

Haifa

Carmelite Stella Maris*

* Star of the Sea (in Latin), a devotional title of Mary



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Note :

- All Biblical quotes are based on the New Revised Standard Version
- The following abbreviations are used :
 - B. – Blessed
 - Fr. - Friar
 - St. – Saint
 - V. - Venerable

Entrance Plaza

Stella Maris Road – Eastward View



French war memorials



Opening hours

Memorial for the Acre Campaign*

* Erected in May 1876 by the mariners of the Château-Renaud warship



Western façade

The mariners of Château-Renaud
In memory of
the brave soldiers of the Egyptian army
who fell in the Acre campaign**



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Château-Renaud



Eastern façade

They gloriously died in action
God accepted them eternally
May 1876

Memorial for the French Soldiers*

* The French soldiers were hospitalized in the monastery during Napoleon's campaign on Acre in 1799. After Napoleon retreated, they were massacred by the Ottomans and later buried by the Carmelites



Eastern façade



1799

*How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle
(II Samuel 1,25)***

Stella Maris Road – Westward View*

* Lighthouse and adjacent buildings are currently being used by the IDF



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Donated by the Republic of Chile in 1894



Mary holding Child Jesus

Statue of Mary – Eastern Façade*

* Text in Spanish



Chile Coat of Arms

Virgin of Carmel, Queen of Chile
Save your people, who bless you

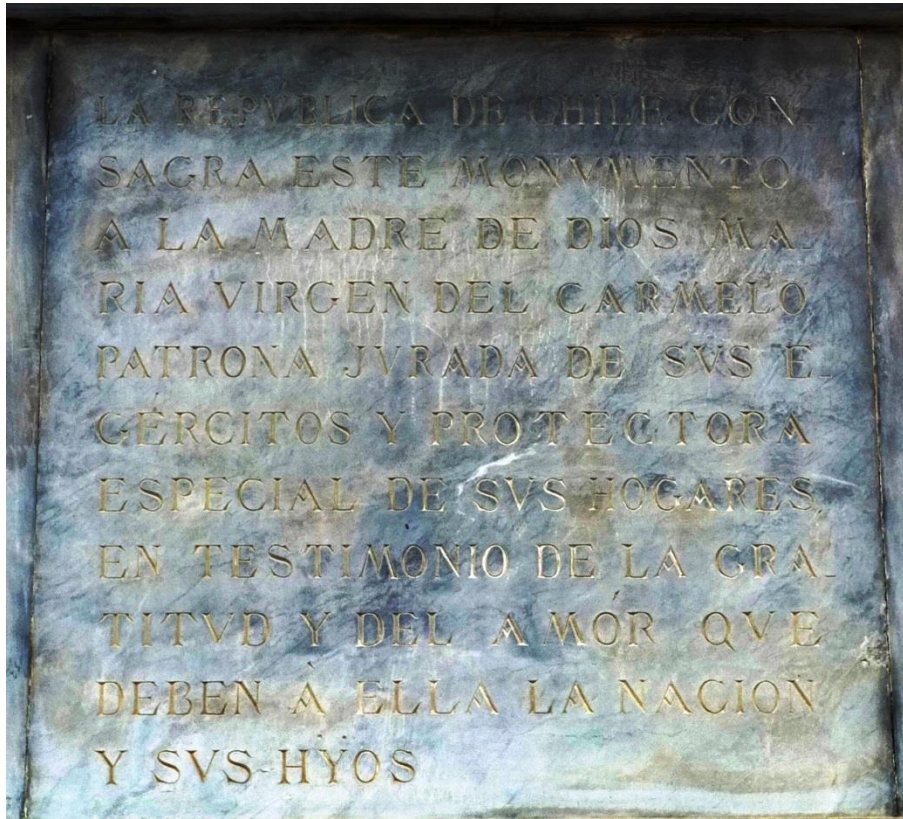
Hail, Mary full of grace

Bestow the Chileans, who venerate you,
with love of their homeland and the love of God

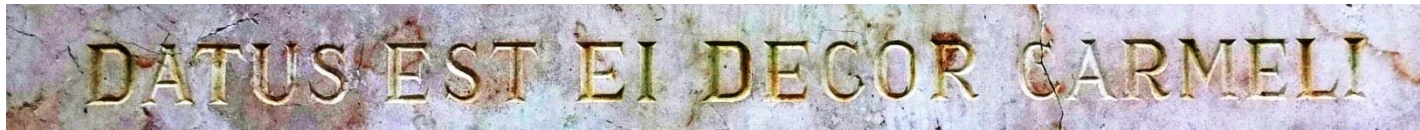


Statue of Mary – Northern Façade*

* Text in Spanish



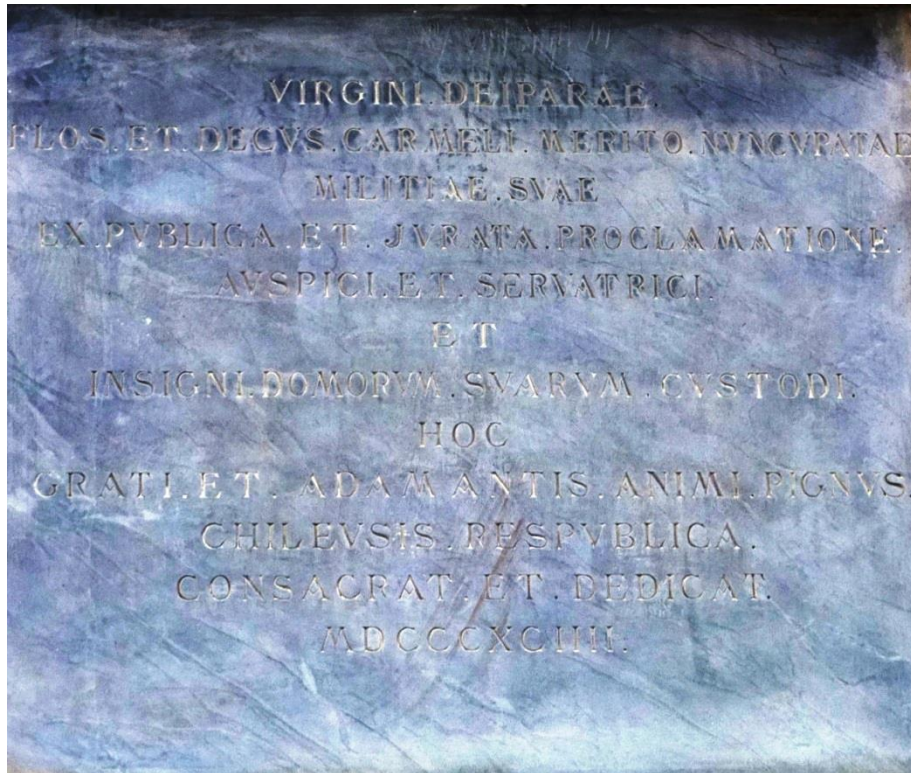
The Republic of Chile
dedicates this monument
to the Mother of God
Mary virgin of Carmel
justice patron of its armies
who protects their homes
This will be a testimony
that the nation and the people
are grateful and owe her love



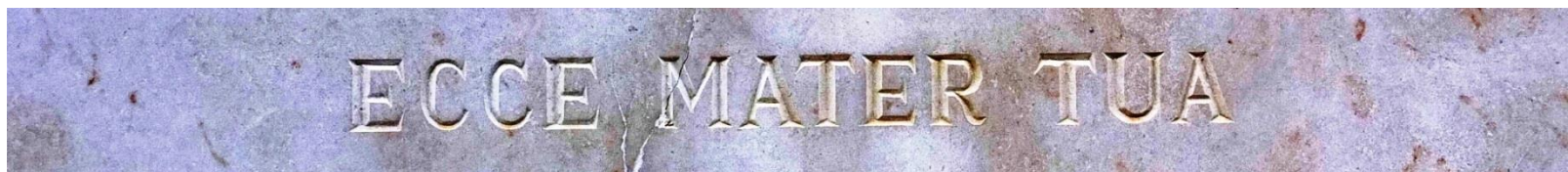
Shall be given to it the majesty of Carmel (Isaiah 35, 2)

Statue of Mary – Western Façade*

* Text in Latin resembles the text in Spanish



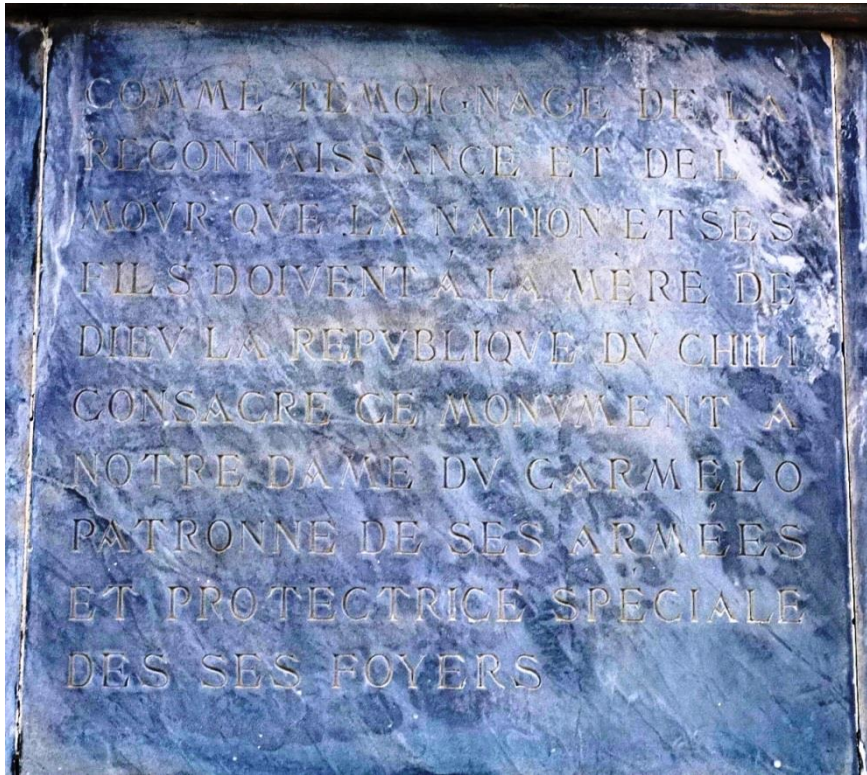
VIRGINI DEIPARAE
FLOS ET DECUS CARMELI MERITO NUNCUPATAE
MILITIAE SVAE
EX PUBLICA ET JURATA PROCLAMATIONE
AUSPICI ET SERVATRICI
ET
INSIGNI DOMORUM SUARUM CUSTODI
HOC
GRATI ET ADAMANTIS ANIMI PIGNUS
CHILEUSIS RESPUBLICA
CONSACRAT ET DEDICAT
1894



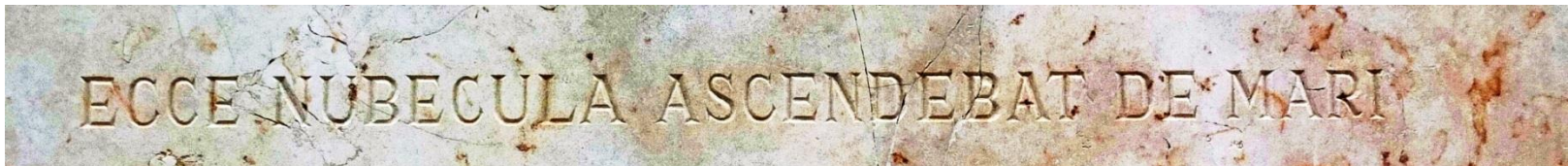
Here is your mother (John 19,27)

Statue of Mary – Southern Façade*

* Text in French resembles the text in Spanish



COMME TEMOIGNAGE DE LA
RECONNAISSANCE ET DEL
AMOUR QUE LA NATION ET SES
FILS DOIVENT A LA MERE DE
DIEU LA REPUBLIQUE DU CHILI
CONSACRE CE MUNUMENT A
NOTRE DAME DU CARMELO
PATRONNE DE SES ARMEES
ET PROTECTRICE SPECIALE
DES SES FOYERS



a little cloud...is rising out of the sea (1 Kings 18, 44)

Church

Main Entrance – Carmelite Order Coat of Arms*

* In use from the 15th century onward

Carmelite Order Motto

I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts (I Kings 19, 10)



12 stars
...and on her head a crown of twelve stars (Revelation 12,1)

Cross***

Mount Carmel

Elijah sword-torch
...and his word burned like a torch (Sirach 48,1)**

Crown of Heaven

3 Stars
The star inside the mountain represents those still on their way to the summit (Heaven), while the two in the sky represent those who have already reached it

Fadlallah Majdalani
The stonecutter

** The book of Sirach is included in the Latin Vulgate Bible, but might be missing in other versions of the Bible

*** The cross was added to the Coat of Arms in the 17th century

Main Entrance – Decorated Door*

* The door was made by Fr. Serafino Melchiorre, an Italian Carmelite friar-artist who also decorated the Muhraqa Monastery and the St. Joseph Church in Haifa

Elijah holding the
faith sword-torch



Star of the Sea

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Brown Scapular



Serafino 1987
Artist's signature

Main Entrance – Decorated Door



Elijah fighting prophets of the Baal



Pope John Paul II calls the faithful to praise Mary



Elijah hiding in the cave



Stella Maris Church



The Holy Family visits Mount Carmel

Main Entrance – Glass Door*

* Installed in 2019

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Scapular

Elijah holding the
faith sword-torch



Entrance Hall – Decorated Floor*

* Inlaid stone technique used here reminds the ancient Roman Opus sectile

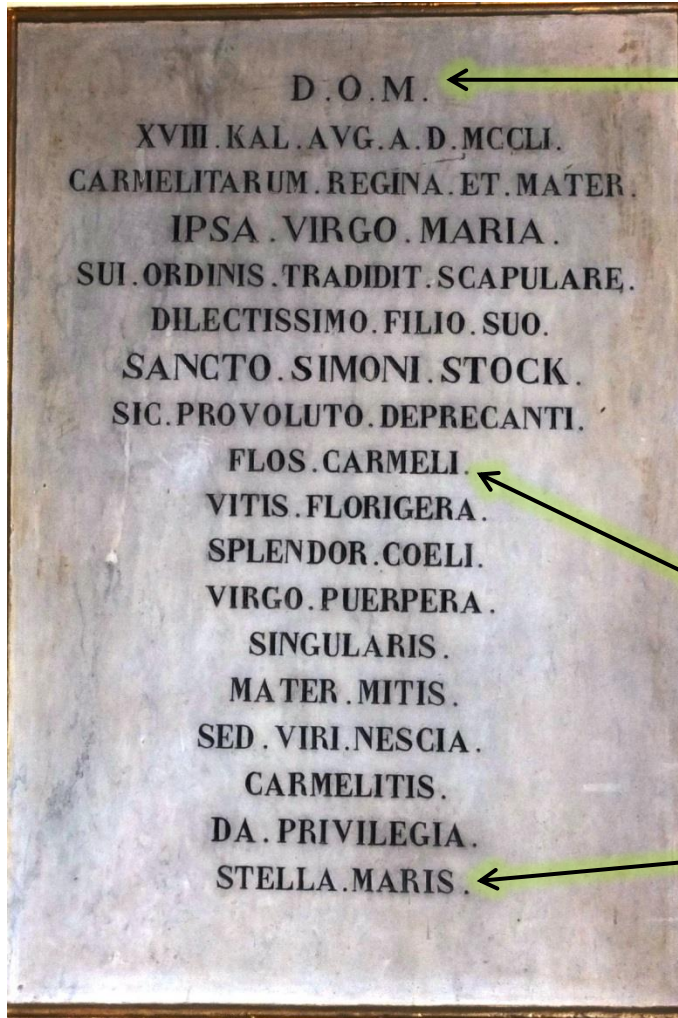


Hail Star of the Sea

Entrance Hall – Eastern Wall



Entrance Hall – Eastern Wall



Apparition of Mary to St. Simon Stock
with the Brown Scapular in 1251

D.O.M.
Deo Optimo Maximo
To God, most good, most great



Stella Maris Church

Flower of Carmel
Tall vine blossom-laden
Splendor of heaven
Child-bearing yet maiden
None equals thee
Mother so tender
Who no man didn't know
On Carmel's children
Thy favors bestow
Star of the Sea

(*Flos Carmeli* hymn by St. Simon Stock)

Entrance Hall – Eastern Wall



Church announced **Minor Basilica** by Pope Gregory XVI in 1839

Entrance Hall – Eastern Wall



Basilica of Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel

D.O.M.
Deo Optimo Maximo
To God, most good, most great



Church dedicated to Virgin Mary in 1841



Stella Maris Monastery
Schedule Mass

Monday to Thursday	7:00	Italian
Friday	7:00	Arabic
Saturday	7:00	English
Sunday	8:00	Italian
	9:00	English

