



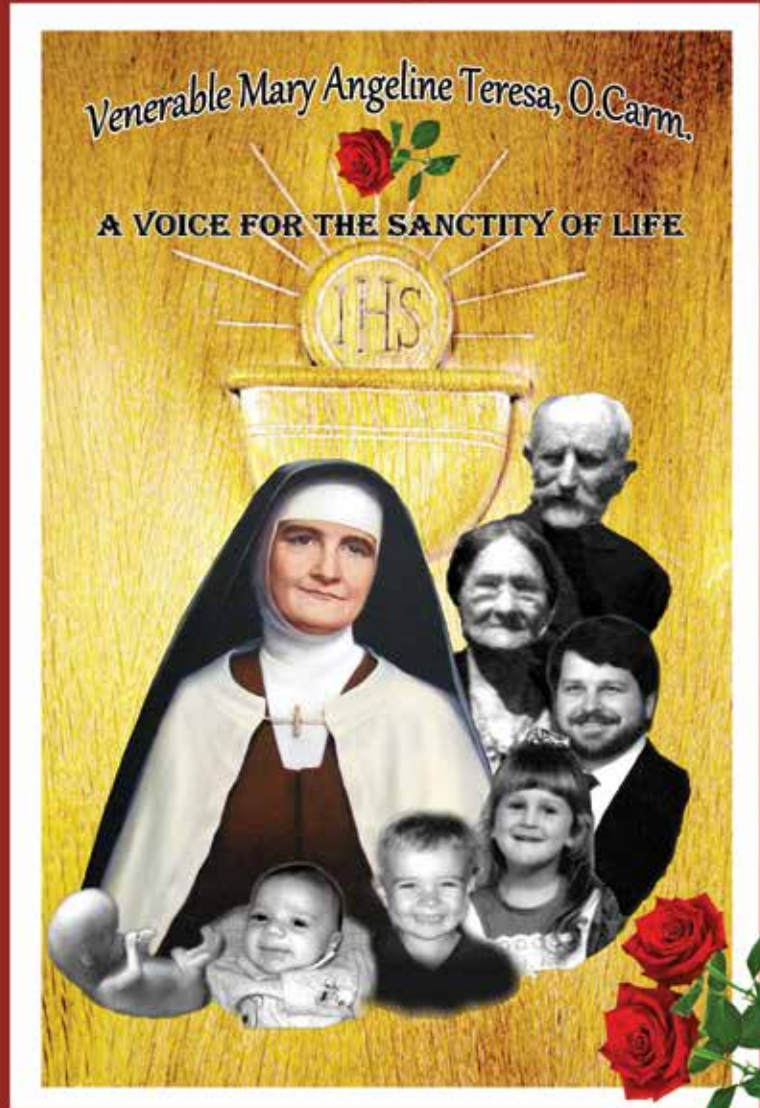
THE MOTHER ANGELINE SOCIETY

The Mother Angeline Society is dedicated to promoting the cause for beatification and canonization of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O. Carm, foundress of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm and advancing her charism in the church.



*"We are called to love and serve Christ in the old people."
"See Christ in every person entrusted to our care."*

Mother Angeline



YOU PROVIDED "LOVING CARE FOR COUNTLESS ELDERLY MEN AND WOMEN WITH COMPASSION AND A RESPECT FOR THEIR DIGNITY AND A REGARD FOR LIFE IN ALL ITS STAGES."

From "Prayer for Mother M. Angeline's Cause"

The 34th Anniversary of the Birth and Death of Venerable Mother Angeline Teresa, O. Carm.



From the Pen of Brother Robert Chiulli, O.Carm.

