



### *Mother Mary Angeline Teresa, O.Carm.*

Mother M. Angeline Teresa, Foundress of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, was a woman of vision. Having come to the United States as a Little Sister of the Poor, Mother immediately embraced the American spirit and culture and endeavored to care for the elderly according to the American tradition. When this was not approved by the leadership of her Community, she sought the advice of Patrick Cardinal Hayes who assisted her and six Companions to form a new Congregation which promoted dignified and respectful care of the elderly in a homelike environment.

Mother Angeline valued the sacredness of life from conception to natural death and encouraged the Sisters to "Try to see Christ in each of the old people entrusted to our care. Be kind to them as you would to Christ Himself, and endeavor to meet their needs with all the love Mary must have shown in caring for her new born Babe in Bethlehem." She guided the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm for many years and through trying times, always encouraging the sisters to meet the needs of the times in caring for the elderly.

It is in this spirit that the Mother Angeline Ministries of Care was born in 2009 to assist parishes in reaching out to the ill and homebound and to bring the hope and consolation of Christ to their daily lives.

On June 28, 2012 Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI recognized her heroic virtue and declared her Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O.Carm. Her Cause for sainthood continues in Rome.

For more information about Mother Mary Angeline and the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm please visit [www.carmelitesisters.com](http://www.carmelitesisters.com).



## *Mother Angeline*

MINISTRIES OF CARE

### *Vision Statement*

The Mother Angeline Ministries of Care will be a source of hope and consolation for all isolated by sickness and disability and a grace-filled addition to the pastoral care services already in place in each parish community.

### *Mission Statement*

The Mother Angeline Ministries of Care, named for the Foundress of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, has as its mission bringing Christ to the Homebound and Sick of our faith community. As trained outreach volunteers mirror Mother Angeline's spirit of kindness, joy and prayer, they allow each person to feel the compassion and love of Christ in a deeply personal way. By care and concern for each individual visited, the Ministries also promote respect for life, especially in its later stages. It adheres to the moral and ethical teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and abides by diocesan policies and procedures which govern its activities.

### *Minister of Care Training*

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

1000 Lantana Rd.

Lantana, FL 33462

### *For More Information Please Contact:*

(561) 777-0966

Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm

Attn: Avila Institute of Gerontology, Inc.

600 Woods Road

Germantown, NY 12526



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### BECOME A MOTHER ANGELINE MINISTER OF CARE



*"To clasp the hand of an aged person and give meaning to the autumn of life."*

— MOTHER MARY ANGELINE TERESA, O.CARM.



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**LOCATION**

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**CLASS FEES: \$20.00 per person**

*Includes materials and lunch. Please make checks payable to the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm.*

**REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please print neatly.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Check which program you will be attending:**

- Minister of Care
- Advanced Minister of Care

**Please return this form by mail or fax:**

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**Forms must be received by: September 6, 2013**



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*The Mother Angeline Ministries of Care is a volunteer parish outreach program geared toward promoting the ideals and values of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O.Carm., Foundress of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. Mother Angeline Ministers of Care receive instruction and training to provide spiritual support and to be a caring presence to the homebound, the sick and the dying. Mother Angeline Teresa's philosophy was to bring Christ to every old person; this outreach ministry keeps Mother Angeline's philosophy alive, bringing Christ to those who are separated from the congregation.*

## Mother Angeline Ministries Program Coordinator

*(Congregation, Parish or Diocesan level)*

Coordinators will complete the Minister of Care training and have additional instruction and support to gain the skills and understand how to coordinate a branch of the Mother Angeline Ministries of Care. Coordinators must be vetted by their Parish or Diocese, be aware of protocols at the Parish or Diocesan level, and possess the organizational skills needed to implement the program.

## Minister of Care

### *Enhancing visits to the homebound*

The Minister of Care program begins with instruction in pastoral visits, active listening, the spirituality of aging, family dynamics, and how to engage the homebound and the sick. Ministers who have a strong moral character and possess the ability to interact with elders will be assigned by the Parish or Diocese to visit persons who are homebound and need support. These people may be at home, in the hospital or nursing facility. The Ministers of Care and their work will be evaluated on a yearly basis to provide the appropriate guidance and support for both ministers and those in their care.

## Advanced Minister of Care

### *Providing spiritual comfort to the dying*

The Advanced Minister of Care training is designed for Ministers of Care who wish to address the special needs of the frail and the dying. Potential candidates must have completed training as a Minister of Care, and demonstrated sufficient experience in this capacity. This level of ministry will support persons who are in a terminal stage of illness, providing them and their loved ones with spiritual comfort and compassion. Care may be provided in private home, nursing facility or hospital.