Prayer schedule

Entrance Hall – Southern Wall



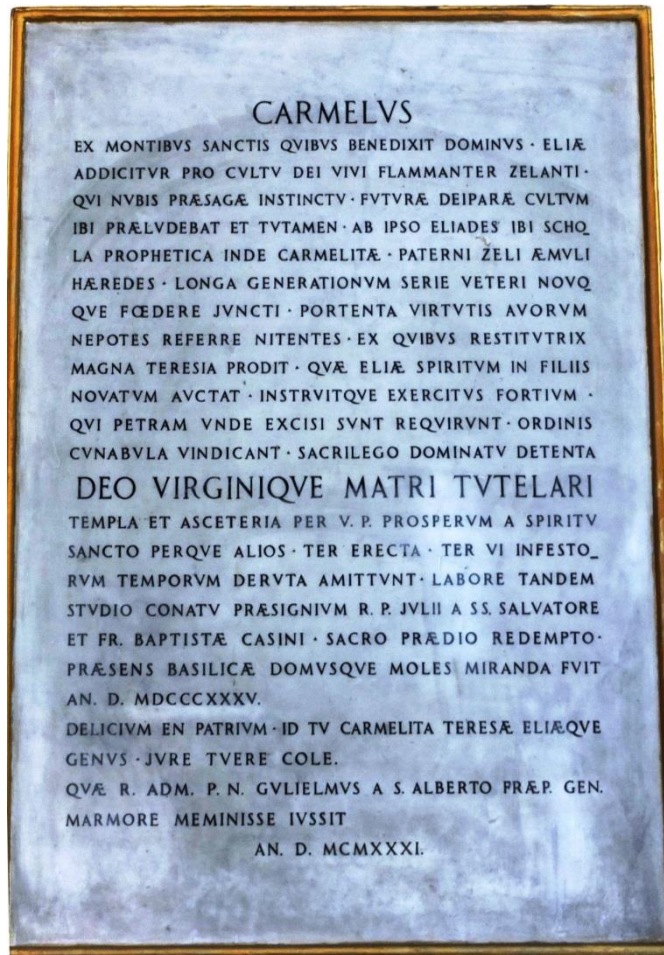
Door to archeological display



V. Fr. Prosper

Renewed Carmelite presence on Mount Carmel
in 1631

Entrance Hall – Western Wall



Church renovated in 1933



300 years of renewed Carmelite presence on Mount Carmel
1631 - 1931

Entrance Hall – Northern Wall



Door to monastery



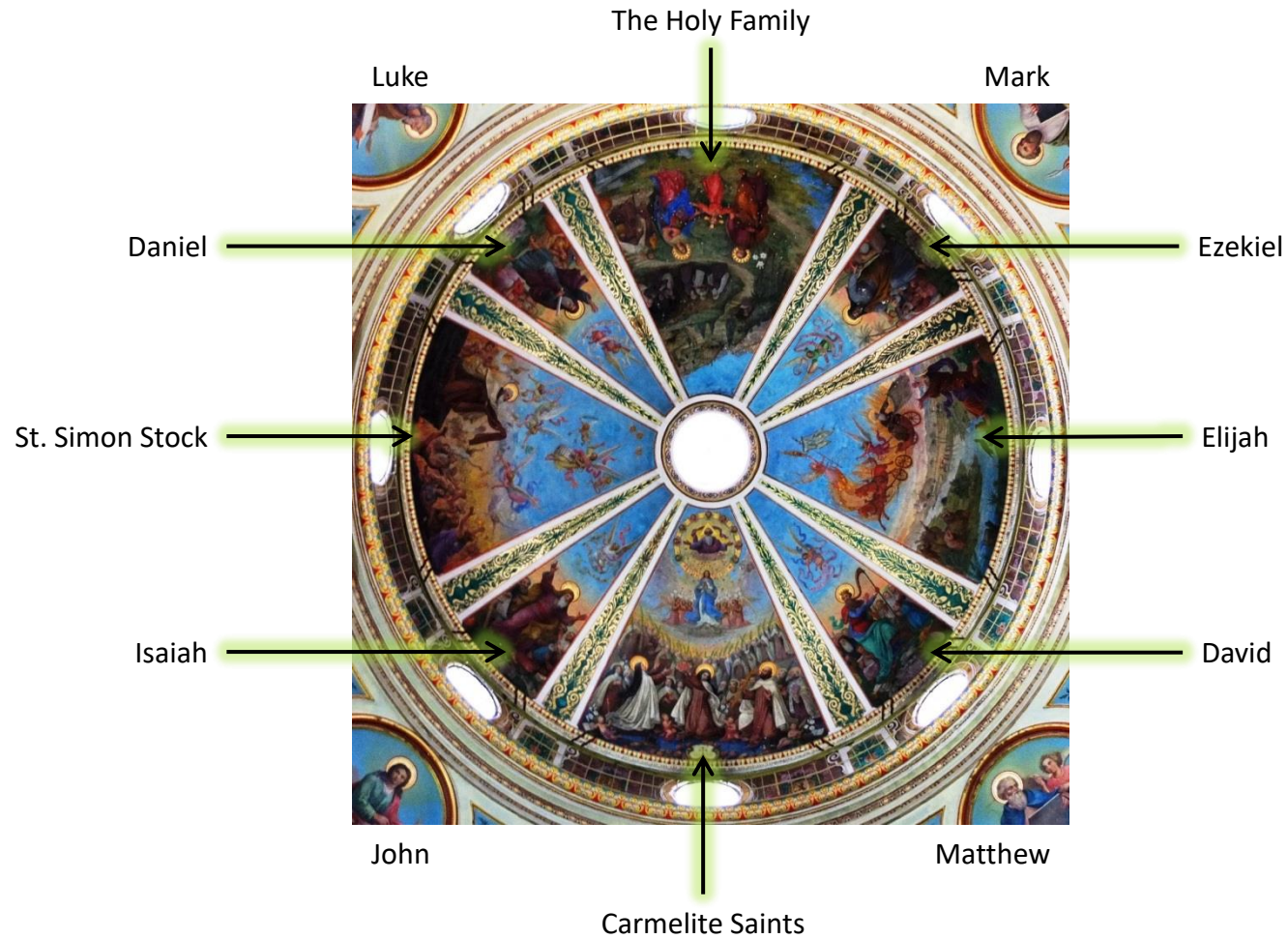
Fr. Julius

Rebuilt the church and monastery in 1836



Main Hall – Decorated Dome*

* The dome was decorated by Luigi of St. Joseph (AKA Manwel Poggi), a Maltese Carmelite friar-artist who also decorated the St. Stephen Church in Beit Jimal



Decorated Dome – Luke, Winged Ox

Hail Mary full of grace, the LORD is with thee (From the AVE MARIA prayer, based on Luke 1, 28)



Fr. Luigi of St. Joseph
C 26-10 J
1901
Artist's signature*

* The date may indicate his joining of the Discalced Carmelite Order

Decorated Dome – Mark, Winged Lion

Here are my mother and my brothers (Mark 3, 34)



Decorated Dome – John, Eagle

here is your son...here is your mother (John 19, 26-27)



*In the beginning was
the Word (John 1, 1)*

Decorated Dome – Matthew, Winged Man

she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1, 18)



Decorated Dome – Carmelite Saints



Mary

St. John of the Cross*

Carmelite Order
Coat of Arms

St. Teresa of Ávila*

St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Celebrated on July 16th

Decorated Dome – David



David playing the harp



Declare her glory among all people
(Traditional hymn to Virgin Mary, based on *Psalms* 96,3)



*Glorious things are spoken of you,
O city of God, Selah (Psalm 87, 3)**

* The painting refers to Psalm 37 instead of Psalm 87, probably due to vague handwriting in the original sketch

Decorated Dome – Elijah



As they continued walking and talking, **a chariot of fire and horses of fire** separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!'.... **He picked up the mantle of Elijah** that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan (II Kings 2, 11-13)

Elijah in a fiery chariot

Elijah's mantle

Elisha

Jordan river

Elevation of Elijah in a fiery chariot

Decorated Dome – Ezekiel



*My sister, my bride, a garden locked,
a fountain sealed (Song of Songs 4, 12)*



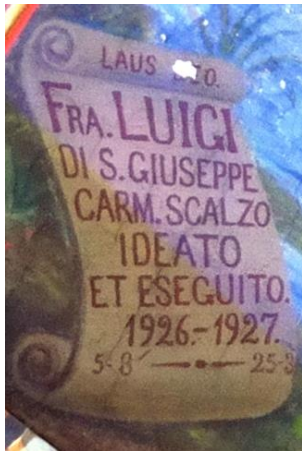
*This gate shall remain shut...Only the
prince...may sit in it (Ezekiel 44, 2-3)*

Decorated Dome – The Holy Family



Stella Maris Church

Carmelite friars



Praised to God
Fr. Luigi of St. Joseph
Discalced Carmelite
Designed and executed
1926 – 1927

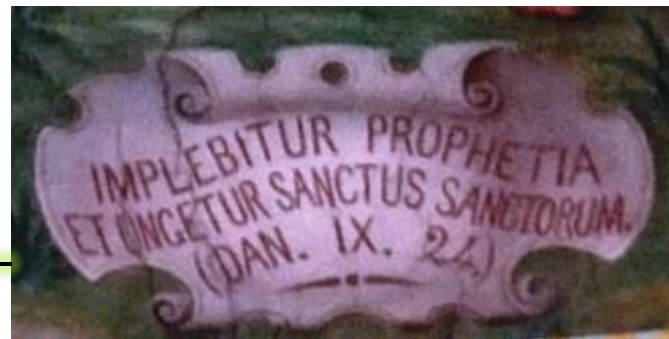
The Holy Family visits Mount Carmel*

* This visit is based on a Carmelite tradition, emphasizing the linkage between Mary, Mount Carmel and the Carmelite Order

Decorated Dome – Daniel



There would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the LORD (Luke 1, 45)

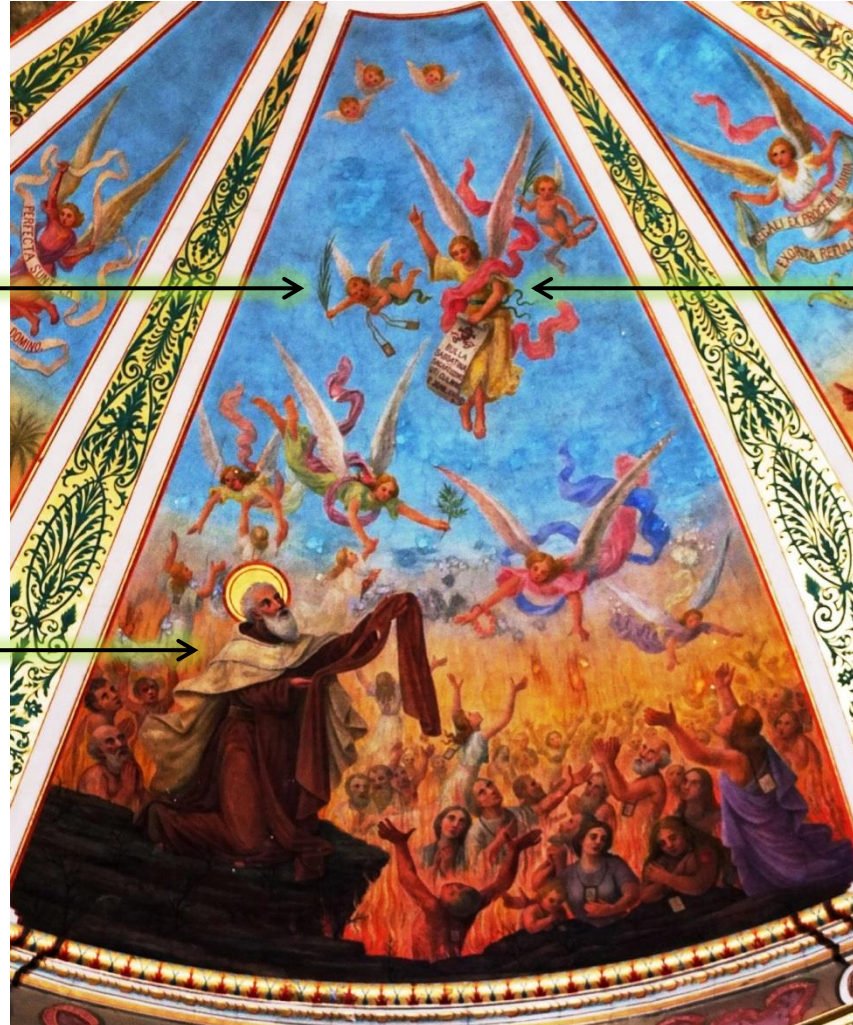


to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place (Daniel 9, 24)

Decorated Dome – St. Simon Stock



Angel holding a Brown Scapular



St. Simon Stock
English Carmelite



BULLA
SABBATINA
SACRATISSIMO
UTI CULMINE
POPE JOHN XXII*

St. Simon Stock and the Brown Scapular

St. Simon Stock holds the Brown Scapular. Those wearing the Scapular are being released by the angels from purgatory

* In 1322, a papal bull attributed to Pope John XXII, promulgated the "Saturday Privilege". According to this bull, AKA "Saturday Bull", the devotee of the Scapular would be released from purgatory on the Saturday after death

Decorated Dome – Isaiah



That Mary springs from royal stock shines out, Hallelujah
(Traditional hymn to Virgin Mary)



*A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse
(Isaiah 11, 1)*

Decorated Dome – Inscriptions



Southern inscription*

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon (Isaiah 35, 2)



Northern inscription**

Your head crowns you like Carmel, and your flowing locks are like purple; a king is held captive in the tresses (Song of Songs 7, 5)

* The inscription starts at the apse and ends at the southern apsidiole

** The inscription starts at the southwestern corner of the church and ends at the apse

Main Hall – Northern Wall

Joseph holding Child Jesus



St. Teresa of Ávila and St. John of the Cross*
Foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order



IHS
Iesus Hominum Salvator
Jesus Savior of Men



Northern apsidiole

Northern Wall – Stained-Glass Window

As they continued walking and talking, **a chariot of fire and horses of fire** separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!'.... **He picked up the mantle of Elijah** that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan (II Kings 2, 11-13)



Elevation of Elijah in a fiery chariot



St. Andrew Corsini
Italian Carmelite, Bishop of Fiesole



St. Peter Thomas
French Carmelite, Latin Patriarch of Constantinople

Main Hall – Southern Wall

Mary holding Child Jesus



St. Simon Stock*

Apparition of Mary to St. Simon Stock and the bestowal of the Brown Scapular in 1251



Brown Scapular

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**Ave Maria
Hail Mary**



Southern apsidiole

Southern Wall – Stained-Glass Window

Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an **angel** touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat". He looked, and there at his head was a **cake** baked on hot stones, and a **jar of water** (I Kings 19, 5-6)



Elijah

Angel

Jar of water

Cake

Elijah in the wilderness



St. Albert of Sicily
Italian Carmelite

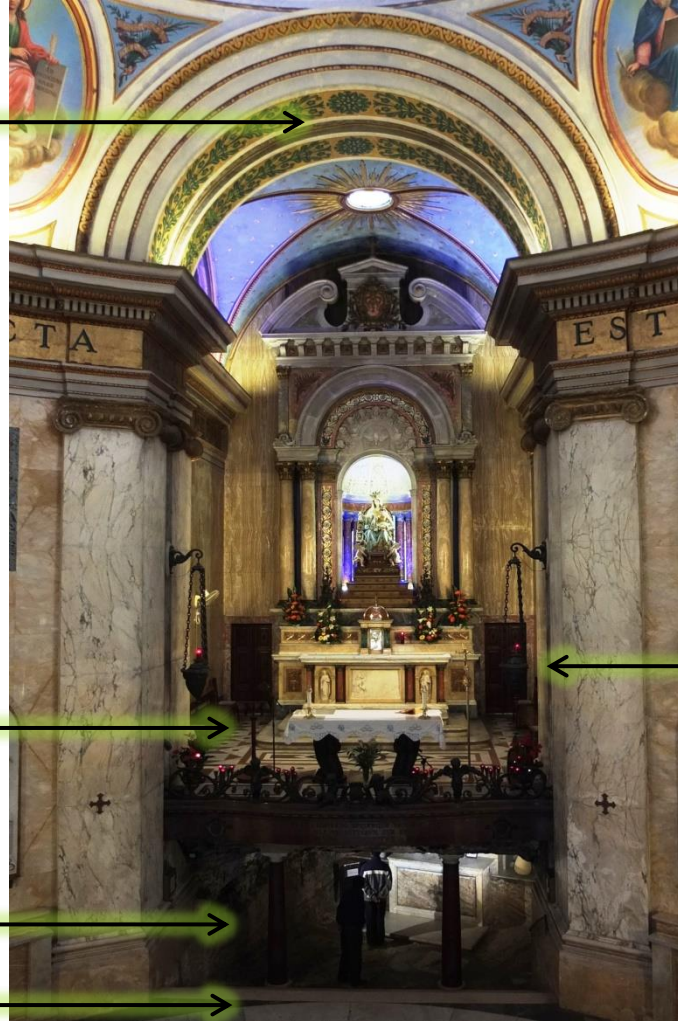


St. Angelus
(AKA Angelus of Jerusalem or Angelus of Sicily)
Jerusalemite Carmelite

Main Hall – Eastern Wall



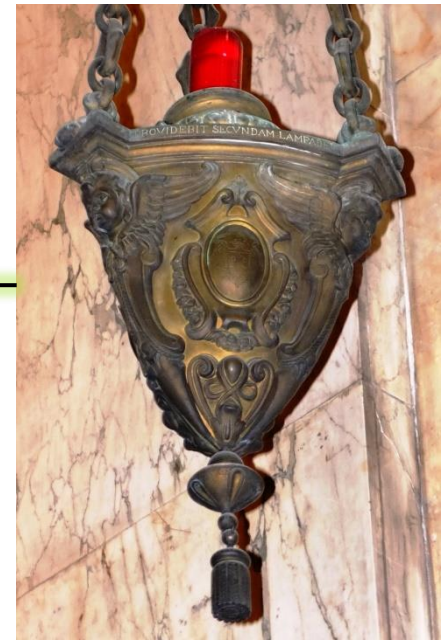
Queen Majesty of Carmel



Upper level

Crypt level

Floor memorial plaques



Decorated lamp

Floor Memorial Plaques



St. Berthold*
Carmelites Prior General
Died 1188



St. Brocard
Received the Carmelites Rule from
St. Albert Patriarch of Jerusalem
Died 1221

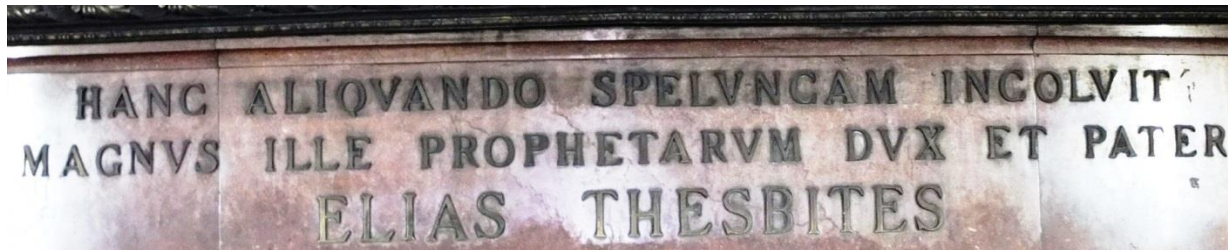


St. Cyril
(AKA Cyril of Constantinople)
Doctor
Carmelite Order
Died 1224



V. Fr. Prosper
Renewed Carmelite presence
on Mount Carmel in 1631
Died 1653

Crypt Level – Entrance



In this cave occasionally stayed
the great leader and father of the prophets
Elijah the Tishbite