As readers of this bulletin likely already know, Mother Angeline was the foundress of the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm, a congregation dedicated to caring for the elderly in home-like settings. Mother discerned a call, back in 1929, to develop a new model of loving service to those in the autumn of their lives. To carry out this vision, she and six other Sisters left their former congregation, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and started a new community. Interestingly, Mother insisted that the community be rooted in a spiritual tradition, something solid and venerable that could provide them with spiritual sustenance as they went about their work of caring for the aged. Mother chose, as the name of the congregation indicates, the Carmelites. Carmelites have been known for centuries for their tradition of prayer, spirituality, and mysticism, and have given the Church such notable saints as St. Therese, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. John of the Cross. Mother Angeline wrote to Patrick Cardinal Hayes, archbishop of New York at the time, about her reason for choosing to join the Carmelite family, “our only aim in requesting this affiliation, is that of

leaning up our work, so young and inexperienced, against one of the greatest religious families in the Church.”

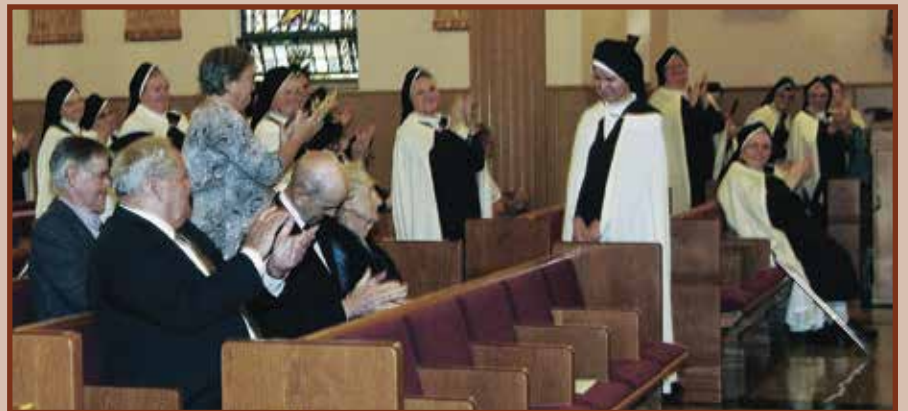
But why specifically the Carmelites? There are many other solid and well-respected spiritual traditions in the Church. There are the Franciscan, Dominican, and Benedictine charisms, for example. What was it about Carmel that attracted Mother Angeline? Well, she was acquainted with the Carmelite friars in New York, who staffed a parish not far from where she was ministering as a Little Sister of the Poor, and perhaps this personal relationship influenced her decision. But in addition to the Carmelite friars, I think it was a Carmelite nun who provided the most profound inspiration for her choice. And this nun was St. Teresa of Avila.

St. Teresa of Avila was a 16th century Spanish Carmelite nun who instituted a reform of the Carmelite Order, and felt a call to live a more prayerful and simple life in accord with Carmel’s ancient tradition. Her reform met some resistance and was not understood by all, but she felt in order to be faithful to this call, she had to press forward. In her writings, she honestly recounts the trials, and joys, she experienced in bringing this community to life. Perhaps as Mother Angeline was discerning

her call to establish a new community she looked to St. Teresa as a model, guide, and spiritual companion. Both had a love of their previous communities, but both also felt a deep call to go deeper into their vocation and live it out in a new way. Mother Angeline saw with St. Teresa a path that she could follow that would be faithful to both her vocation and to the Church.

There are several clues that indicate that Mother did have a particular reverence for St. Teresa. Most obviously, she included the name “Teresa” in her new religious name, “Sr. Mary Angeline Teresa, O.Carm”. Also, when the congregation obtained property on the banks of the Hudson River to serve as the Community’s Motherhouse, it was named “Avila-on-Hudson”, in honor of the town in which St. Teresa lived. The community chapel built on these grounds was named “St. Teresa’s Chapel”. It was in this very chapel that Mother Angeline spent many hours in prayer, and where she was sent home to receive her heavenly reward.

So just as Mother Angeline received inspiration and guidance from St. Teresa, even though they were separated by centuries, I am confident that we, too, can be guided by the life and example of Mother Angeline in our own lives today.



Greetings from Father Mario

Dear Members of the Mother Angeline Society,

Greetings to all of you as we make our way through this year of 2018 that the Lord has given us. Thank you for all of your ongoing support of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O.Carm. You are always remembered in the prayers of the Carmelite Sisters and in monthly Masses for your intentions.

