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The American National Catholic Church Announces Formation of a New Religious Order

The American National Catholic Church (ANCC) is proud to announce the formation of a new religious order, Carmelite Missionaries of Merciful Love in Action (CMMLA). This new order is inspired by the Carmelite tradition and dedicated to embodying the Gospel through a blend of contemplation and active service.

The Carmelite Missionaries of Merciful Love in Action will live out the charism of Divine Merciful Love, addressing the profound epidemic of loneliness in modern society, as well as comforting those who experience all types of rejection, discrimination and marginalization. Grounded in the Carmelite principles of simplicity, detachment, and prayerful reflection, the order will actively engage in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy to bring God's love to society's most vulnerable.

A Mission Rooted in Both Prayer and Action:

The Carmelite Missionaries of Merciful Love in Action will integrate contemplative prayer with tangible acts of compassion. Members will:

- Commit to daily contemplative prayer.
- Visit the sick, imprisoned, and homeless.
- Feed the hungry and clothe the naked.
- Provide spiritual companionship and emotional support to those who feel isolated, rejected, discriminated against and marginalized.

"At the heart of our mission is the understanding that love is not merely an ideal—it is an action," said Fr. Séamus of Jesus, founder of the Carmelite Missionaries of Merciful Love in Action. "We seek to reflect the merciful heart of Christ through lives of contemplative prayer and intentional service."

A New Carmelite Rule of Life:

The order will adopt a contemporary Discalced Carmelite Rule of Life based on the ancient Carmelite Rule of St. Albert that emphasizes the Beatitudes and the Gospel call to love one another as Christ loves us. Members will be contemplatives in the world, balancing prayer, community life, and ministry to those in need. The order will welcome priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, and laypersons who feel called to live the Carmelite charism.

A Call to Missionaries of Love:

The Carmelite Missionaries of Merciful Love in Action invites individuals who feel called by God to serve as instruments of His mercy in the world. The order is open to those who are committed to prayer, community, and selfless service in the spirit of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection and all other holy women and men of Carmel.

For more information or to inquire about applying to join the Carmelite Missionaries of Merciful Love in Action, please contact Fr. Séamus of Jesus at sseaghdha@anccmail.org or 310-926-0020.

About the American National Catholic Church:

The American National Catholic Church (ANCC) is an inclusive Catholic community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and committed to welcoming all people. Through worship, ministry, and service, the ANCC seeks to reflect the unconditional love and mercy of God.

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