Built
1836



Crypt entrance façade

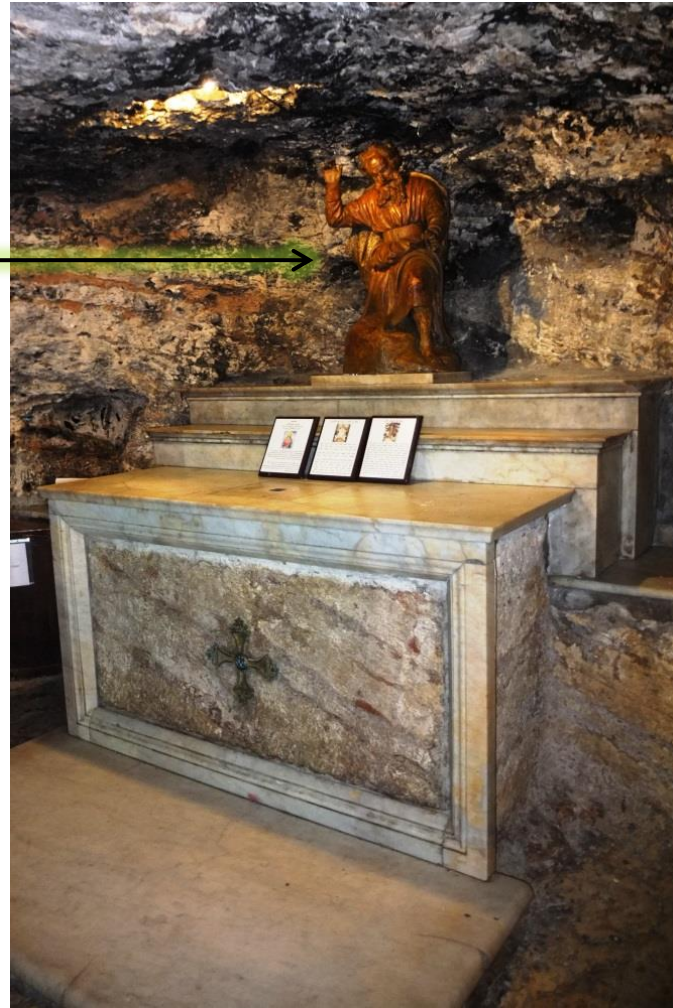


Renovated
1931

Crypt Level



Elijah



Altar

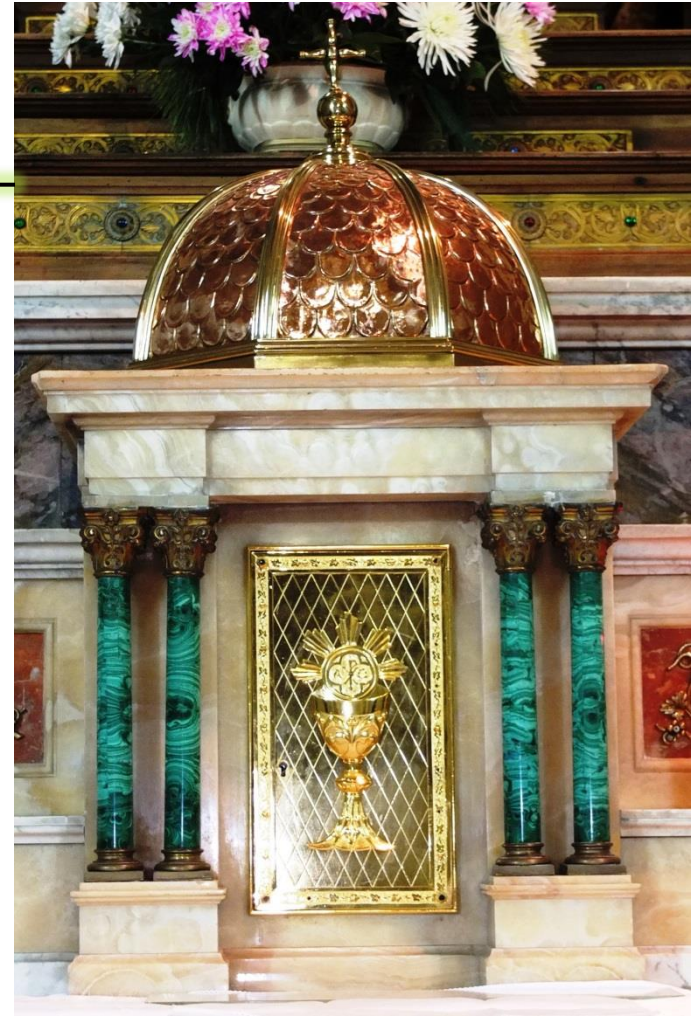
Upper Level – New Altar*

* Built after the 2nd Vatican Council

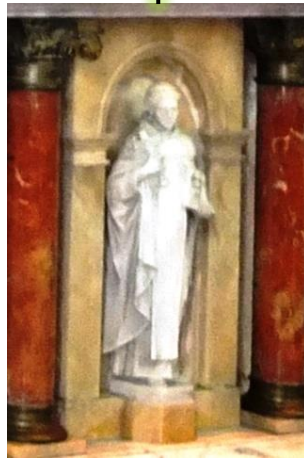


Christmas service (December 2013)

Upper Level – Original Altar



St. Teresa of Ávila



St. John of the Cross

Tabernacle

Upper Level – Original Altar

Elijah

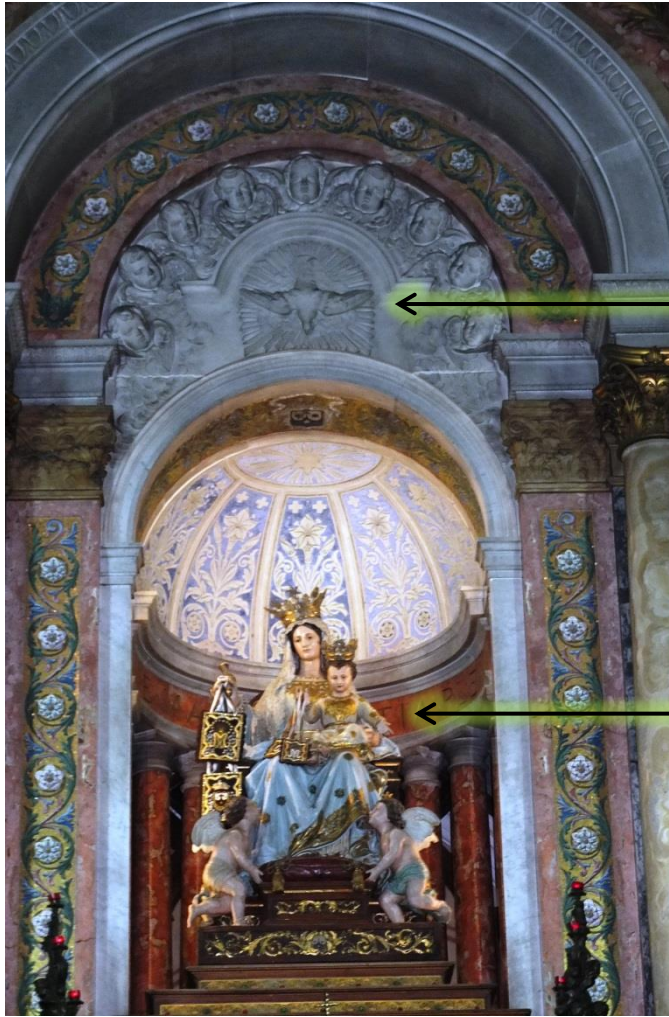
Mary

Stella Maris Church



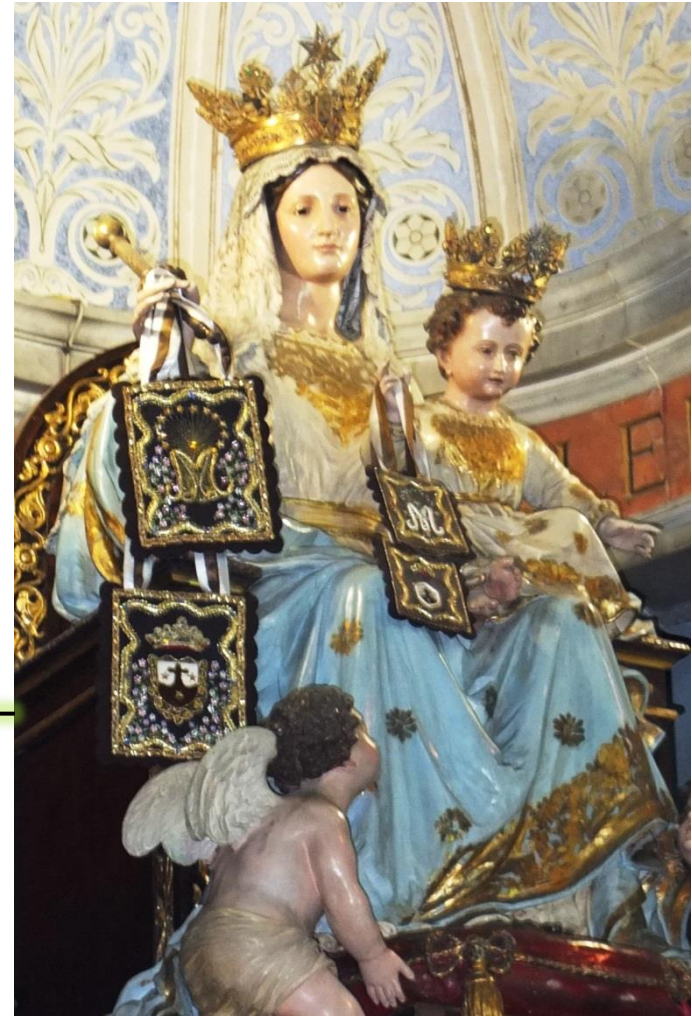
Stone relief

Upper Level – Apse



Dove
Holy Spirit

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Mary and Jesus holding a Brown Scapular

Main Hall – Memorial Plaque, St. Teresa of Ávila*

* AKA Teresa of Jesus



Dove
The Holy Spirit

Serpent
The Original sin

The Inner Fortress
Her biography

Spanish Carmelite
Foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order

Main Hall – Memorial Plaque, St. John of the Cross



Dove
The Holy Spirit

Nothing
Nothing
Nothing*

Ascent of Mount Carmel
His theological essay



Spanish Carmelite
Founder of the Discalced Carmelite Order

Serafino 1989
Artist's signature

* In order to reach the spiritual summit (e.g. unite with Christ), one must abstain from worldly pleasures and possessions

Main Hall – Memorial Plaque, St. Mariam Baouardy*

* AKA Mary of Jesus Crucified



Flower
Her attribute

Flower of the Orient
Her biography

Palestinian Carmelite**



Serafino
Artist's signature

** Mariam Baouardy was born in 1846 to a Greek-Catholic family in the Galilee village of l'billin in the Galilee. As a nun she was involved in establishing Carmelite presence in Bethlehem and India. Mariam Baouardy was canonized in 2015 by Pope Francis (26 years after the plaque was made)

Main Hall – Memorial Plaque, St. Edith Stein*

* AKA Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

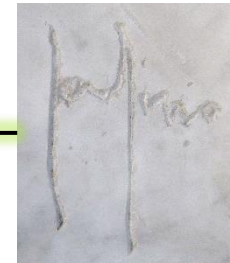


Flames
Her attribute

Star of David on a nun's habit
Her attribute

The Science of the Cross
Her theological essay

Barbed wire
Fences of Auschwitz



German Carmelite**

Serafino
Artist's signature

** Edith Stein was born and raised as a German Jew and had an academic career in Philosophy in Germany. She converted to Christianity at the age of 31 and became a Carmelite nun at the age of 42. Her beatification as a martyr created controversy and affected the Jewish-Catholic dialogue. Edith Stein was canonized In 1998 by Pope John Paul II (9 years after the plaque was made)

Main Hall – Confessional



Italian, Spanish, French, English



German, Hungarian, Polish

Main Hall – Carmelite Decoration



St. Teresa of Ávila



Way of the Cross 14 Stations

Main Hall – Western Wall



Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in Carmel. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever (Isaiah 32, 16-17)



Organ

Entrance



Stoup



All restoration done by
Fr. Serafino 1992

Western Wall – Memorial Plaque



Fr. John the Baptist of the Holy Sacrament
religiously joined the Discalced Carmelite Order
in the Province of Rome

Previously Carlos Cassini from the town of Tuscolo near Rome

A skilled architect
rebuilt this magnificent building on Mount Carmel
in a long undertaking
died in old age
buried here at the age of 72
1849

Monastery

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Northward view



Door to the Monastery

The room was originally used as the refectory of the monastery

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Wall Paintings*

* The wall paintings were done in 2018 by David Habeeb, covering the original paintings done in 1937 by Emile Ritz



Geometrical decoration

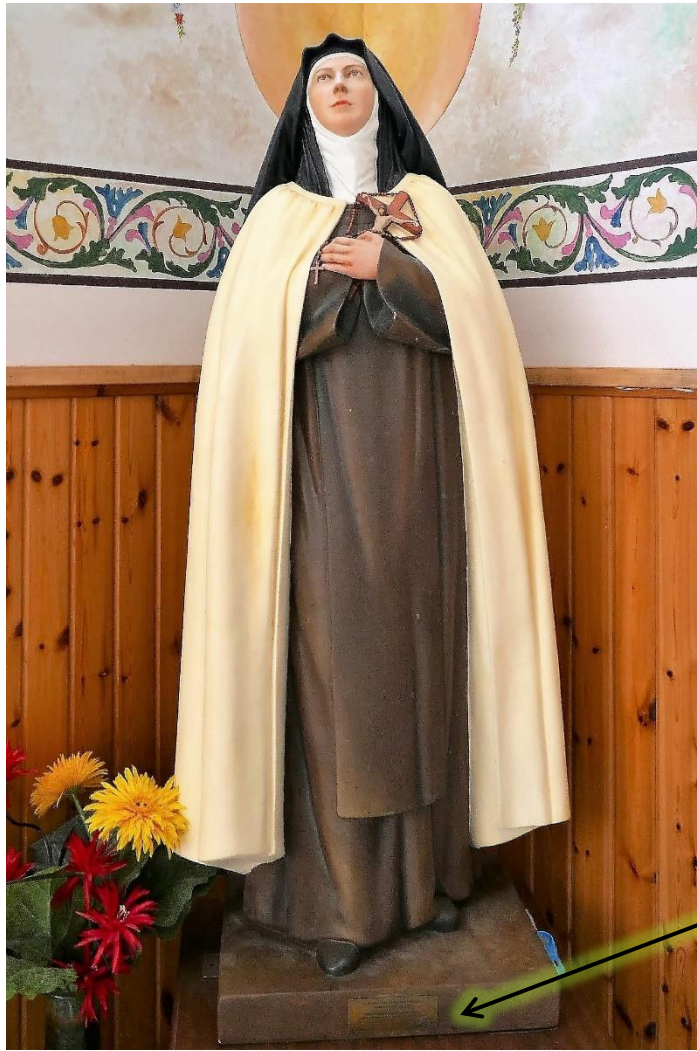


Floral decoration

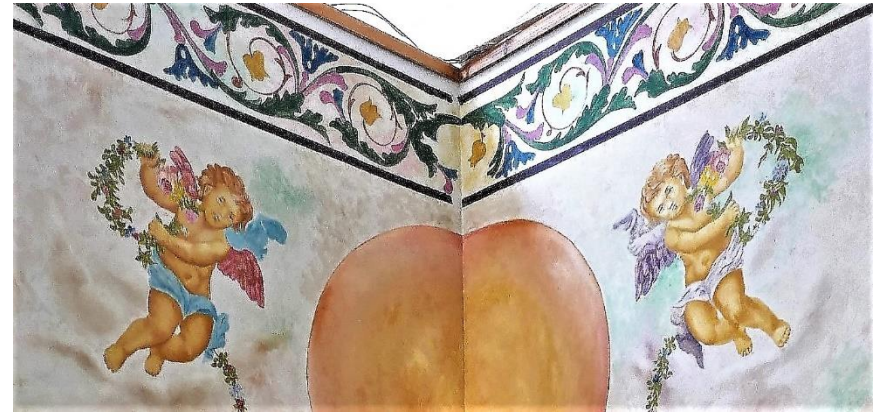


Floral decoration

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Northern Wall



St. Teresa of Los Andes
Chilean Carmelite



Angels



St. Teresa of Los Andes - First Chilean saint
With special affection for the Carmelite nuns of the Monastery "Stella Maris"
Admiral Edmundo González Robles - Commander in Chief of the Chilean Navy
Haifa, Mount Carmel, 2011

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Eastern Wall



Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Eastern Wall



Stella Maris - Church and Pilgrim center

*...they missed nothing, all the time they were in Carmel (1 Samuel 25, 7)**

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Eastern Wall



Memorial plaque to St. Edith Stein*

I PRAY, THEREFORE I AM

In memory of

EDITH STEIN

Born on October 12th 1891 in Breslau
Carmelite nun Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Murdered on August 9th 1942 in Auschwitz
Beatified on May 1st 1987 by
Pope John Paul II in Cologne

She died for her Jewish people and as
a martyr for her Catholic faith

Installed by the German branch of the
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
of Jerusalem in 1987

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Eastern Wall



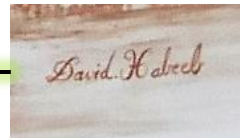
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon (Isaiah 35, 2)

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Southward View



Door to the entrance hall of the church

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Southern Wall



David Habeeb
Artist's signature

Muhraqa Carmelite Monastery
*Elijah arose, a prophet like fire, and his
Word burned like a torch (Sirach 48,1)**

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Western Wall



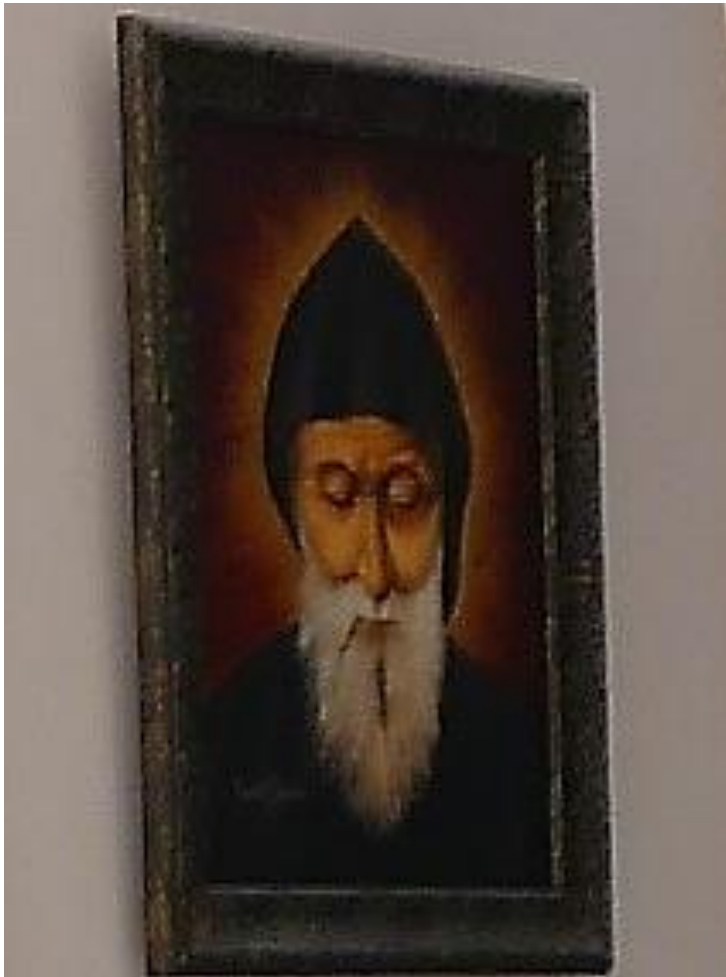


Stella Maris - Lighthouse

*I made that in the heavens there should rise light that never faileth (Sirach 24, 6)**