This year we have been reflecting upon Mother Angeline as a Voice for the Sanctity of Life. Often, we think of our prayers and efforts for the Right to Life or Sanctity of Life as being primarily focused on working for an end to abortion in our society and protection for the unborn and, while this is a critically important issue of our times, it is not the only life issue about which the Church and people of good will are concerned. The Carmelite Sisters represent a strong voice in the Church and in health care for the protection and sanctity of life for the elderly, the weak, those seniors who are vulnerable and, in some ways, cast aside by society because they are no longer materially productive and might be a burden. The very parents, grandparents and individuals who bore the heat of the day for the generations that followed, seem now to be expendable and marginal. There are countless older people struggling with various physical and mental challenges who need dedicated, sympathetic loving care and protection such as provided in Carmelite facilities. The Carmelite Sisters also make available excellent palliative care programs, offering wonderful alternatives and comfort for the elderly, while publically advocating against the various initiatives that propose euthanasia,



*Very Reverend Mario Esposito,
O.Carm., Vice Postulator*

contrary to the teaching of Christ and His Church.

Mother Angeline loved and venerated the elderly. She saw the whole person with his or her material, emotional and spiritual needs, and taught her Sisters to do the same. Each Carmelite Home for the Aged and Infirm makes it a priority, a core value, that the residents are treated with love, respect and dignity in order to make their later years joyous, safe and wholesome. Nothing is compromised for the good of the residents in order to safeguard them and give them peace. Each person represented the Lord to Mother Angeline, and each needed to be cared for as one would care for their own parents, and in fact the Lord himself. The Carmelite Sisters advocate for the Sanctity of Life in all its stages and with all of its challenges in all their facilities and programs. They copy the loving example of compassion taught them by Venerable

Mary Angeline, their Foundress, and see that their mission and all who share in it continue her respect for the Sanctity of Life.

Mother Angeline's charism is as relevant and important today as it has been since she began 89 years ago. Please continue to support both financially and by your prayers the Cause of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa. Let us all pray for and add our voices for the protection and Sanctity of Life.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Father Mario, O.Carm." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm.
Vice Postulator

Celebrating Perpetual Profession of Vows

On October 7, 2017, Sister Mary Josephine Crowe, O.Carm. professed Perpetual Vows as a Carmelite Sister for the Aged and Infirm. The Most Reverend Edward Scharfenberger, Bishop of Albany, celebrated the Eucharistic liturgy. Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm was Master of Ceremonies. Present at the altar were other invited members of the clergy including

Sr. Mary Josephine's brother, Rev. Phillip Crowe. The Carmelite Sisters were delighted to welcome Sister Mary's friends and family members who traveled from Ireland to Avila to celebrate this joyous occasion. Congratulations, Sister Mary Josephine! May your life in Carmel be continually blessed with joy, graces and love for the Church and His elderly!

*Left to right: Sr. Mary Josephine professes her Perpetual Vows
Members of Sr. Mary Josephine's family and community congratulate her*



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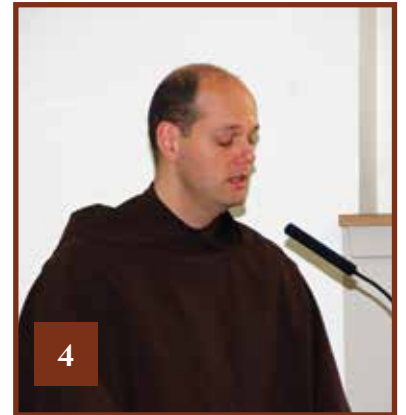
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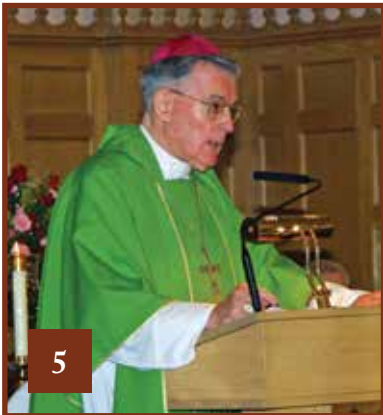
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34th Anniversary the Birth and Death of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, O.Carm.

