



## MOUNT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES

Dear Brothers in Carmel,

Many blessings to you and your family in 2009. The new year represents a time of renewal and hope that we as Catholics will continue to support the mission of the Carmelite order. **Fraternity, service, and contemplation are attributes of Carmelite Charism.** These attributes make all of you 'Men of Carmel' and they are the reason the Carmelites continue to forge the brotherhood with each Crusader today. As students of Mt. Carmel High School in Los Angeles, you have established this eternal brotherhood with the Carmelites.

We are happy to report that Fr. Peter Liuzzi, O. Carm. '57 has accepted our invitation as Mt. Carmel High School of Los Angeles Alumni Liaison. His strong connection as an alumnus and Carmelite make him the perfect ambassador. Fr. Peter is excited with the various Mt. Carmel Alumni events that have been added to the calendar and looks forward to your joining him in reconnecting with the memories made in the hallowed halls at 71<sup>st</sup> and Hoover. Fr. Peter says, "One of my tasks will be to share with you some of the spiritual riches of Carmelite prayer and spirituality."

Judy Cannavo McKeever, wife of the late Marlin McKeever '57, whose twin brother was Mike McKeever '57, witnessed first hand how the Carmelite priests, brothers, and lay faculty guided the lives and values of the students who attended Mount Carmel High School, Los Angeles. In reflecting on the traditions of Carmelite education, Judy Cannavo McKeever suspects "that the prior and successive principals of Mt. Carmel and Crespi Carmelite expected all men of Carmel to be united in purpose and love of their education, to be loyal and supportive of each other, their schools and the communities in which they live and work." **These traditions and values have contributed to the shaping of thousands of successful young men and are the universal qualities that inspire us to support the dreams and goals of Carmelites in Education here on the west coast.**

It is our pleasure to provide the enclosed gift of a *Brown Scapular*. Please accept this gift as a symbol of renewal of your relationship with the Carmelites. As you remember when you first received your *Brown Scapular* as a student, it finds its roots in the tradition of the Order, which has seen in it a sign of Mary's motherly protection. It has therefore, a centuries old spiritual meaning approved by the Church. The *Brown Scapular* is meant to act as a reminder of how we are to live our lives, as disciples of Jesus. It reminds us of the saints of Carmel, with whom we have the bond as brothers and sisters to one another. ([www.carmelnet.org](http://www.carmelnet.org)) Those few pieces of blessed cloth you hold in your hands are a remembrance of a

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dream that has sustained us all of our lives. This same Scapular is your promise to renew the dream for the sake of 'newest' Men of Carmel, those attending Crespi Carmelite.

Thanks to your support, your ***Mount Carmel High School of Los Angeles Alumni Scholarship Fund*** has already benefitted E.J. Woods CCHS '08 in his educational pursuit. In a statement made in the February 2008 *Brothers in Carmel* newsletter, Woods expressed appreciation for being the recipient of the ***Mount Carmel High School of Los Angeles Scholarship Fund***, "Without the selflessness of the people who gave me the opportunity to attend a school like Crespi Carmelite, who knows where I would be right now? Thanks to them, I am going to go to college and when I grow up maybe I can give a kid a chance to receive a Carmelite education too." A graduate of Crespi Carmelite High School '08, Woods is completing his freshman year at UCLA and was also a member of the 2008-2009 UCLA football program. His success story serves as inspiration for all of us **to do what we can to help those who are unable to help themselves financially.**

The mission of the ***Mount Carmel High School of Los Angeles Alumni Scholarship Fund*** is to provide tuition assistance to a needs-based student based on his leadership skills which parallel the Carmelite Charism of fraternity, service, and contemplation. Therefore, we are asking you to contribute a small gift to the Carmelites. Your gift will be restricted to the ***Mount Carmel High School of Los Angeles Alumni Scholarship Fund***, in care of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory, Encino.

Your small gift today will demonstrate your commitment to Carmelite Education and the on-going philanthropic support of Catholic values in secondary education in the Carmelite tradition from which you, yourself flourished. For more information on the ***Mount Carmel of Los Angeles Alumni Scholarship Fund***, visit [www.crespi.org](http://www.crespi.org).

Please know with all sincerity that any gift you make, no matter the size, is appreciated. On behalf of the students who will benefit from the ***Mount Carmel High School of Los Angeles Alumni Scholarship Fund***, who would otherwise not become Men of Carmel we thank you for including Carmel in your family legacy of giving.

Please contact Fr. Peter Liuzzi at (818)654-1358 or [pliuzzi@carmelnet.org](mailto:pliuzzi@carmelnet.org). with any questions, prayers of intentions, or special events, i.e. weddings and baptisms. For more information on upcoming events, and to R.S.V.P. for the St. Patrick's Day Feast, contact Jaclyn Campbell (818) 654-1322 or [jcampbell@crespi.org](mailto:jcampbell@crespi.org).

May Our Lady of Mount Carmel continue to bless you and your family.

In Carmel,

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