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Western Wall*

* These paintings may sometimes be stored in another room



St. Charbel

Maronite saint from Lebanon
Admired by Christian of various
denominations in the Middle East



St. Teresa of Ávila

(AKA Teresa of Jesus)
Spanish Carmelite
Foundress of the Discalced Carmelites Order

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Western Wall



David Habeeb
Artist's signature

Wadi Siah – 13th century Carmelite Church
(AKA St. Brocard church)

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Western Wall



David Habeeb
Artist's signature

Stella Maris – Prosper Chapel

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Original Wall Paintings*

* Painted in 1937 by the German artist Emile Ritz, who also decorated St. Stephen Church in Beit Jimal and St. Peter Church in Tiberias



Mount Carmel meets the sea

O mighty mountain, mountain of Bashan... the mount that God desired for his abode (Psalm 68, 15-16)

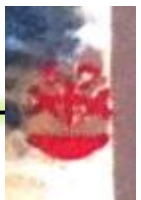


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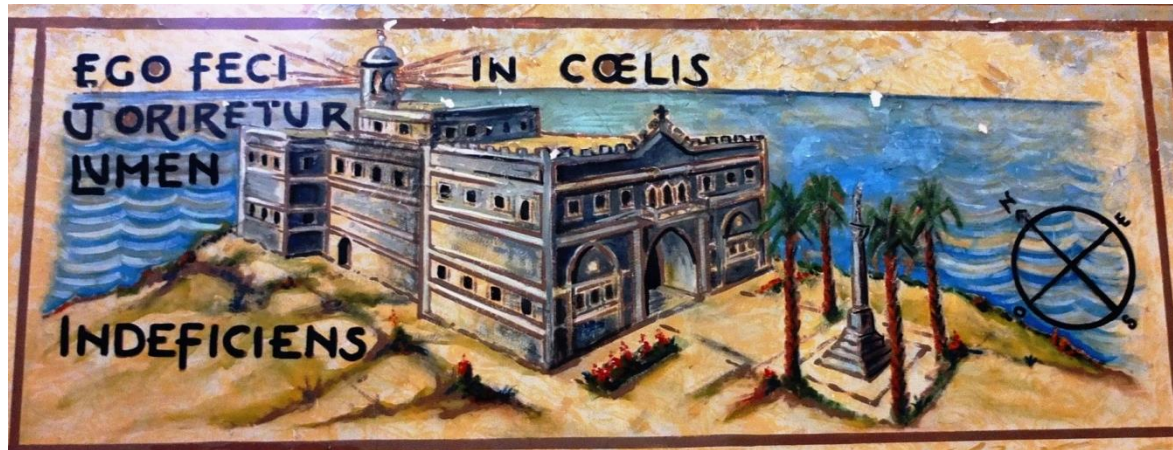
Muhraqa Carmelite Monastery

*Elijah arose, a prophet like fire, and his Word burned like a torch (Sirach 48,1)***



Artist's Signature

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Original Wall Paintings



Westward view - Lighthouse

*I made that in the heavens there should rise light that never faileth (Sirach 24, 6)**



Eastward view - Church and Pilgrim center

*they missed nothing, all the time they were in Carmel (I Samuel 25, 7)***

* The book of Sirach is included in the Latin Vulgate Bible, but might be missing in other versions of the Bible

** The quoted verse refers to Carmel in Judea. The painting refers to I Kings rather than I Samuel, as it is based on the Latin Vulgate Bible

Teresa of Los Andes Chapel – Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

* The painting and statue may sometimes be stored in another room



Mary and Jesus holding a Brown Scapular



This statue is a replica of the statue in the apse**

** This replica statue is carried in the annual procession from the St. Joseph Church to Stella Maris, commemorating the hiding of the church's statue in a downtown house during WW I. The procession takes place on the 2nd Sunday after Easter.

Sacristy



Skylights



Desks and liturgical literature



Vestments

Sacristy – St. Louis*

* AKA Louis IX of France



Last Communion of St. Louis
St. Louis died of a disease during the 8th Crusade Siege of Tunis



St. Louis invites Carmelite friars to their new house
The six Carmelites, returning with St. Louis from the 7th Crusade, were given a house at Charenton near Paris

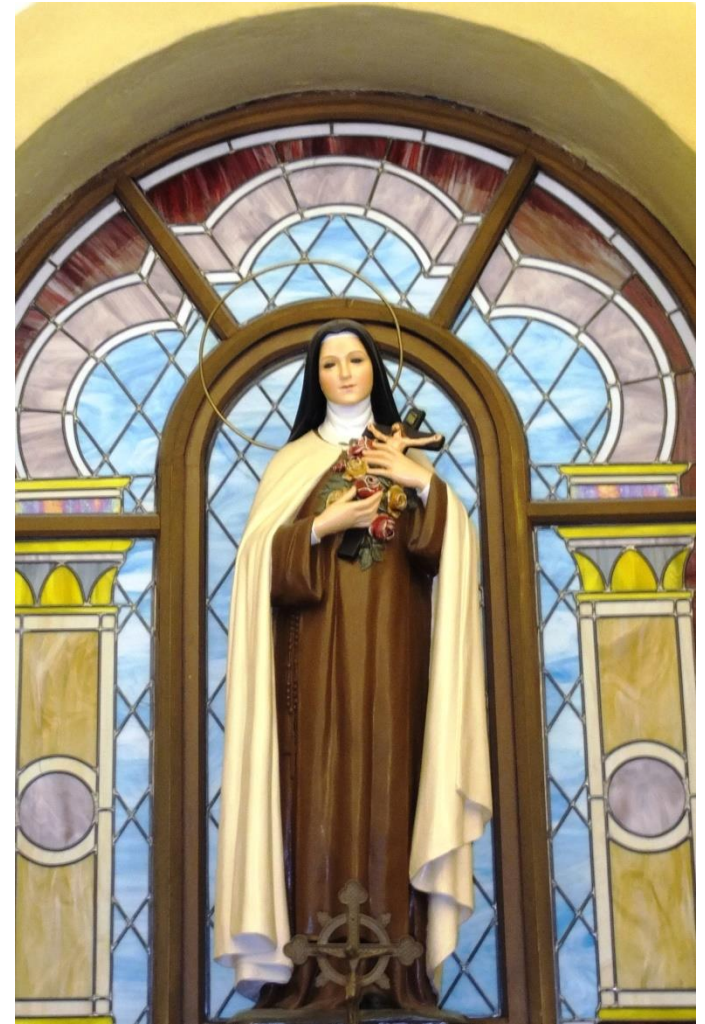
Blue robe

Shield decorated with Fleur-de-lis

Thérèse of Lisieux Chapel



Eastward view



St. Thérèse of Lisieux
(AKA Thérèse of the Child Jesus or Flower of Carmel)

Thérèse of Lisieux Chapel



St. Louis
(AKA Louis IX of France)



Stoup
Mary and Jesus holding a Brown Scapular

Corridor – Northward View

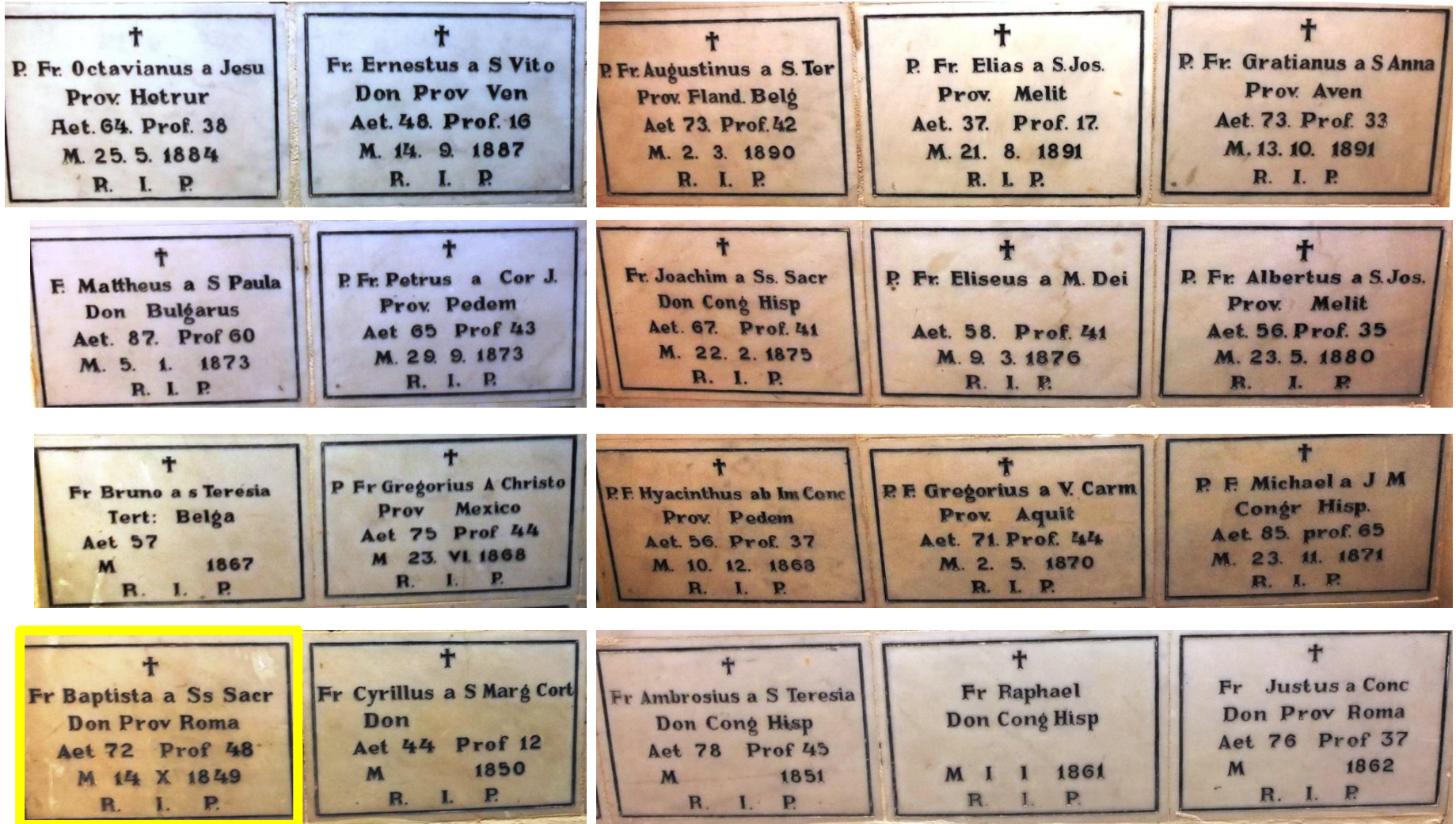
Chamber of relics



Entrance to the sacristy

Memorial plaques of friars whose relics are stored in the chamber

Corridor – Western Wall, Lower-left Plaques

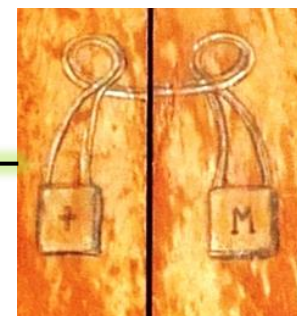


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First plaque - 1849

Corridor – Western Wall, Upper-left Plaques

<p>† Fr. Aloysius a. S. Teresia Don. Prov. Melit Aet 47. Prof. 21 M. 18. 1. 1908 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† Fr. Cyrillus a. S. Agnete Don. Prov. Pedemont Aet 80. Prof. 53 M. 17. 5. 1908 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† Fr. Antonius a. Jesu Don. Prov. Genuensis Aet 76. Prof. 46 M. 12. 3. 1909 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† Fr. Andreas a. S. Joseph Don. Prov. Ven. Aet. 67. Prof. 43 M. 7. 9. 1910 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† P. Fr. Maria-Amatus a. S. Teresia Prov. Aven. Aet 58 Prof. 14 M. 9. 3. 1911 R. I. P.</p>
<p>† Fr. Alexius a. Virgine Carmeli Prov. Aquit. Aet. 63. Prof. 33 M. 1902 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† Fr. Urbanus a. Presentatione Don. Prov. Venet. Aet. 86. Prof. 51 M. 28. 12. 1903 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† Fr. Hieronymus-Maria a. Jesu Don. Prov. Aquit Aet 54 Prof. 27 M. 3. 6. 1904 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† P. Fr. Philippus a. S. Paulo Prov. Ven. Aet 44 Prof 24 M. 2. 2. 1905 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† P. Fr. Hieronymus a. S. Teresia Prov. Venetiarum Aet. 86. Prof. 45. M. 5. 1. 1906 R. I. P.</p>
<p>† Fr. Aloysius a. S. Valent Don. Prov. Ven Aet. 77. Prof. 45 M. 1891 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† Fr. Raymundus a. Ss. Cor Don. Prov. Aven Aet. 68. Prof. 43 M. 7. 7. 1893 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† Fr. Joannes a. S. C. M. Don. Prov. Ven Aet. 72. Prof. 42 M. 13. 12. 1893 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† Fr. Martinus a. S. Pac Don. Prov. Long Aet. 89. Prof. 55 M. 14. 11. 1896 R. I. P.</p>	<p>† P. Fr. Benedictus a. Ss. Cord Prov. Aven Aet. 58. Prof. 36 M. 5. 8. 1902 R. I. P.</p>

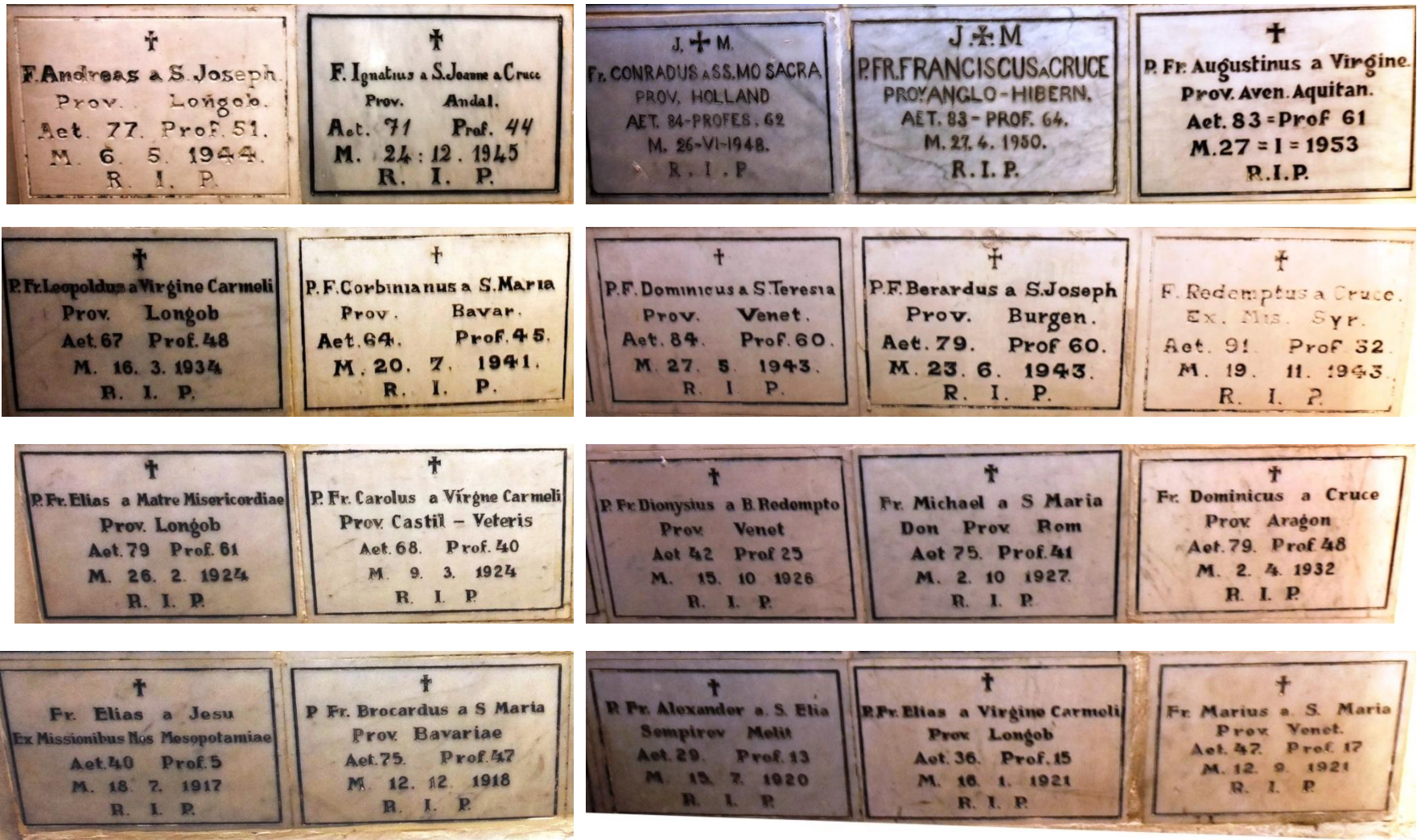
Corridor – Western Wall, Chamber of Relics



Scapular

*This is the sign of salvation
Whoever dies piously wearing this will not suffer eternal flames
(First Scapular Promise, Roman-Catholic Breviary)*

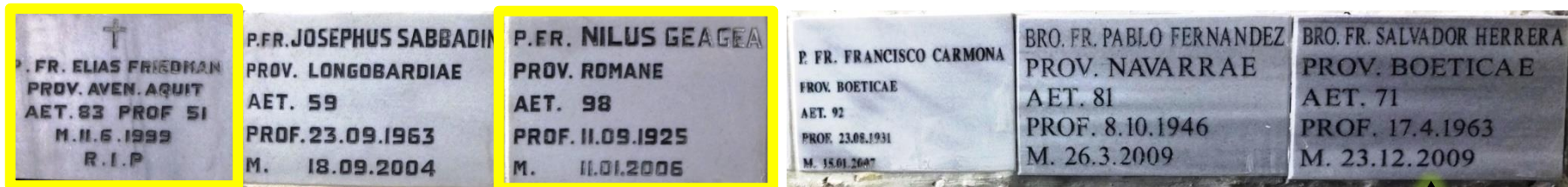
Corridor – Western Wall, Lower-right Plaques