On January 21, 2018, The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm celebrated the life of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa and the 34th anniversary of her passing to eternal life with a Eucharistic celebration held at Saint Teresa's Motherhouse. The theme chosen for this celebration was "Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa: A Voice for the Sanctity of Life." The Most Reverend Gerald Walsh was the principal celebrant. Other members of the clergy con-celebrating were Father Mario Esposito, O. Carm., Rev. James Hess, O.Carm. and Rev. James Donlon. The event was attended by the McCrory family, the Carmelite Sisters, Friars Pre-Novices and Novices and invited guests.



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Silver Jubilee of the Opening of the Cause for Venerable Mary Angeline

The 25th Anniversary of the Opening of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory was celebrated on September 10, 2017 at Saint Teresa's Motherhouse. Bishop Howard Hubbard, who knew Mother personally, presided at the Eucharistic celebration. Very Reverend Mario Esposito, O.Carm., Vice-Postulator, was the homilist; Rev. Roberto Perez, O.Carm. and Rev. Joseph Finch also concelebrated. The event was attended by the McCrory family, Carmelite Sisters, Carmelite Friars, Pre-Novices, and Novices and invited guests including two Little Sisters of the Poor.

Excerpt from Fr. Mario's Homily:

"From this altar and in a beautiful way, we offer our Thanksgiving to God, in particular today on this 25th Anniversary of the beginning of the Diocesan Phase of the Cause for the beatification and canonization of Mother Angeline. This altar, this chapel, and this very place are all here today because of the dedication and zeal of that one person – Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa who, with her Sisters in community, followed the vocation and inspiration of the Holy Spirit to bring about the Congregation of Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm... Mother Angeline was truly a woman of the Church, and a woman filled with the spirit of the gospel. Mother was also an excellent leader, a builder who left no debts, a fervent religious who never lost the common touch for people. Her charism has not faded in the least since her death thirty-four years ago. Her message is just as relevant and needed in the field of health care and senior care, and the values and methods she and her companions modeled are probably needed more than ever in the face of today's challenges



Mother Mark Louis and Sr. Mary Suzanne with the McCrory family



Left: Fr. Mario, Homilist; Middle: The Little Sisters of the Poor; Right: Bishop Howard Hubbard, Celebrant

and aging population. I would also add that what our Venerable taught about the religious life is also priceless and timeless, and we can never veer away from the balance of the active and contemplative Carmelite life that she set down without a loss of equilibrium and strength of vocation."

"...we are together this morning, and in almost every house of the Congregation, and gathered in the belief that Jesus is with us. We thank God for the 25 years of the Cause since its formal introduction in this Diocese. Much good fruit has been harvested as the result of the Cause. Amen. In addition, gathered in Jesus' name, we also ask the Lord of the harvest and abundance, to show us the way and renew the spirit of the Cause in each of us not just so that we see Venerable M. Angeline

Teresa beatified and canonized, but that the work she has begun will continue and flourish. That is our prayer. In addition, let the Church say, 'Amen'!"



Members of the McCrory family

Opposite page: Photo 1: Bishop Gerald Walsh, Fr. Donlon, Sr. Patricia, Fr. Mario; Mother Mark; Photo 2: Sanctity of Life Display – sanctuary; Photo 3: Mother Mark opening address; Photo 4: Br. Robert offers toast; Photo 5: Bishop Walsh – Homily; Photo 6: Novices lead Entrance Procession; Photo 7: Some members of the McCrory family; Photo 8: The choir

Commission for the Advancement of the Cause and Charism of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O.Carm.

