Second Year Promise Class Syllabus 2016-2017

Goals

1. Increase our knowledge of Carmelite Spirituality as a secular
2. Grow in our prayer life using St. John of the Cross and Elizabeth of the Trinity as our guides
3. Expand our knowledge of Carmelite Saints and how they lived their lives
4. Acquire a deeper understanding of Carmelite rule
5. Expand our knowledge of Our Blessed Mother’s life with Christ through reading and prayer on our own
6. Reflect on the question “How do I apply what I am learning, and have learned, to my life?”

Schedule

The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross (translated by Kieran Kavanaugh OCD & Otillio Rodriguez OCD)

Let your divinity shine on my intellect by giving it divine knowledge, and on my will by imparting to it the divine love, and on my memory with the divine possession of glory.

November 19 633-657 (up to stanza 2) December 10 657-672 (stanza 2)

January 21 673-715 (stanza 3) February 18 719-731

March 18 735-764

He is My Heaven: The Life of Elizabeth of the Trinity by Jennifer Moorcroft

O Lord, what does it matter, when I can retire within myself, enlightened by faith, whether I feel or don’t feel, whether I am in light or darkness, enjoy or do not enjoy? I am struck by a kind of shame at making any distinction between such things and despising myself utter for such want of love, I turn at once to you …above the sweetness and consolations which flow from you, because I have resolved to pass by all else in order to be united with you.

April 8 1-32 May 20 33-66

June 10 67-102 July 15 137-170

August 19 171-186

September 9 anticipated Promise ceremony. Until notified by the Community’s Spiritual Assistant, we will keep this day flexible for the Promise ceremony. In the past three years, we have had the Promise ceremony in October (once) and September (twice).