Corridor – Western Wall, Upper-right Plaques

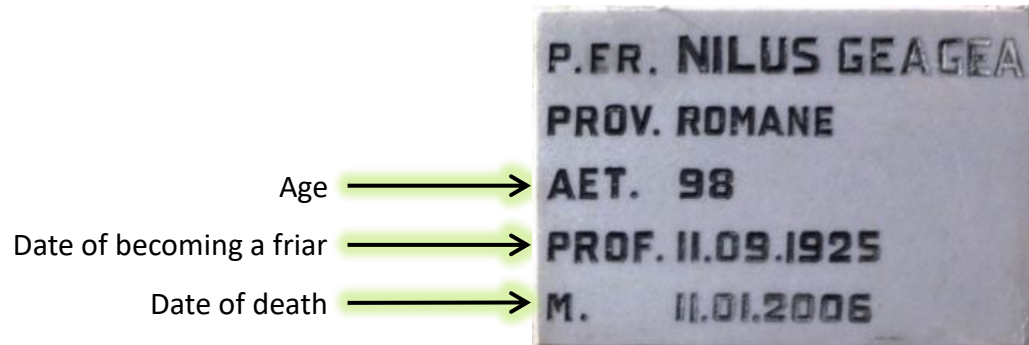


Corridor – Eastern Wall, Lower Plaques



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Last plaque - 2009

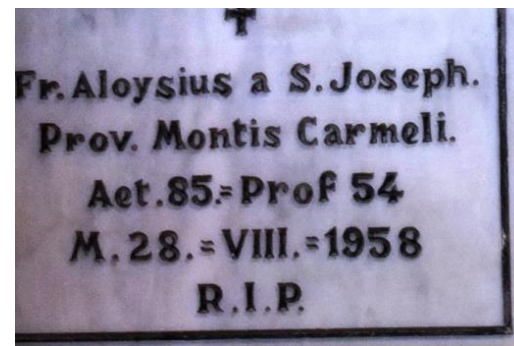
Memorial Plaques – Extraordinary Individuals



The oldest (98) and the most senior (81)

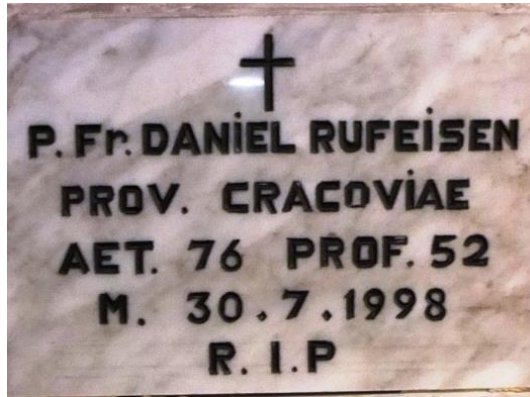


Fr. John the Baptist of the Holy Sacrament
(AKA Carlos Cassini)
Friar-Architect that built the church



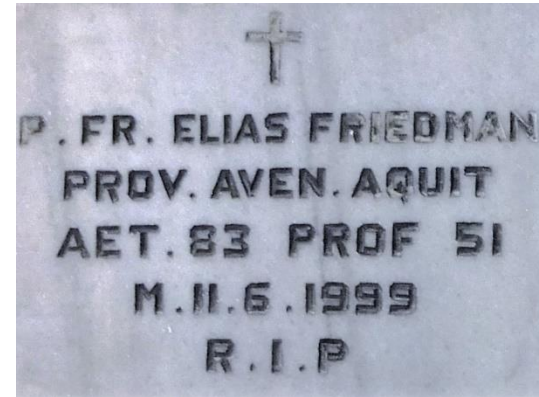
Fr. Luigi of St. Joseph
(AKA Manwel Poggi)
Friar-Artist that decorated the church

Memorial Plaques – Converted Jews



P. Fr. Daniel Rufeisen*
(AKA Shmuel-Oswald Rufeisen)

* Fr. Daniel Rufeisen was born and raised in a Jewish family in Poland. After WW II, during which he joined the partisans, he converted to Christianity and became a Carmelite friar in Poland. In 1958, after joining the Carmelites in Haifa, he applied for Israeli citizenship on behalf of the Israeli "Law of Return". He was refused by both the Government and the Supreme Court, due to practicing Christianity. Eventually he was granted Israeli citizenship on a personal basis, served at the Stella Maris Monastery and was involved in the Hebrew Christians community. His case became a milestone in the evolution of the Israeli "Law of Return", as well as the public discussion of "Judaism – Faith or Nationality".



P. Fr. Elias Friedman**
(AKA Jacob Friedman)

** Fr. Elias Friedman was born and raised in a Jewish family in South Africa. During WW II, while serving as a doctor in the South African Medical Corps, he entered the Catholic Church and became a Carmelite friar. Fr. Elias served 45 years at the Stella Maris Monastery and was involved in the Association of Hebrew Catholics, both in Israel and abroad. He was also active in the Jewish-Catholic dialogue before, during and after Vatican II.

Memorial Plaques – List of Names

Title	Name	Origin	Age	Prof.	Year of Death
Fr.	Baptista a Ss Sacr	Don Prov Roma	72	48	1849
Fr.	Cyrillus a S Marg Cort	Don	44	12	1850
Fr.	Ambrosius a S Teresia	Don Cong Hisp	78	45	1851
Fr.	Raphael	Don Cong Hisp			1861
Fr.	Justus a Conc	Don Prov Roma	76	37	1862
Fr.	Bruno a s Teresia	Tert Belga	57		1867
P. Fr.	Gregorius A Christo	Prov Mexico	75	44	1868
P. F.	Hyacinthus ab Im Conc	Prov Pedem	56	37	1868
P. F.	Gregorius a V. Carm	Prov Aquit	71	44	1870
P. F.	Michael a J M	Congr Hisp	85	65	1871
Fr.	Mattheus a S Paula	Don Bulgarus	87	60	1873
P. Fr.	Petrus a Cor J.	Prov Pedem	65	43	1873
Fr.	Joachim a Ss. Sacr	Don Cong Hisp	67	41	1875
P. Fr.	Eliseus a M. Dei		58	41	1876
P. Fr.	Albertus a S. Jos.	Prov Melit	56	35	1880
P. Fr.	Octavianus a Jesu	Prov Hetrur	64	38	1884
Fr.	Ernestus a S Vito	Don Prov Ven	48	16	1887
P. Fr.	Augustinus a S. Ter	Prov Fland Belg	73	42	1890
P. Fr.	Elias a S. Jos.	Prov Melit	37	17	1891
P. Fr.	Gratianus a S Anna	Prov Aven	73	33	1891
Fr.	Aloysius a S Valent	Don Prov Ven	77	45	1891
Fr.	Raymundus a Ss. Cor	Don Prov Aven	68	43	1893
Fr.	Joannes a S.C.M	Don Prov Ven	72	42	1893
Fr.	Martinus a S. Pac	Don Prov Long	89	55	1896

Title	Name	Origin	Age	Prof.	Year of Death
P. Fr.	Benedictus a Ss.Cord	Prov Aven	58	36	1902
Fr.	Alexius a Virgine Carmeli	Prov Aquit	63	33	1902
Fr.	Urbanus a Presentatione	Don Prov Venet	86	51	1903
Fr.	Hieronymus-Maria a Jesu	Don Prov Aquit	54	27	1904
P. Fr.	Philippus a S Paulo	Prov Ven.	44	24	1905
P. Fr.	Hieronymus a S Teresia	Prov Venetiarum	86	45	1906
Fr.	Aloysius a S Teresia	Don Prov Melit	47	21	1908
Fr.	Cyrillus a S Agente	Don Prov Pedemont	80	53	1908
Fr.	Antonius a Jesu	Don Prov Genuensis	76	46	1909
Fr.	Andreas a S Joseph	Don Prov Ven.	67	43	1910
P. Fr.	Maria-Amatus a S. Teresia	Prov Aven	58	14	1911
Fr.	Elias a Jesu	Ex Missionibus Nos Mesopotamiae	40	5	1917
P. Fr.	Brocardus a S maria	Prov Bavariae	75	47	1918
P. Fr.	Alexander a S. Elia	Sempirov Melit	29	13	1920
Fr.	Marius a S. Maria	Prov Venet	47	17	1921
P. Fr.	Elias a Virgine Carmeli	Prov Longob	36	15	1921
P. Fr.	Elias a Matre Misericordiae	Prov Longob	79	61	1924
P. Fr.	Carolus a Virgine Carmeli	Prov Castil-Veteris	68	40	1924
P. Fr.	Dionysius a B. Redempto	Prov Venet	42	25	1926
Fr.	Michael a S. Maria	Don Prov Rom	75	41	1927
Fr.	Dominicus a Cruce	Prov Aragon	79	48	1932
P. Fr.	Leopoldus a Virgine Carmeli	Prov Longob	67	48	1934
P. F.	Corbinianus a S. Maria	Prov Bavar	64	45	1941
P. F.	Dominicus a S. Teresia	Prov Venet	84	60	1943
P. F.	Berardus a S. Joseph	Prov Burgen	79	60	1943
F.	Redemptus a Cruce	Ex Mis Syr	91	32	1943

Title	Name	Origin	Age	Prof.	Year of Death
Fr.	Andreas a S. Joseph	Prov Longob	77	51	1944
Fr.	Ignatius a S. Joanne a Cruce	Prov Andal	71	44	1945
Fr.	Conradus a SS. Mo Sacra	Prov Holland	84	62	1948
P. Fr.	Franciscus a Cruce	Prov Anglo-Hibern	83	64	1950
P. Fr.	Augustinus a Virgine	Prov Aven Aquitan	83	61	1953
P. Fr.	Thomas Aquinas a Ssmo Sacramento	Prov Flandriae	78	47	1955
P. Fr.	Stanislaus ab Assumptione	Prov Venetiarum	70	50	1957
Fr.	Aloysius a S. Joseph	Prov Montis Carmeli	85	54	1958
P. Fr.	Alvarus ab Imm. Cocept.	Prov Navarrae	43	26	1959
Fr.	Conardus a S. Joseph	Don Prov Hungariae	49	28	1962
P. Fr.	Riccardus a S. C. Jesu	Prov Venet	68	52	1966
Fr.	Elias a Virg. Carm.	Don Prov Montis Carmeli	72	41	1972
P. Fr.	Clemens a S. Teresia	Prov Rom	83	65	1985
P. Fr.	Felix Quaggiotto	Prov Venet	88	60	1988
Fr.	Laurentius Fox	Deleg Mt Carmeli	80	52	1989
P. Fr.	Bernardinus Molnar	Prov Hung	85	67	1990
Fr.	Valentinus Ghisi	Prov Venet	81	63	1992
P. Fr.	Mauritius Vigan	Prov Longobardiae	62	34	1997
P. Fr.	Daniel Rufeisen	Prov Cracoviae	76	52	1998
P. Fr.	I. Baptista Colosio	Prov Ven	77	59	1999
P. Fr.	Elias Friedman	Prov Aven Aquit	83	51	1999
P. Fr.	Josephus Sabbadin	Prov Longobardiae	59	41	2004
P. Fr.	Nilus Geagea	Prov Romane	98	81	2006
P. Fr.	Francisco Carmona	Prov Boeticae	92	76	2007
Bro. Fr.	Pablo Frernandez	Prov Navarrae	81	63	2009
Bro. Fr.	Salvador Herrera	Prov Boeticae	71	46	2009



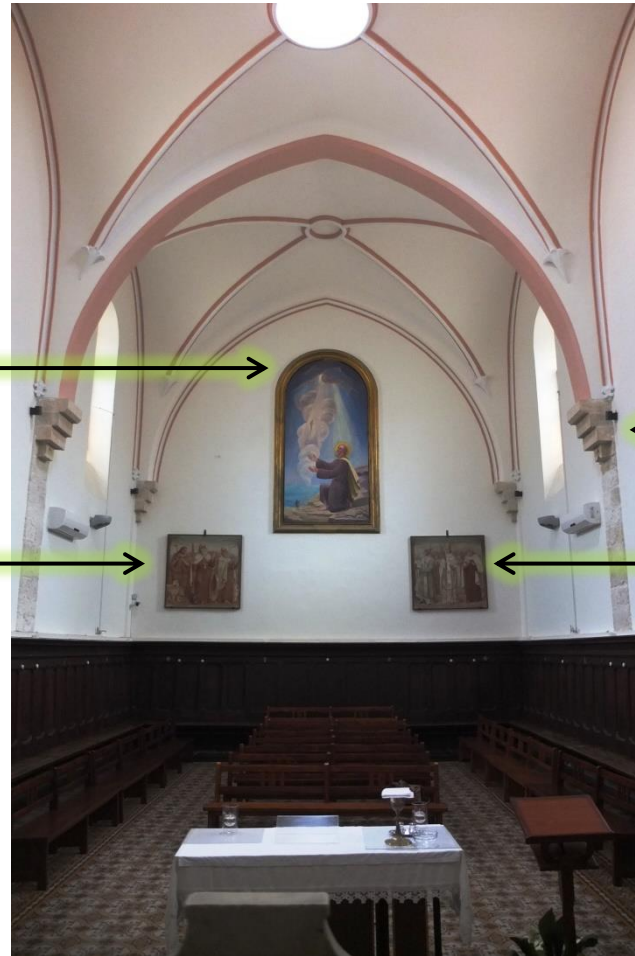
St. Thérèse of Lisieux Showering Roses Over the Vatican*
(AKA Thérèse of the Child Jesus or Flower of Carmel)

Choir – Eastward View

Elijah



“Crusader style” capitals

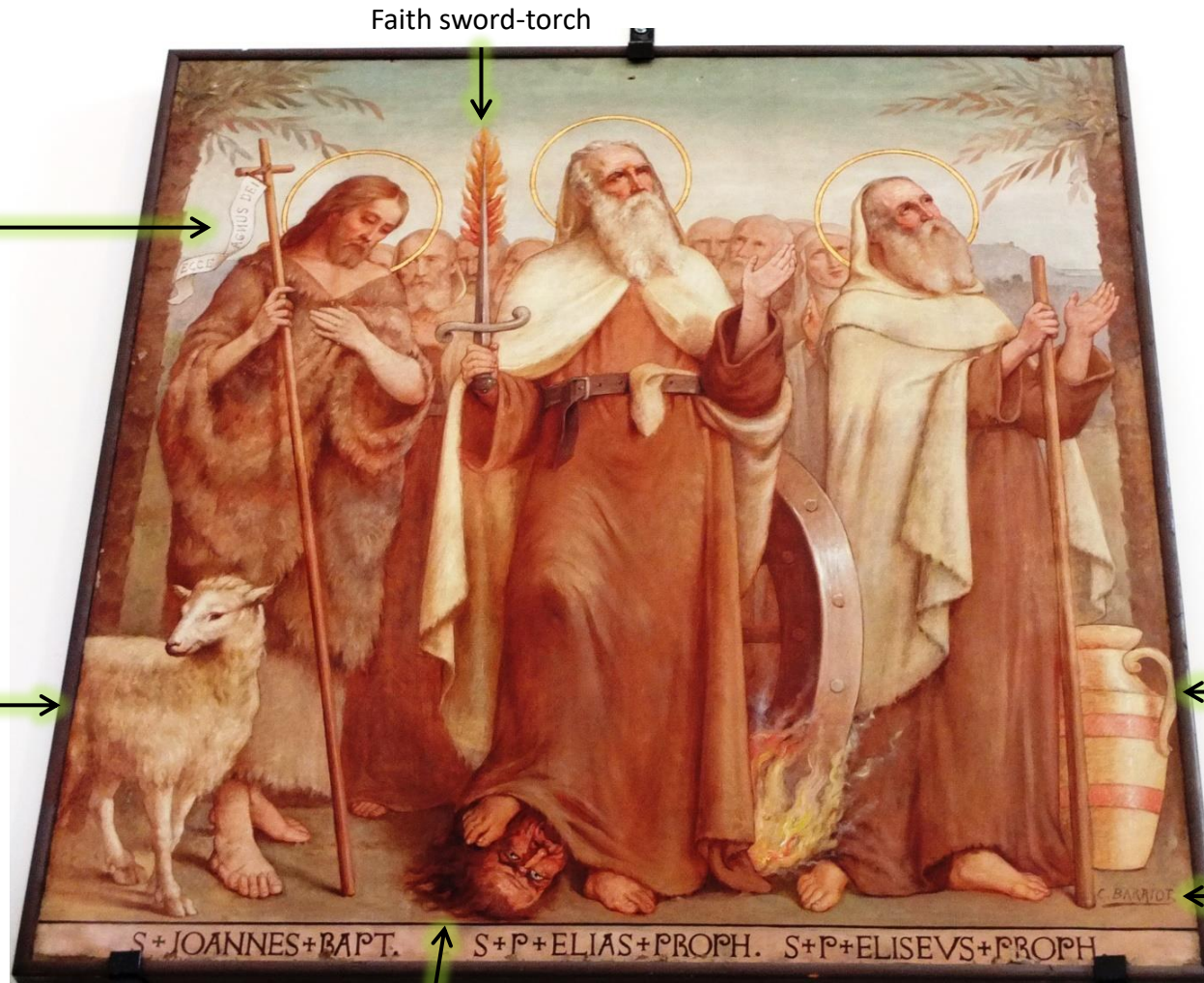


Prophets



Saints

Choir – Eastern Wall, Prophets



Here is the lamb of God (John 1, 29)



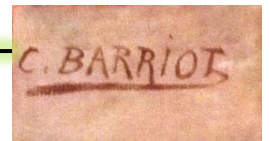
Lamb



Faith sword-torch



Jar of oil
Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil (II Kings 4, 2)