The beginnings of the Cause and Charism Commission to advance the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, go back to 1985, within a year after her death. Under the direction of Rev. Eugene Robitaille, SS.CC, the first Promoter of the Cause, the Teresian Society was also established to help make Mother Angeline Teresa more widely known. Led by Father Eugene, then Father Jude Mead, C.P., and finally Father Mario, dedicated Carmelite Sisters and later interested lay

persons, have worked to promote the Cause. In 2010, to better reflect the purpose and mission of this group the name of the Teresian Society was changed to The Mother Angeline Society. This year, three members of the Commission have met their term limit, but will be eligible to serve again in the future.

Father Mario Esposito, Vice Postulator, Brother Robert Chiulli, Mother Mark Louis and the Congregation would like to thank Sr. Barbara Maloy, O.Carm., Karen McCrory and Michele Esposito for the commitment and dedication they put forth as Commission members. The Commission is most grateful for their years of service and commitment to Mother's Cause. It is only with such dedication, that awareness of the Cause can reach new audiences each year.

The Commission has several sub-committees. The Education/Promotion sub-committee recognizes Mother Angeline's great love of the priesthood, especially seminarians. One area of focus is making seminarians in dioceses where the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm serve more aware of Venerable Mary An-



Members of the Commission gathered: Sr. M. Patricia of the Queen of Carmel, Janice Smircich, Br. Robert Chiulli, O. Carm., Fr. Mario Esposito, O. Carm., Sr. Patricia Margaret, O. Carm., Karen McCrory, Jean Cutrone, Sr. M. Catherine Angeline, O.Carm., Sr. M. Kevin Patricia of the Holy Angels, Michele Esposito, Mary Ann Iaccino. Not present in the photograph: Sr. Helena of Mary, O.Carm., Sr. Barbara Maloy, O.Carm., and Sr. M. Paul Anthony Videtich, O.Carm.

geline Teresa. Seminarians receive a special prayer card and a booklet on Mother's devotion to priests and they are encouraged to pray to Mother Angeline for her intercession and guidance during their seminary days. Newly appointed Bishops and/or Auxiliaries in those Dioceses receive material such as the album on Mother Angeline and the Community, and a letter explaining the ministry of the Carmelite Sisters.

Each year brings opportunities to promote Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa. The Events sub-committee gathers materials on Mother Angeline to display at programs and workshops. Events would include seminars held at Avila, the Carmelite Institute, and the bi-annual Lay Carmelite Symposium.

The Publications/The Mother Angeline Society Sub-Committee is responsible for planning articles for the bi-annual bulletin and provides recommendations on new publications regarding Mother Angeline. The Mother Angeline Society website was developed to feature news about the Cause, the Community,

and to become an interactive means for the public to learn more about Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa. This website and the CarmeliteSisters.com website have an online gift shop that offers material on Mother Angeline. A "Friends of Mother Angeline" on Facebook also has been added. The Mother Angeline Society team performs the day-to-day office functions: preparing membership mailings, correspondence, and processing orders of Mother Angeline materials and gifts.

One of the key components of the Cause and Charism Commission is to seek new avenues in which to make Mother Angeline better known. As awareness rises, so do reports of favors received through Mother's intercession: healings, both physical and spiritual; return of loved ones to the Sacraments; finding employment and material help in trying times. The Commission will continue efforts to support the Cause by sharing the message and meaning of the life of Mother Angeline for the Church and world.

The Resident's Corner *The History of Mary Manning Walsh Home*



Mary Manning Walsh Home was founded on January 3, 1952 on the site of the former New York Orthopedic Hospital on 59th Street between Sutton Place and First Avenue in New York City. Francis Cardinal Spellman, recognizing the need for a long-term-care facility for the elderly, purchased and renovated the building through the generous donation of Thomas J. Walsh given in memory of his wife, Mary Manning Walsh. Under the auspices of the Archdiocese of New York and served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, Mother M. Bernadette de Lourdes, O.Carm, the first Administrator, developed a holistic approach to care which included a comprehensive rehabilitation program to maintain the functional potential and dignity of each resident.

