

Saint Joseph Lay Carmelite Community #2415
Rochester, Minnesota
Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary
April 2025 Newsletter

Dear Lay Carmelites,

Let us pray with the suffering in love of Our Lady as we are in the midst of Lent:

Blessed Mother,

you stood by your Son in His suffering and death,
stand by me, I pray, as I journey through this lent.

Pray for me and offer me to Your Son,
that He may take me into His loving embrace.

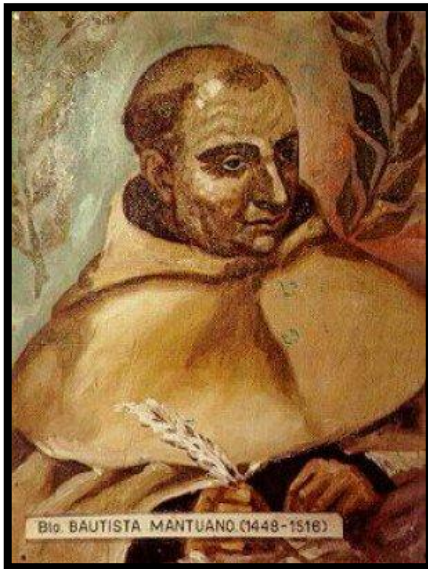
Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God,
have mercy on me a sinner.

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Mother Mary, Mother of our Crucified Lord,
pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Amen.



Carmelite Blessed Baptist Spagnoli was born on 17th April 1447 to a family of civil servants to the Dukes of Mantua. He entered the Carmelites of the Congregation of Mantua at Ferrara as a young man and had a stellar rise in academics and administration of his order.

While not a poet of genius, he was a superb Latin stylist, imitating Virgil. His eclogues were used in European schools for a century and a half after his death as a model of style and he was quoted by Shakespeare, Boswell, and Nashe. He was friends with many of the leading Renaissance humanists, including the two Pico della Mirandas, with whom some correspondence survives.

He made his religious profession in 1464 and served in many positions of responsibility in the community in addition to his literary work. Baptist performed a number of diplomatic missions for the popes; he was vicar general of his congregation six times and in 1513 he was elected Prior General of the whole Order. He was a renowned humanist who brought his richly varied poetry into the service of Christ.

He is the only Carmelite quoted in the works of William Shakespeare (Love's Labor Lost, Act IV, scene 2, line 95ff.) He used his friendship with scholars as an opportunity of encouraging them to live a Christian life. He died in Mantua on 20th March 1516.¹

April Carmelite Saints and Blesseds:

Blessed Baptist Spagnoli of Mantua, Priest (17th); Blessed Mary of the Incarnation, Virgin (18th);
Blessed Teresa Mary of the Cross Manetti, Virgin (23rd).

April Community Birthdays to be remembered at Holy Mass at the Annunciation Hermitage:

Terese Horlocker –2nd; Mary Robak—8th; Trudy Rocca (deceased)—27th

¹ <https://carmelites.ie/saints/blessed-baptist-spagnoli-of-mantua/>

[Optional 8am Holy Mass at St Pius.]
 April 5th Meeting at Co-Cathedral of St John the Evangelist-
 Gathering Space/Kitchen.
 In-person/online. 9:15-12:15 pm.
 Side 1: Terese Side 2: **Suzie**

Christian Prayer:

Inv. 427.
 Hymn #118 ('Jesus Christ is risen today')
 Psalms/Canticle: [Ant: 427] 707-710.
 Reading/Intercessions/Benedictus/Prayer: 449-450.

Volume II:

Inv. 617.
 Hymn 544.
 Psalms/Canticle: [Ant: 524] 1088-1092.
 Reading/Intercessions/Benedictus/Prayer 623-624.

Consecration to BVM; *Salve Regina*; St Joseph, Vocations Prayer.
 Lectio Divina: St. John 20: 19-31. **Bob Kertis**
 Community Manual pp. 17-20.
 Announcements.
 On-going Formation-St Thérèse's *Last Conv*: pp xi - xxv
 (inclusive); The Yellow Notebook: pp 5-9"

Announcements:

- Dues are 55\$ by May 1st. Thank you to all (except a couple) who have paid dues. All donations via SJLCC to Dave.

- Please sign up for Channel One volunteering (1st Tuesday of the month) Tuesday, April 1st 6-8pm. [Channel One — Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist \(sj.org\)](https://www.sj.org) See Niniek.

- SJLCC Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays 4-5 pm; in the Chapel of the Co-Cathedral.

Formation Notes

On-going Formation is St Thérèse's *Last Con*. pp xi - xxv; The Yellow Notebook: pp 5-9; Note inspiring phrases and be prepared to share.

Phase I: Clark, Jasmine, Anne, Lise; Ch. 6, 'Living as a Carmelite: Provincial Statutes' pp. 41-45 with Terese.

*6-month review.

Phase II: Ruth; Ch. 14, 'Community pp. 335-370 in Climbing the Mountain with Mary Hayek and Dorothy.

Formation groups will meet at St. James Coffee on the **2nd Sunday (Palm Sunday)** this month- noon till 2 pm.

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4
Mary Hayek (Lead)	Terese Horlocker (Lead)	Paul Byron (Lead)	Susie Oliver (Lead)
Slava Dousa	Michael Kacir	Deacon Randy	Saundra Groslie
Sharon Stanton	Niniek Pranoto	Bob Robak	Dave Reinschmidt
Bob Kertis	Paula Plummer	Marilyn Baker	Dorthy Loftus-Nall
Anne Cuccio	Dianne Johnson	Tia Meyer	Ruth Wentz
Lynne Gaffey	Jasmine Sexton	Clark Amorillo	Lise Paulik
		Suzanne Norris	

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Our Carmelite Charism: Prayer, Community and Service