C. Barriot
Artist's signature

John the Baptist
Saint

Elijah
Saint, Patron, Prophet

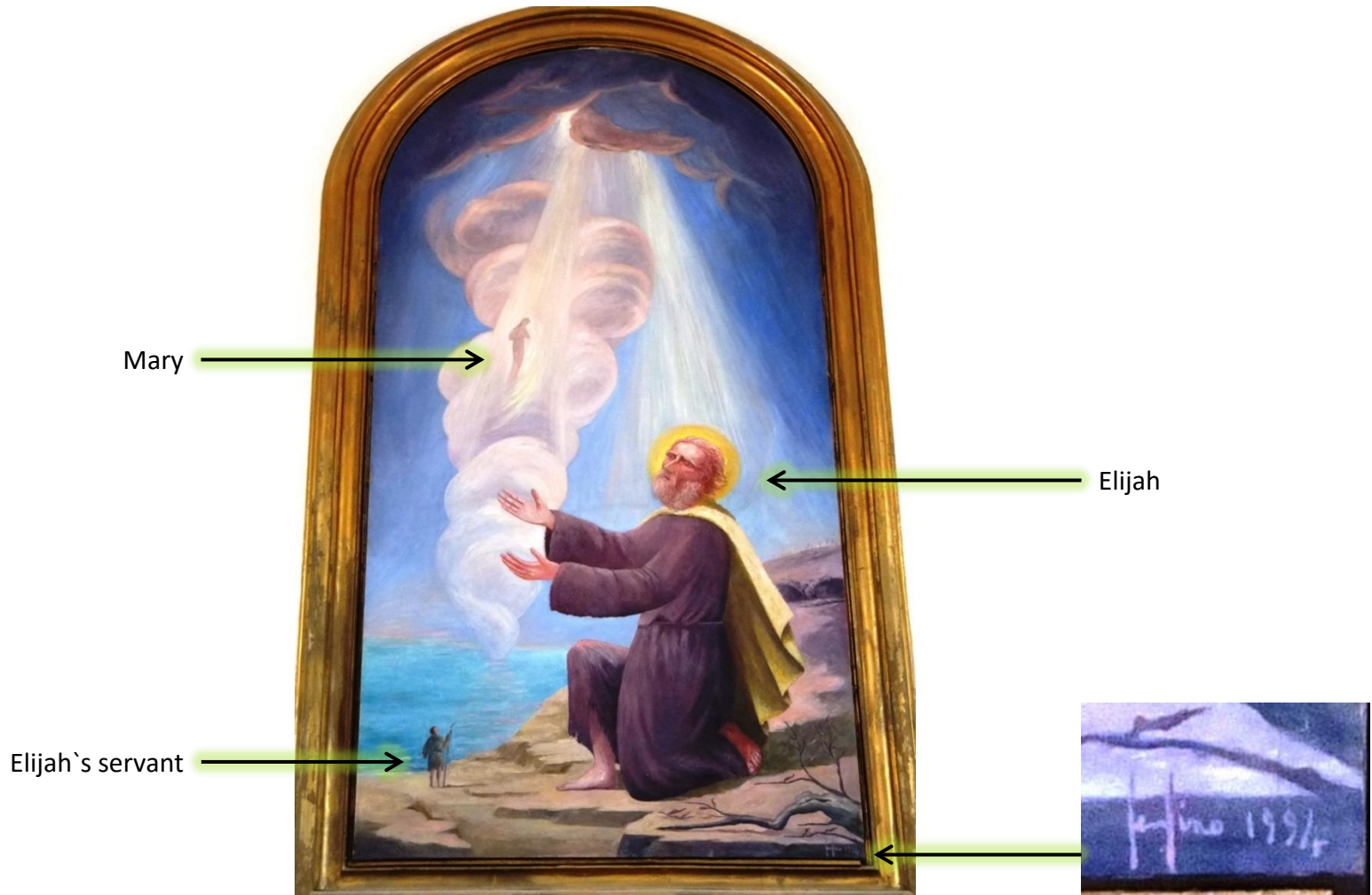
Elisha
Saint, Patron, Prophet

Stepping on
Baal's prophet



Choir – Eastern Wall, Elijah*

* Painted by Fr. Serafino Melchiorre, an Italian Carmelite friar-artist who also decorated the Muhraqa Monastery and the St. Joseph Church in Haifa



Elijah Praying for Rain

...He said to his servant, 'Go up now, look towards the sea.' He went up and looked, and said, 'There is nothing.' Then he said, 'Go again seven times.' At the seventh time he said, 'Look, a little cloud no bigger than a person's hand is rising out of the sea.' (I Kings 18, 43-44)

Serafino 1994
Artist's signature

Choir – Eastern Wall, Saints

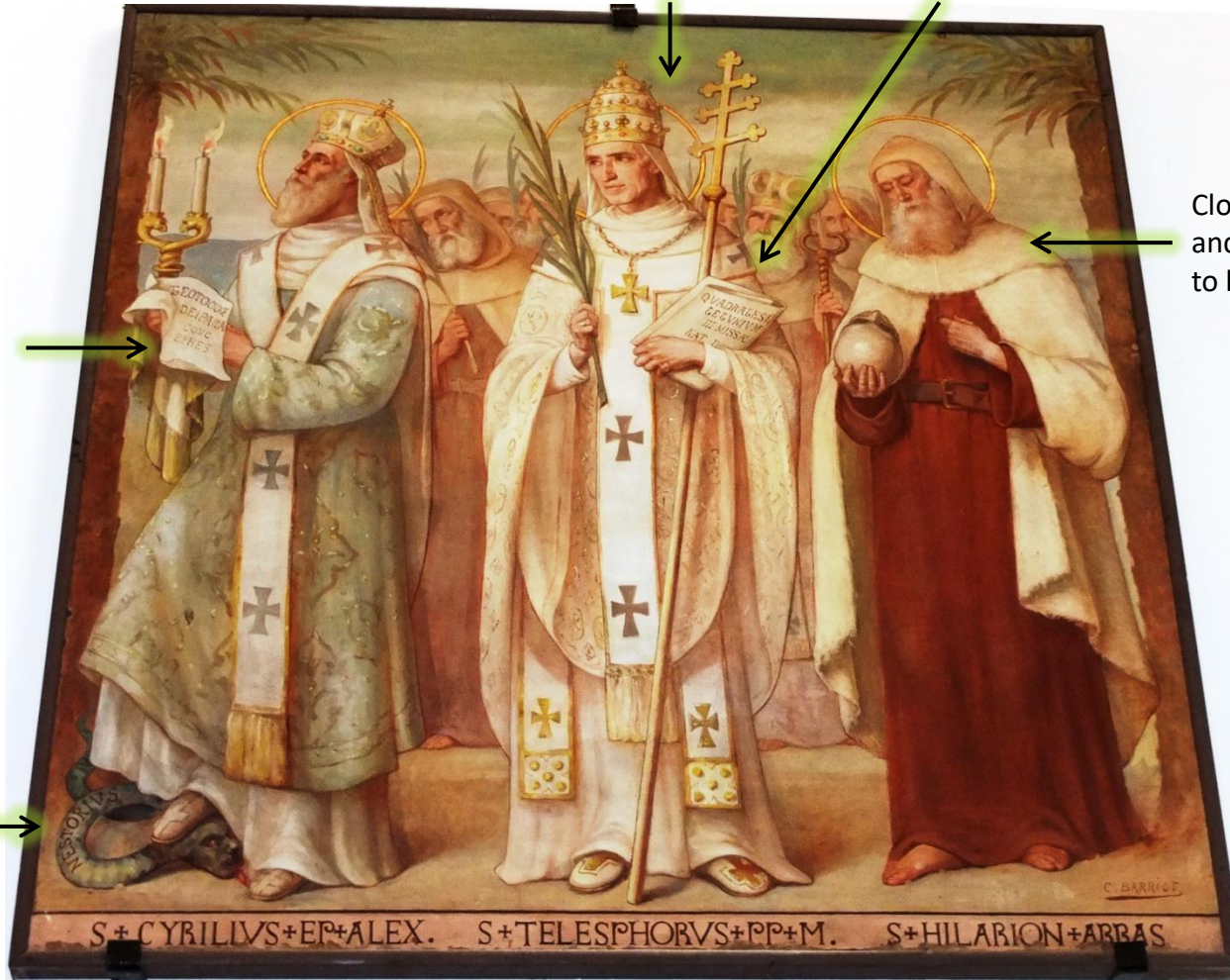
Mother of God
(in Greek and Latin)
Council of Ephesus*

Wearing a tiara and
holding a Papal cross

40 days of fast
Christmas Midnight Masses**

Clothed in a coarse tunic
and a cloak of skins given
to him by St. Anthony

Stepping on a
snake named
Nestorius*



Cyril*
Saint, Archbishop of Alexandria

Telesphorus**
Saint, Pope, Martyr

Hilarion
Saint, Abbot

* During the council of Ephesus Cyril was advocating the term Mother of God, while Nestorius, Archbishop of Constantinople, was advocating the term Mother of Christ. The council confirmed Cyril's approach and condemned Nestorius as heretic

** Pope Telesphorus is said to introduce the 40 days of fast before Easter (AKA Lent), as well as the Christmas Midnight Masses. He is venerated by the Carmelites as some sources mention him being a hermit on Mt. Carmel

Choir – Westward View



Crucifix

Carmelite
Male Saints



Way of the Cross
10th Station



“Crusader style”
capitals

Carmelite
Female Saints

Choir – Western Wall

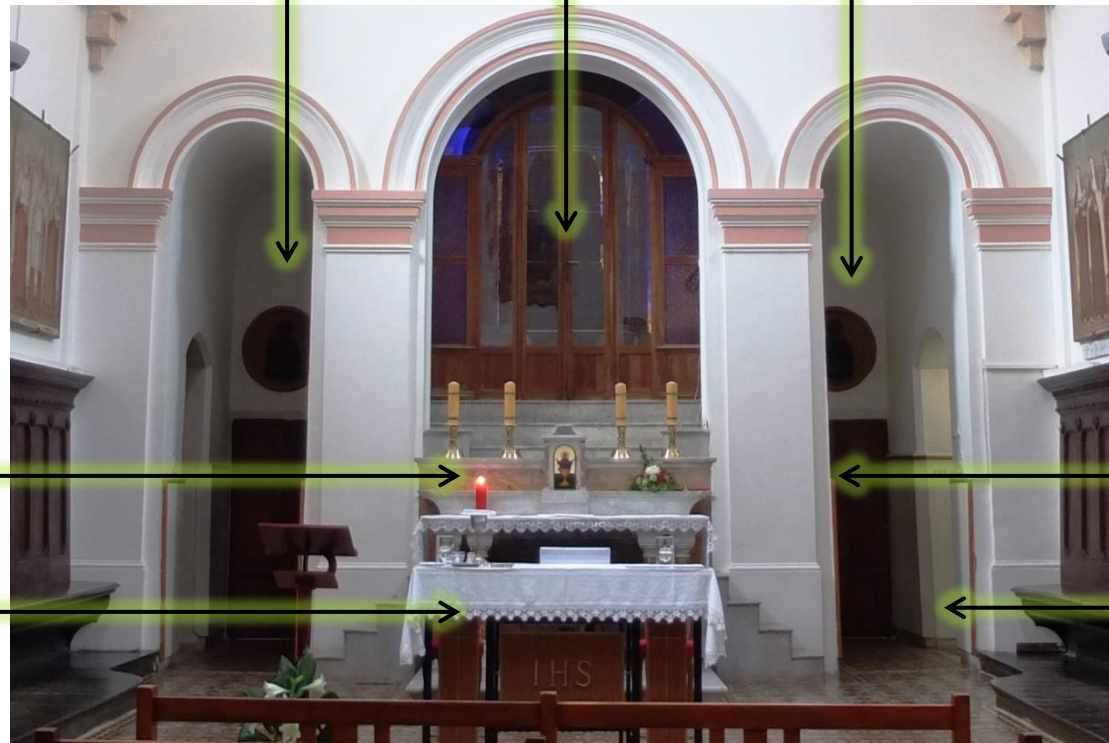


Paul



Paul

Door to the church apse



Original altar

Corridor

New altar

Entrance from sacristy

Choir – Western Wall, Altars



Original Altar



New Altar

Installed after the 2nd Vatican Council



Tabernacle

Choir – Southern Wall, Stained-Glass Windows



Gate of Heaven



Morning Star



Tower of David

Choir – Southern Wall, Carmelite Male Saints



Angelus
Saint, Martyr

Andrew Corsini
Saint, Bishop

John Soreth
Blessed, Carmelite*

John of the Cross
Saint

Peter Thomas
Saint

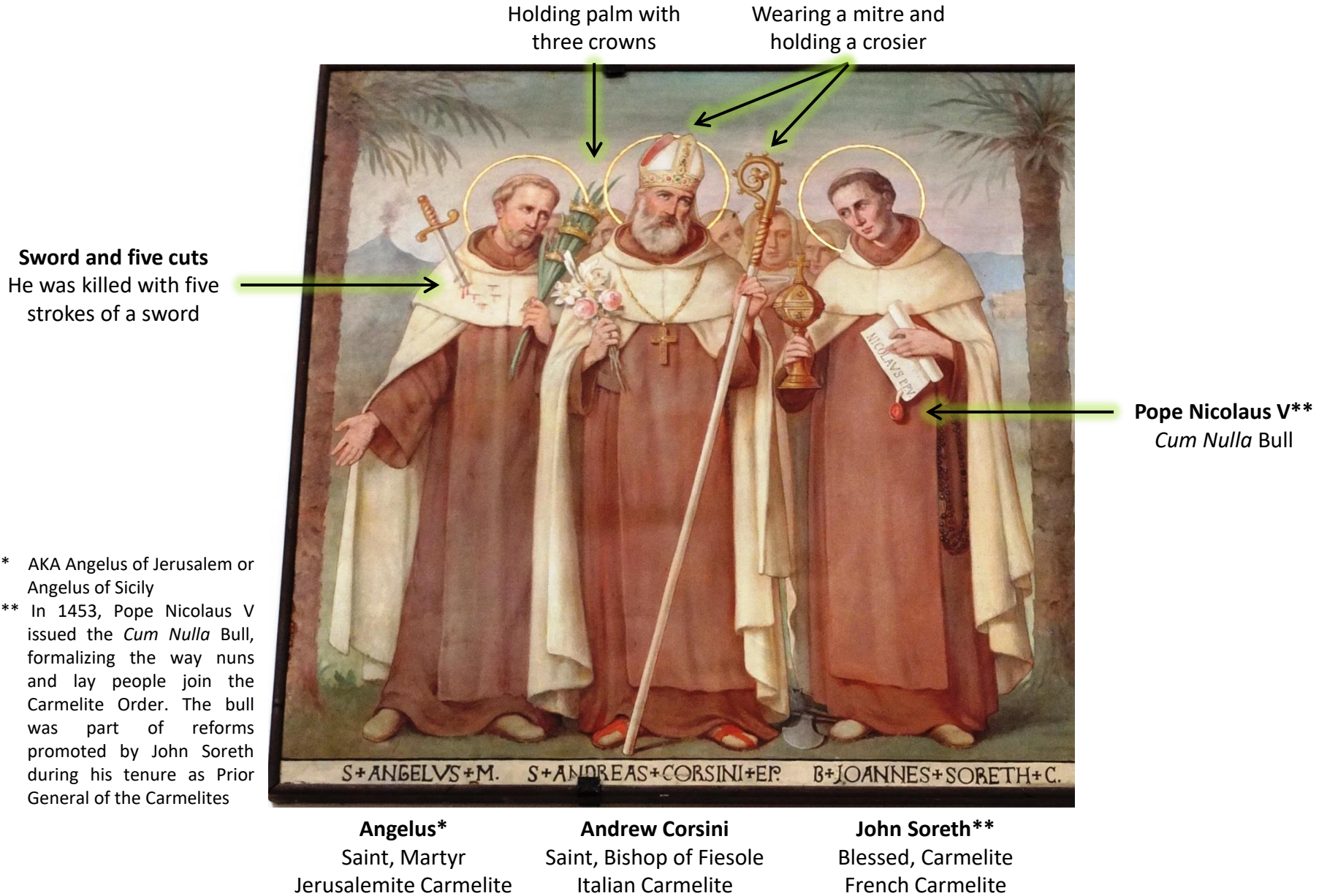
Simon Stock
Saint, Carmelite*

Brocard
Saint, Carmelite*

Albert
Saint, Patriarch of Jerusalem

Berthold
Saint, Carmelite*

Choir – Southern Wall, Carmelite Male Saints



* AKA Angelus of Jerusalem or Angelus of Sicily

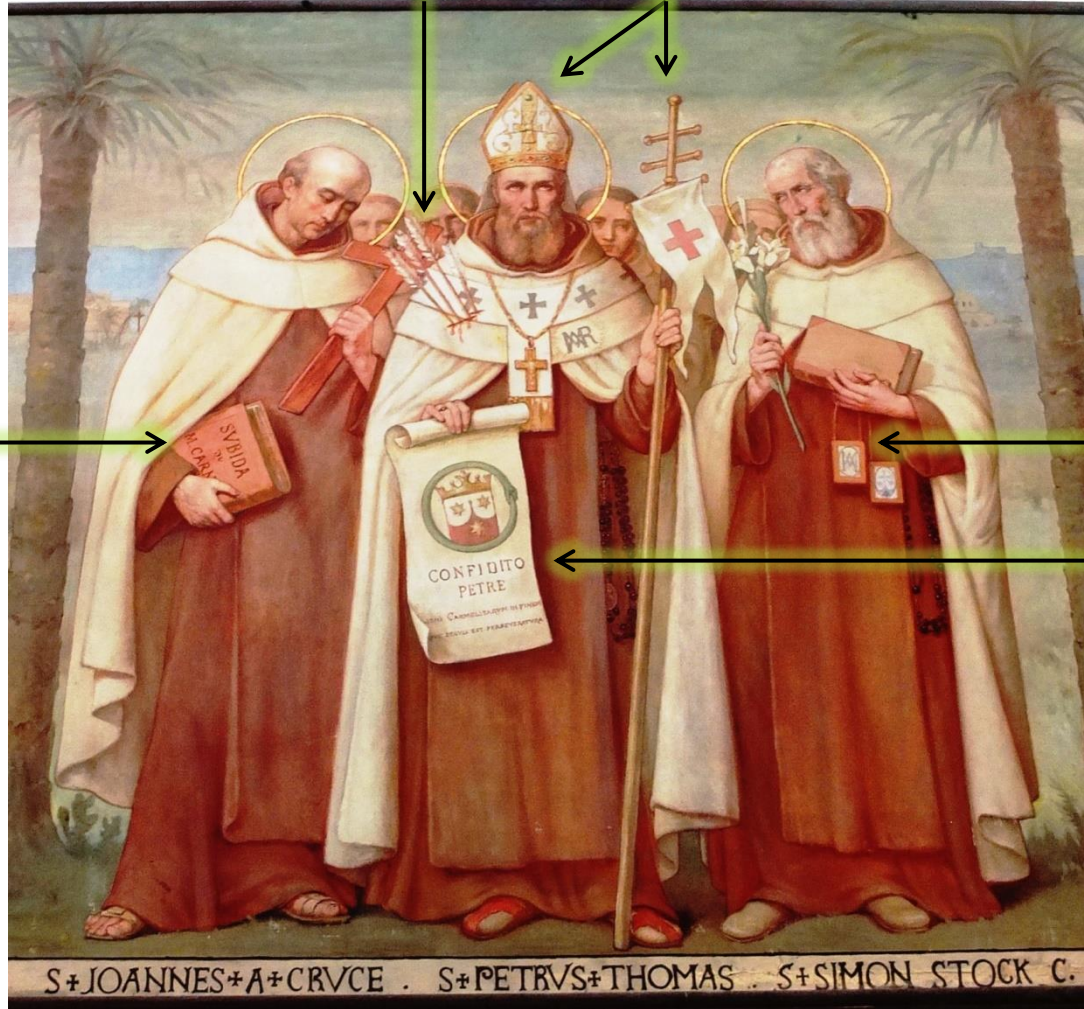
** In 1453, Pope Nicolaus V issued the *Cum Nulla Bull*, formalizing the way nuns and lay people join the Carmelite Order. The bull was part of reforms promoted by John Soreth during his tenure as Prior General of the Carmelites