In October 1969 under the guidance, support, and direction of Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York, and

the leadership and planning of Mother Aloysius McBride, O.Carm, Administrator, the Walsh Home was relocated to a new sixteen-story 362-bed facility located at 1339 York Avenue. From 1995 through 1999 major renovations including Holy Family Chapel, were accomplished. With the changes in healthcare, Mary Manning Walsh Home has become a part of the ArchCare System. In keeping with Mother Angeline's words – "to operate up to date facilities", 2018 finds the facility with multiple renovation projects, including its' partnership with Calvary Hospital with the current expansion of the Dawn Greene Hospice Unit from 10 to 18 beds. This will be completed and in service by March 2018.

Throughout the past sixty-five years, programs and services were initiated and implemented to meet the changing needs of our Residents and to provide holistic care to each Resident in an at-

mosphere of Christian understanding and faith. It has been a privilege for the Carmelite Sisters to serve so many Residents who call(ed) Mary Manning Walsh "home". We thank God for His countless Blessings! In a special way we say "thank you" for Mother Angeline Teresa, O.Carm. and each Carmelite Sister, Priest, Trustee, Staff member, Benefactor, Volunteer and Family Circle member who has helped us – day in and day out – to carry out our motto – "to care for and to care" with love, compassion and respect.

Left to Right:

Sr. Edmund Francis converses with the Residents and Families on Mother's Day

Carmelite Sisters Marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1989

Annual Walkathon with Bill Dolan and Family Circle Members, the Meehan Family

New from The Mother Angeline Society Gift Shop



The Light from Her Heart: The Wisdom of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa, Foundress of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, a 48-page book, is a compilation of some of Mother Angeline's reflections taken from her Circular Letters that were distributed to the Sisters. These reflections are arranged in eight different topics: Prayer, Sacrifice, the Path to Sanctity, the Blessed Mother, Faith and Faithfulness, Love/Love of God, Mass/The Blessed Sacrament, and Charity. The reader will obtain insight into Mother

Angeline's deep spirituality. This 9 x 6 inch soft cover book is available on The Mother Angeline Society gift shop web page, or can be ordered by using the order form found in the bulletin. The cost is \$10.00 (including shipping).



Ozark Trail Stainless Steel travel mug with imprinted Carmelite shield, with pourable plastic top with an open drinking slit. Measures 7 ¾" tall x 4" wide. The cost is \$12.00 (including shipping).

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Day of Prayer held at St. Patrick's Home

In honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Opening of the Cause at the Diocesan Level, the Mother Angeline Society held a Day of Prayer on October 14th at St. Patrick's Home in the Bronx. Events included celebration of the Mass and presentations on Mother Angeline given by Brother Robert Chiulli, O.Carm. and Fr. Mario Esposito, O. Carm. A video on the life of Mother Angeline produced by Karen McCrory was also shown.

An excerpt from Brother Robert's presentation:

"The Commission proposed having a Day of Prayer for Mother Angeline for several reasons: first, it is an opportunity for members of the The Mother Angeline Society to come together in order to pray and socialize together; second, we wanted to try a new way of spreading Mother Angeline Teresa's charism. We have already created a website

blogs, bulletins, etc., and so this event is something different for us. Lastly, we want a special way of marking the significance of the 25th Anniversary of the Opening of Mother Angeline Teresa's Cause.

...An essential aspect of Carmelite spirituality is the importance of prayer... By affiliating her new community with the Carmelites, Mother Angeline sought to build into this fledgling community a life and love of prayer. In her writings over the years, Mother Angeline constantly reminded her Sisters of the importance and necessity of prayer. She encouraged them on how everything they do, any success achieved, should be done through prayer. Working hard is fine and necessary. Yet, if it is not rooted in prayer, if it is not



Fr. Mario's presentation in chapel at St. Patrick's Home.

oriented towards God, then it is essentially hollow. Her words, 'Do not neglect prayer, for if you do, you will not succeed in accomplishing in a whole day that which you could have done in one hour, and your work will be imperfect.'

"...It is significant and telling that we are honoring and remembering this woman known for her work with the aged in a very Carmelite way — a Day of Prayer."



Those who believe their prayers were answered through Mother Angeline Teresa's intercession are encouraged to contact the Carmelite Sisters, or you may write to:

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