poverty, her family moved to the Roman countryside in 1897 in search of work.

The Goretti family shared a home with the Serenellis, father and son Alessandro. When Maria was almost 10 years old, her father died of malaria, a widespread disease in the region. Marietta, as she was known, helped her mother by taking care of her siblings and the house, supported by a strong faith in God.

Alessandro, who was 20 years old when Maria was 12, tried to approach her several times, but Maria rejected him. On July 5, 1902, faced with Maria's repeated refusal, as she told him: "No, no, God does not want it. If you do that, you will go to hell," Alessandro repeatedly struck her with an awl. Taken to the hospital in Nettuno, Maria died the next day, but not before telling her mother: "For the love of Jesus, I forgive him. I want him to come with me to paradise."

Alessandro was arrested and spent 27 years in prison; upon his release, he met Mamma Assunta and the two reconciled, in a gesture of forgiveness from Marietta.



*Saint Maria Goretti is prayed to for young people, that she may guide them toward holiness, so that they may be models of love, courage, and faithfulness to God.*

It was precisely the forgiveness granted to her killer, as well as her steadfast defense of virtue, that led to Maria Goretti being proclaimed a saint on June 24, 1950, in St. Peter's Square, in the presence of her mother. Today, the saint is known and venerated throughout the world, and numerous parishes bear her name.

**Son of God, you who knew misery and pain, suffering and the joys of life from a young age.**

**You who were poor and orphaned, you who tirelessly loved your neighbor, becoming a humble and caring servant, you who were courageous without being proud, you who loved love above all else, you who shed your blood so as not to betray your God, you who forgave your murderer, desiring paradise for him, intervene and pray for us before the Father that we may embrace the plan God has for us.**

**You who are a friend of God and are in His presence, obtain from Him the grace we ask of you (express the grace we desire).**

**We thank you, Marietta, for the love of God and for your brothers and sisters that you have already sown in our hearts. Amen.**

## Let the Children Come to Me

### God Wants You Holy, Dear Children!

You are all called to sanctify yourselves wherever you are: at school, at home, during your free time.

How can you sanctify yourselves? By doing everything you need to do well, by obeying your parents, by working hard, by taking care of others... by trying to imitate Jesus throughout the day.

Jesus said that whoever is faithful in little things is faithful in much. The small actions you perform every day, which seem insignificant to you, are great in the eyes of God. Strive to perform your daily tasks well, smile at those in need because it costs little, dedicate time to prayer, help those in need, be kind and generous...

If you happen to do something wrong, Jesus does not abandon you. Instead, He has left you a sacrament, that of penance, that is, confession, so that you may ask forgiveness for what you have done wrong. Jesus will forgive you and will also give you the strength to continue your efforts in doing good.

Act of Contrition: My God, I am heartily sorry for my sins, and I detest them all because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because I have offended You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.





## The Priest, the Good Shepherd

### An Example of Christian Life

*From the very institution of the Holy Eucharist, Jesus left an inheritance to the Holy Church. An inheritance that helps us remember the Holy Sacrifice of Our Lord on the Cross, He who shed His Blood for us poor sinners. To ensure this inheritance endures and continues, the Holy Church has perpetuated the priestly ordination of men. We remember that a Bishop, a Cardinal, remains first and foremost a priest, consecrated to God forever according to the Order of King Melchizedek. Without the priest, it would be very difficult to continue living our Christian life.*



#### What is a Priest?

In the Bible, priests were those who offered sacrifices for the people of God and instructed them, guarding in the House of God. When they fulfilled their duty, God blessed His people, but if they failed in their duty, curses fell upon them.

**Today, the Mission of the Priest remains the same, but broader. While he must watch over the well-being of his faithful and be the guardian of his Church, of his parish, the Priest is entrusted above all with the task of the Salvation of Souls. What a Mission!**



On earth, the priest must be a Christian for us, a reflection of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, with a patient and kind heart, capable of stepping out of his comfort zone to save his lost and stray sheep. To achieve this, the priest must lead a God-oriented life, so that He may grant him the discernment to guide, advise, and help. He must be able to overcome himself, be humble, and demonstrate wisdom, discernment, and understanding, especially during the sacraments he administers.

He must have consideration for his people, despite their weaknesses. He must have the heart of Jesus! A heart that does not judge, that does not get angry, that does not desire evil; a heart full of boundless Love. Boundless, because the sins of his parishioners must not be an obstacle to understanding, dialogue, charity, listening, and forgiveness. The priest does not tire. He must be at the service of the Lord at all times. Being a priest is truly a vocation, not a profession. To be a priest is to be the Minister, the Disciple of Christ on Earth. Saint John Vianney is an example for our priests, he who never rested for the salvation of souls. The priest must be like the Good Samaritan who helps those who are down and cannot rise on their own. He is not one who crushes and judges. The priest: "He is not a feared leader of the sheep, but he is the Shepherd who walks with them and calls them by name (John 10:3-4)."

With a gentle gaze and a fatherly heart, he welcomes and despises no one.

He is a peacebuilder, listening patiently to problems, granting the forgiveness of sins with generous compassion. He doesn't insult those who have lost their way, but is always ready to reintegrate and quell disputes.

As a minister of communion who celebrates and lives it, the good priest "doesn't await greetings and compliments from others, but is the first to extend a hand, rejecting gossip, judgments, and venom." The priest must be an example of Christian life for the baptized; he must be a living reflection of God.



**Dear brothers and sisters, let us pray to Our Lady of Reparation, Mother of the Priesthood, for all consecrated persons. Let us ask her to keep our priests in a state of grace, so that they may always be the Example to follow. In the face of the decay shaking the world, let us pray that our priests may not be carried away by anger, hatred, vengeance, all corruption, and the spirit of the world.**

**The priestly vocation is under savage attack, and reforms seek to destroy this sacrament and obscure the beauty of this Noble Abandonment.**

**May the Priestly Heart of Jesus watch over our priests who feel lonely, exhausted by the weight of solitude, so that they may rediscover the Joy of being a faithful and steadfast Servant, strong and courageous, finding Refuge in the Heart of their Eternal Hope, the Virgin of Reparation. Amen.**