Choir – Southern Wall, Carmelite Male Saints

Arrows

He was wounded by arrows during the battle on Alexandria

Wearing a mitre and holding a Papal cross



Ascent of Mount Carmel
His theological essay

Holding a
Brown Scapular***

Be Assured Peter
The Order of Carmelites will
persevere until the end of
time. Elijah has begged this
of my Son
(A prophecy by Mary during her
apparition to Peter Thomas)

- * Founder of the Discalced Carmelite Order
- ** Served as the Carmelites' procurator general to the Papal Court, a Papal legate and Latin Patriarch of Constantinople
- *** The Brown Scapular was bestowed to Simon Stock by Mary during her apparition to him on Mt. Carmel

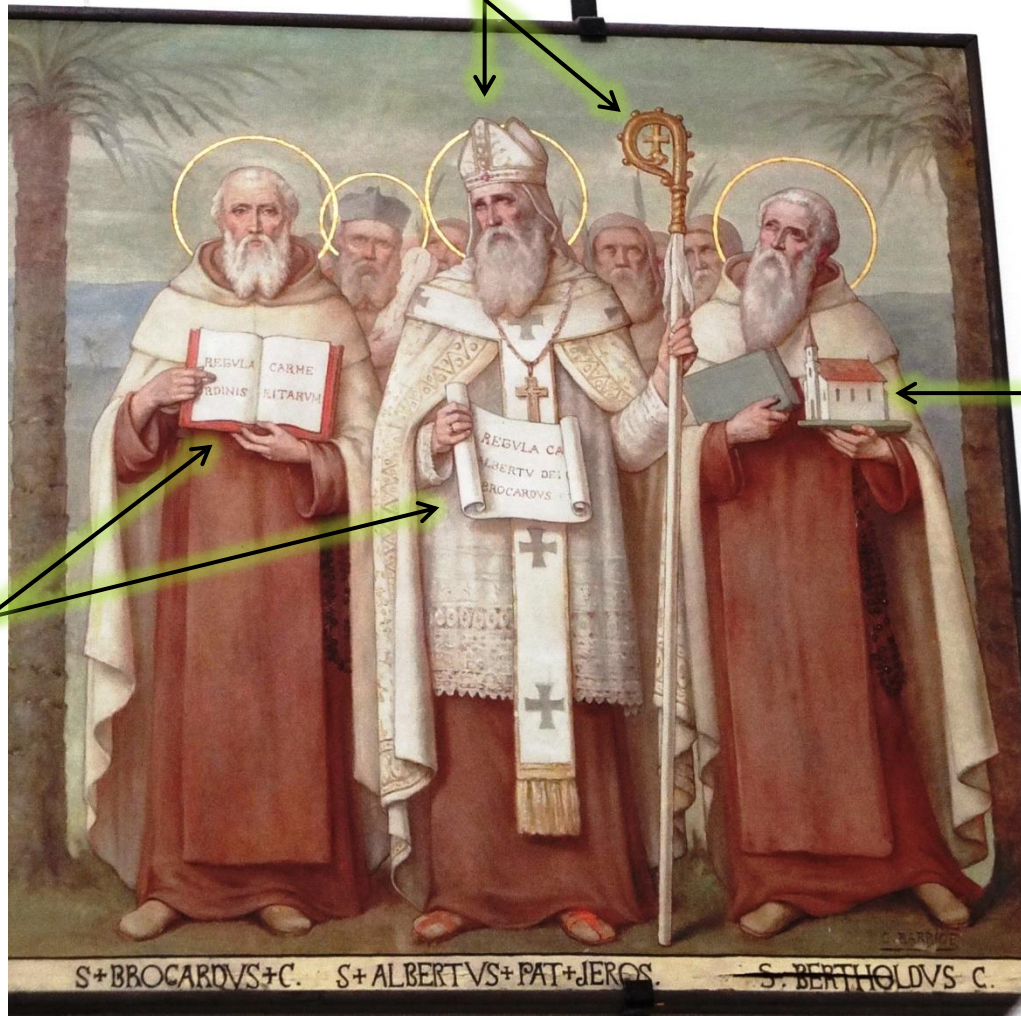
John of the Cross*
Saint
Spanish Carmelite

Peter Thomas**
Saint
French Carmelite

Simon Stock***
Saint, Carmelite
English Carmelite

Choir – Southern Wall, Carmelite Male Saints

Wearing a mitre and holding a crozier



Holding the building of the monastery

Rule of the Carmelite Order
Brocard received the Rule from Albert

Brocard
Saint, Carmelite

Albert
Saint, Patriarch of Jerusalem

Berthold*
Saint, Carmelite

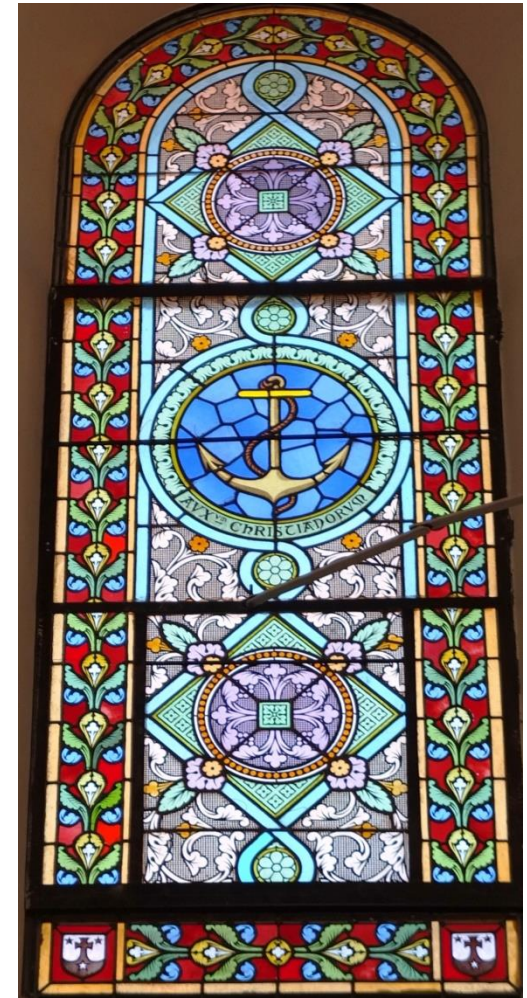
Choir – Northern Wall, Stained-Glass Windows



Ivory Tower



Mystic Rose



Help of Christians

Choir – Northern Wall, Carmelite Female Saints



Archangela Giralani
Blessed, Virgin

Joan of Toulouse
Blessed

Ann of Jesus
Venerable

**Anne of
St. Bartholomew**
Venerable

Mary of the Incarnation
Blessed, Virgin

Mary of the Angels
Blessed, Virgin

Frances d'Amboise
Blessed, Virgin

Teresa
Saint, Virgin

Mary Magdalene de` Pazzi
Saint

Choir – Northern Wall, Carmelite Female Saints

Crown*
Duchess of Brittany



Holding a
Brown Scapular**

* Foundress of the Carmelite nuns in France. After the death of her husband, Duke of Brittany, she joined the convent and became Prioress

** Foundress and first member of the Carmelite Third Order. She joined the order during a visit of Simon Stock in Toulouse

Archangela Giralani
Blessed, Virgin
Italian Carmelite

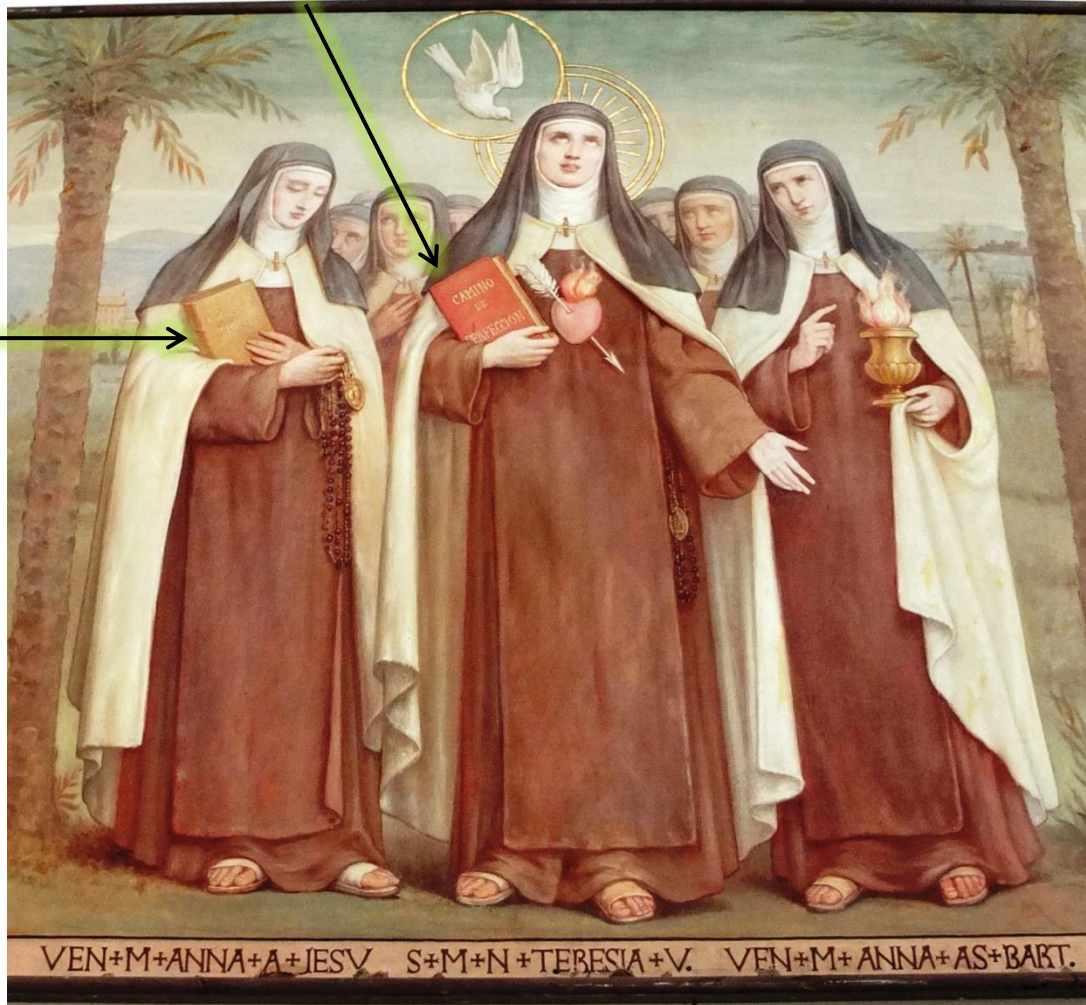
Frances d'Amboise*
Blessed, Virgin
French Carmelite

Joan of Toulouse**
Blessed
French Carmelite

Choir – Northern Wall, Carmelite Female Saints

The Way of Perfection

Her Guidance book for Contemplative Life



Constitutions*

- * AKA Ann Lobera. She was involved in receiving Apostolic confirmation to the Carmelite nuns' constitutions
- ** AKA Teresa of Ávila or Teresa of Jesus. Foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order
- *** AKA Anne Garcia Manzanas. Beatified in 1917 by Pope Benedict XV

Ann of Jesus*

Venerable (M - ??)
Spanish Carmelite

Teresa**

Saint, (M, N – ??), Virgin
Spanish Carmelite

Anne of St. Bartholomew***

Venerable (M - ??)
Spanish Carmelite

Choir – Northern Wall, Carmelite Female Saints

Crown of thorns, cross, spear and sponge
Depicting the suffer of Jesus

his lignis vivit hic ignis
??



- * AKA Madame Acarie or Mother of Carmel in France. She was involved in establishing Carmelite convents in France
- ** AKA Mary Fontanella from Turin

Mary of the Incarnation*
Blessed, Virgin
French Carmelite

Mary Magdalene de` Pazzi
Saint
Italian Carmelite

Mary of the Angels**
Blessed, Virgin
Italian Carmelite

Pilgrim Center

Entrance Plaza



Roses
Her attribute



Main entrance



St. Thérèse of Lisieux
(AKA Thérèse of the Child Jesus or Flower of Carmel)
French Carmelite

Garden – Observation Deck



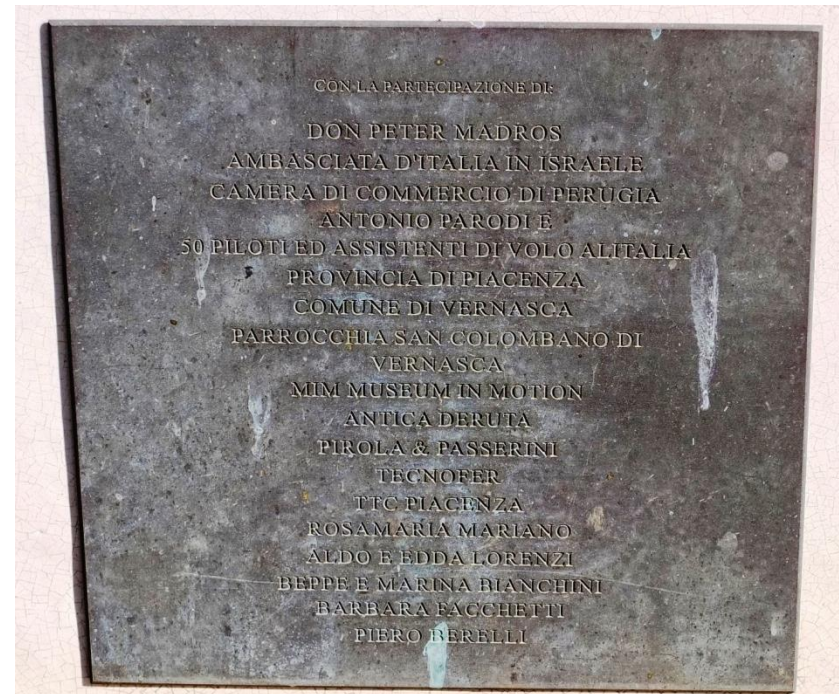
Angels of Peace

Garden – Observation Deck



Angels of Peace

Work by Sabino Ventura and Yumiko Tashimi
In hope for peace in the Middle East*



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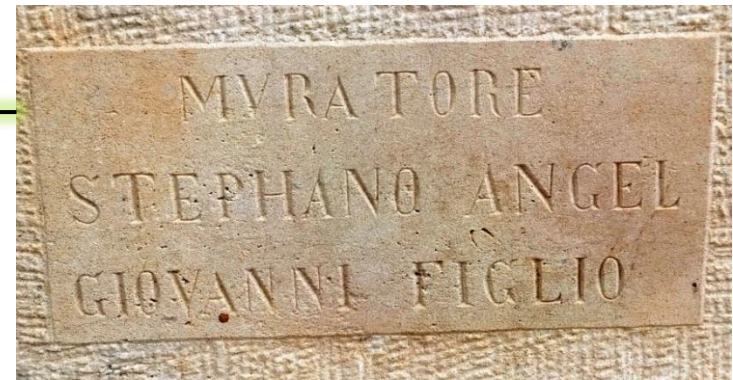
Garden – Way of the Cross



