



Dear Rev. Fathers and Brothers

Wish you the greetings and blessings of the feast of Mother of Carmel!

What do I treasure? Our beloved mother, Queen and Splendour of Carmel challenges all Carmelites to treasure the word of God and contemplate on it as she did. "But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

What am I doing? St. Elijah, the prophet of Carmel, gives us a strong message, to enter into the inner cave of our hearts and listen to the Word in order to be zealous for the Lord. There Elijah entered a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of Hosts, he replied. (Kings 19:9-10)

What is my only one wish? St. Elisha had only one wish: a double portion of the Spirit of Elijah. Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. (2 Kings 2:9)

Yes, The Spirit of Carmel is resting on us. The people could feel the spirit of Carmel and spirit of Elijah in Elisha. The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, "The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha." And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him. (2 Kings 2:15)

While we renew our religious vows today, let us commit ourselves to be worthy children of our Lady of Mount Carmel with Contemplative Spirit, Missionary Heart and Immaculate Living.

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