Entrance - Eastward view



Jesus wearing crown of thorns



Builder
Stephano Angel Giovanni Junior

Garden – Way of the Cross

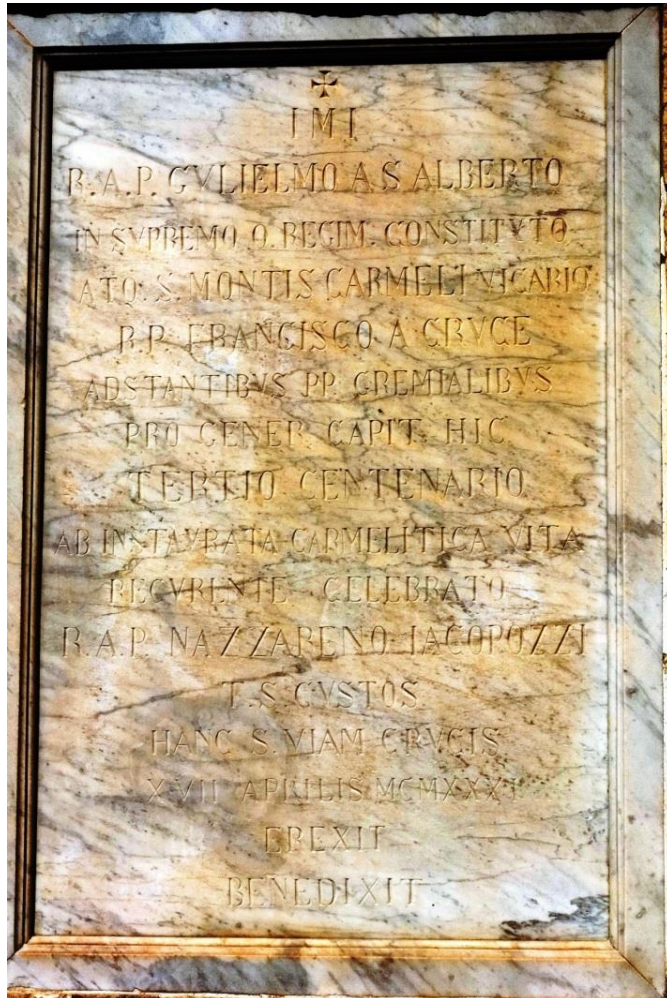


Entrance - Westward view

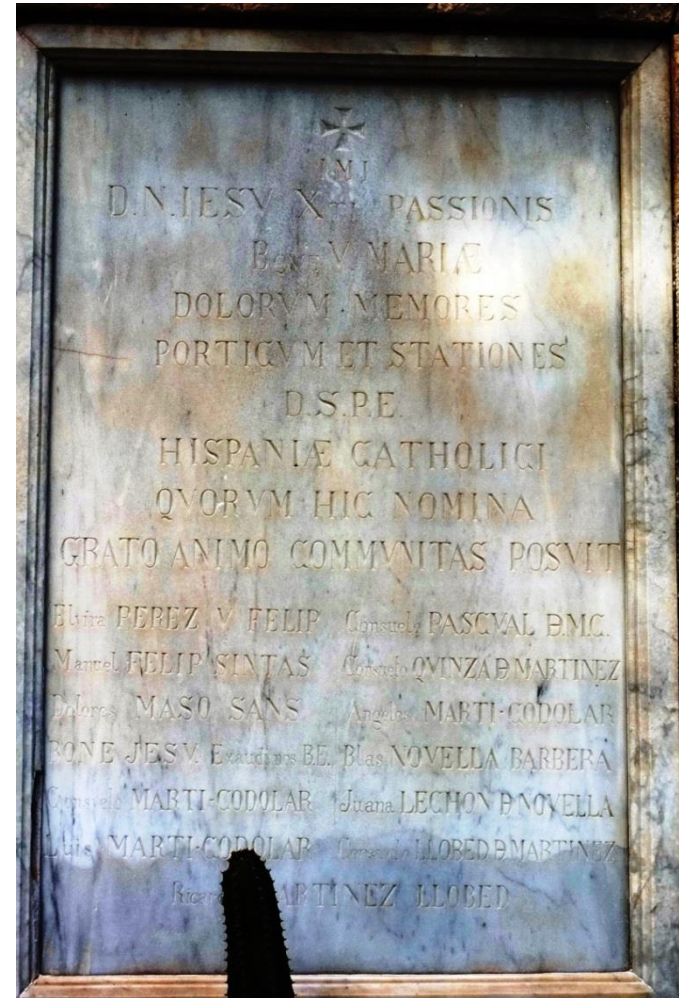


Mary*

Garden – Way of the Cross



Southern plaque
 Inaugurated on April 17, 1931



Northern plaque
 List of donors from Catholic communities in Spain

Garden – Way of the Cross



Station's number



One of the Stations



Carmelite Order
Coat of Arms



Ceramic tiles made by
Studio Arenes
Manises, Spain

Garden – Way of the Cross

Pontius Pilate



Station 1
Condemned to death



Station 2
Carrying the cross

Garden – Way of the Cross



Station 3
Falls the first time



Station 4
Meets his mother

Garden – Way of the Cross



Simon

Station 5

Simon of Cyrene helps carrying the cross



Veronica

Station 6

Veronica wipes his face

Garden – Way of the Cross



Station 7
Falls the second time



Station 8
Meets the women of Jerusalem

Garden – Way of the Cross



Station 9
Falls the third time



Station 10
Stripped of his garments

Garden – Way of the Cross



Station 11
Nailed to the cross

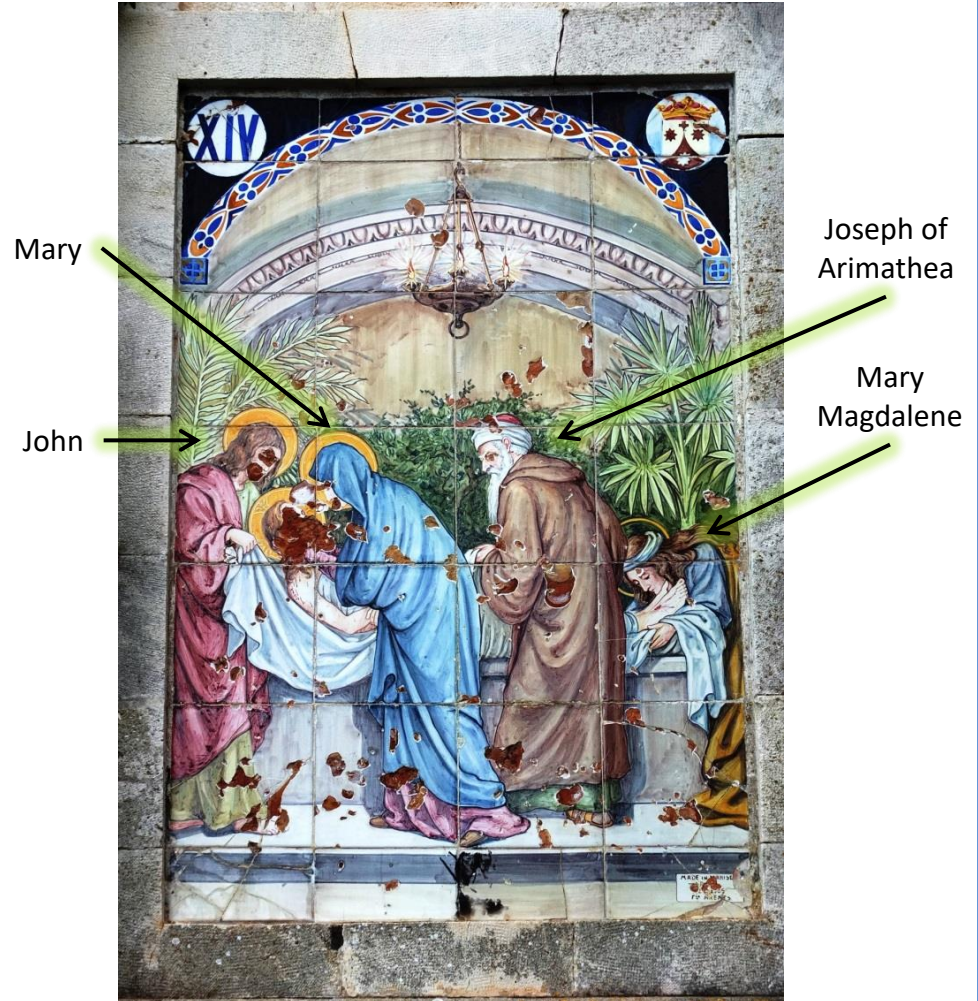


Station 12
Dies on the cross

Garden – Way of the Cross



Station 13
Taken down from the cross



Station 14
Laid in the tomb

Satellite Chapels

Prosper Chapel*

* Built next to the cave used by Fr. Prosper in the 17th century



Western façade - Entrance



Northern façade



Eastern façade

Prosper Chapel – Entrance Hall



Peter

Holding the
keys to Heaven

Paul

Holding
the Church



Southern wall



Mary

Holding the lily

Jesus

Holding the bread

Holy Family Chapel



In memory of
Jacob Shechter, engineer
Died in action
while clearing British minefields
around the lighthouse
Summer 1948



The Holy Family Chapel
Built as a windmill
Converted into a chapel
In the 60's

Holy Family Chapel – Apse*

* The apse is in the Northern wall



Seraph

Angel

Mary Holding the crown

Jesus holding the Alpha & Omega

Symbol of Divinity

I am the Alpha and the Omega

(Revelation 1, 8)

Cemetery*

* The cemetery was used as a primary burial site during 1889-2004, serving the Carmelites and other Catholics



View from Stella Maris Road



Entrance from Stella Maris Road



Inner gates

Cemetery – Gate Decorations

Christogram (Chi + Rho)
Symbol of Christ

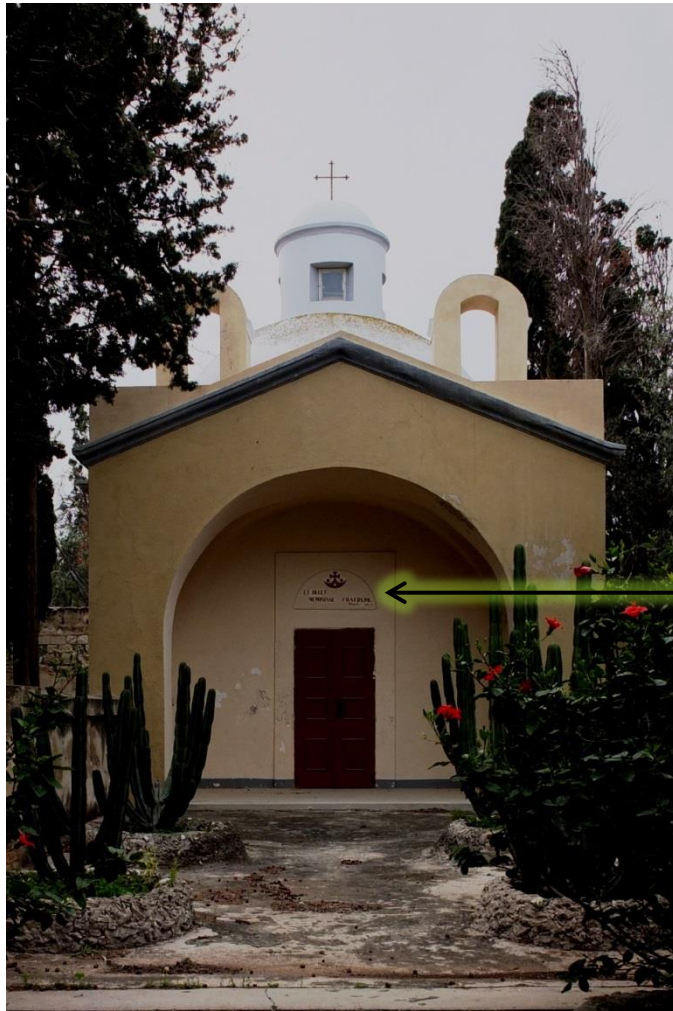
Alpha & Omega
Symbol of Divinity
I am the Alpha and the Omega
(Revelation 1, 8)

Bones
Sign of a cemetery

Carmelite Order
Coat of Arms



Cemetery – Teresa of Ávila Chapel



Northern façade



Dome

Carmelite Order
Coat of Arms



*it is right and proper to remember brethren (I Maccabees 12, 11)**

* The books of Maccabee are included in the Latin Vulgate Bible, but might be missing in other versions of the Bible

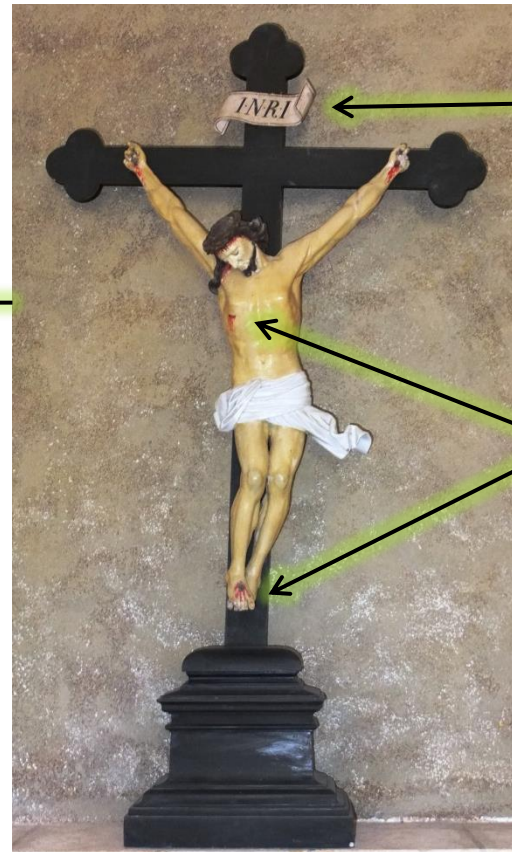
Cemetery – Teresa of Ávila Chapel



EGO SUM RESVRRECTIO ET VITA. Joan. XI. 25.



I am the resurrection and the life (John 11, 25)



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Iēsus Nazarēnus Rēx Iūdaeōrum
Jesus from Nazareth King of the Jews

Stigmata

Southward view

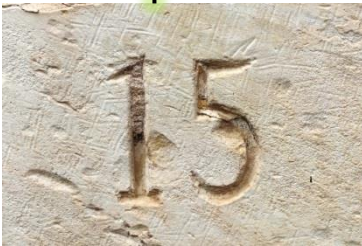
The apse is in the southern wall

Crucifix

Cemetery – Multilevel Burial



Western wall - Empty tombs*



Tomb numbering



Eastern wall – Tombs still in use

Cemetery – Gravestones



Superior of the convent - 1970



French consul - 1950



Earliest gravestone – 1890

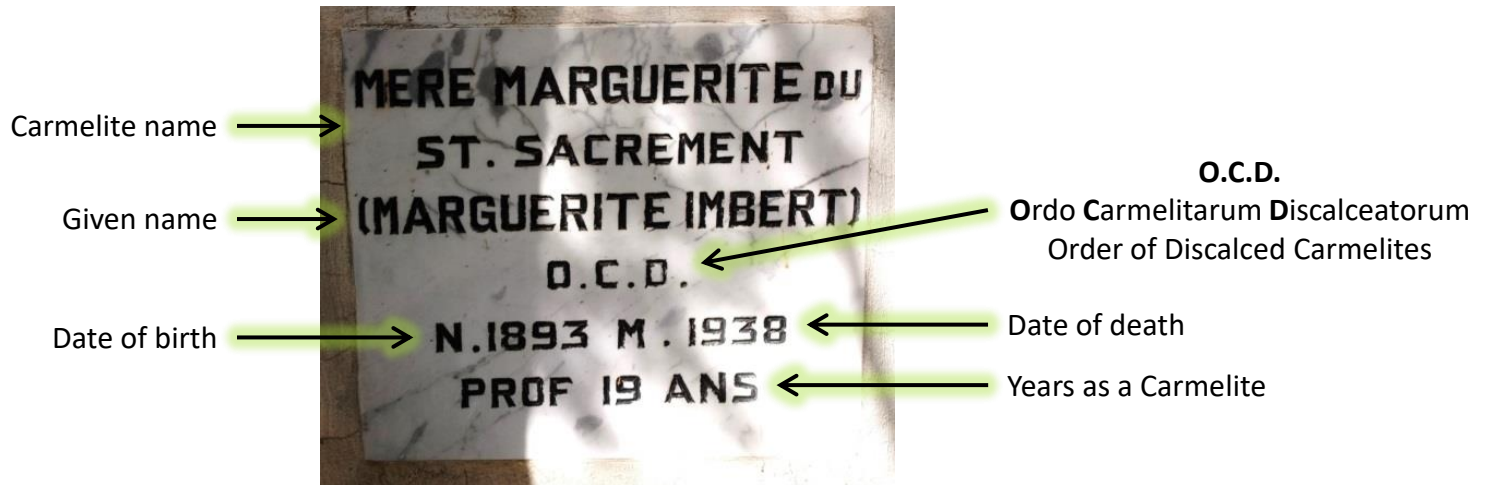


Oldest Carmelite nun - 95



Latest gravestone – 2004

Gravestones – Text Convention



Earliest Carmelite gravestone – 1938



Most senior Carmelite – 71 years

Cemetery – Burial Rooms

Southern room

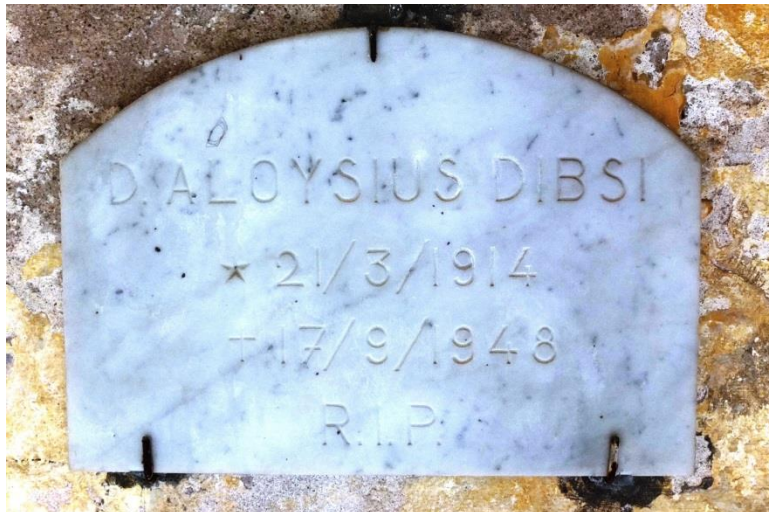
Western room



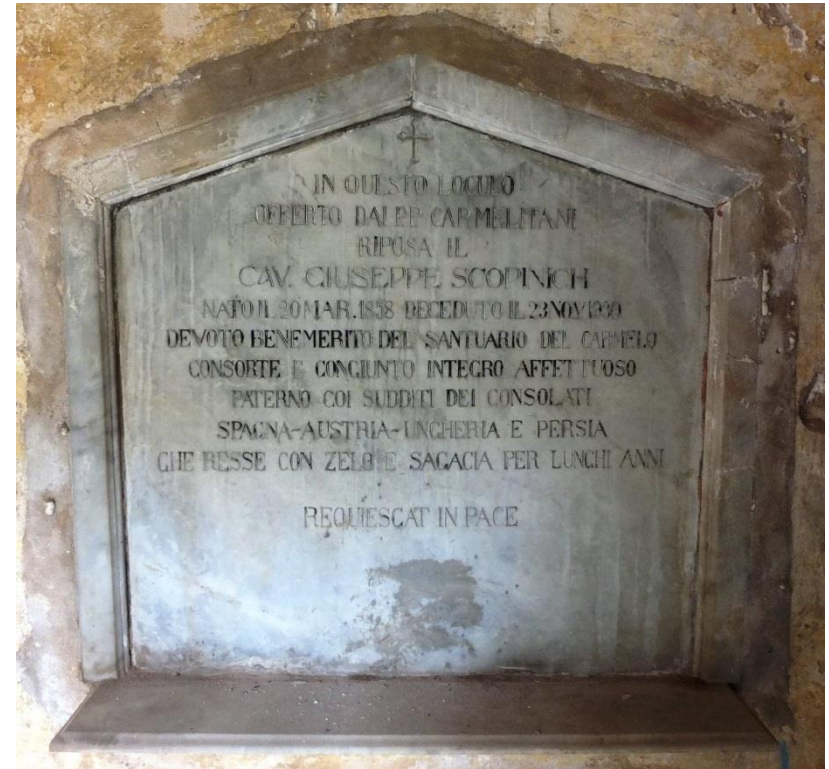
Cemetery – Southern Room



Earliest gravestone (Assumptionist friar) - 1898



1948



Spanish Consul – 1930*

* During WW I the Turkish army deported the Carmelite monks from the monastery and the keys were kept by the Spanish Consul

Cemetery – Western Room



Here rest in peace
the St. Charles Borromeo nuns*



Door key

Cemetery – Western Room



Westward view
The apse is in the western wall



Northern wall

IHS
Iesus Hominum Salvator
Jesus Savior of Men



Southern wall

Cemetery – Western Room



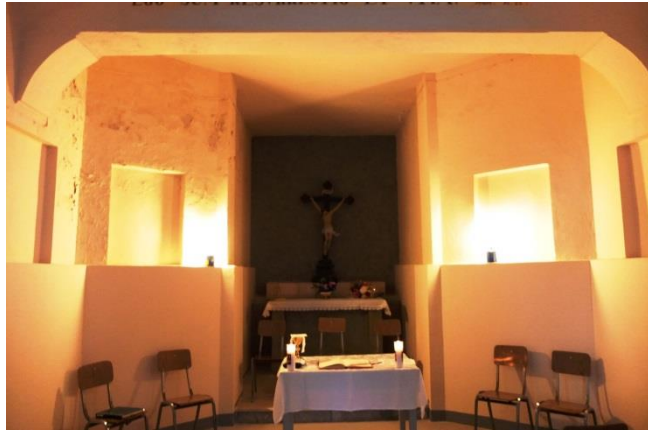
Earliest gravestone - 1908



Guardian of the St. Charles Borromeo nuns - 1960*

Cemetery – Carmelite Memorial Service*

* Held annually on November 15th



Chapel lit by portable gas lanterns



Singing the *Flos Carmeli* hymn



Family picture (2013)