

THE CARMELITE SYSTEM'S LABOR OF LOVE

There was once a gardener who rose each day before the sun. His neighbors often wondered why he worked so diligently, especially when the garden seemed small and unremarkable. But one afternoon, as children ran joyfully through the paths gathering vegetables, and an elderly woman rested under a vine he had carefully tended, someone finally asked, “Why do you labor so faithfully here?”

The gardener smiled and answered, “Because every seed I plant is an act of love—and love always multiplies.”

That, dear friends, is the essence of labor. We do not work simply for recognition, wages, or monuments that fade. We labor because of love—love for God, love for one another, and love for the dignity of every human life.

HONORING THE CARMELITE SISTERS

On this day that honors work, we pause to give thanks for the **Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm**. For generations, you have labored not in fields of soil, but in the fields of compassion, healing, and care. Your hands have comforted the sick, your prayers have lifted the lonely, and your presence has been a living testimony that labor, when born of love, is never in vain.

Our foundress, **Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa**, reminded us to “Care for the elderly with the compassion of Christ.” This spirit continues to animate every act of service, transforming ordinary tasks into extraordinary ministry.



Trish Gathers, Wayne Schubert, Kahoney Anderson and Sister Mark Randall

APPRECIATING THE CARMELITE SYSTEM AND CARITH MINISTRIES

To the Carmelite System Inc., under the steady leadership that safeguards and advances this mission: you are the structure that makes love sustainable. Your efforts prove that true labor does not merely maintain buildings—it preserves legacies and nurtures futures.

To Carith Ministries, the growing branch of this great work: you are planting seeds for tomorrow. Through you, new homes will rise, new ministries will flourish, and new sanctuaries of love will be born. Like the gar-

dener, you labor today so that future generations may find shade, shelter, and belonging tomorrow.

GRATITUDE FOR STAFF, RESIDENTS, AND FUTURE HOMES

To every staff member across every Carmelite home—nurses, caregivers, cooks, housekeepers, maintenance workers, volunteers—you are the heartbeat of this mission. Your labor is not just a duty; it is a gift of love.

To the residents, you are not merely recipients of care. You are bearers of wisdom, keepers of faith, and living

treasures. You make the labor worthwhile, and your dignity gives meaning to every effort.

And to the homes yet to come through Carith Ministries, we honor you in advance. The seeds of love sown today will surely blossom into sanctuaries of compassion tomorrow.

THE DIFFERENCE IS LOVE

Friends, on this Labor Day, let us remember: labor born of love is never wasted. Every act of service, every gentle word, every moment of care echoes far beyond what the eye can see.

When you are cared for—care for another.

When you are loved—love in return.

When you are blessed—be a blessing.

This is the cycle of labor that never ends. This is the truth we live by.

And this is the difference the Carmelite Sisters, the Carmelite System, and Carith Ministries bring to the world—**The Difference is Love.**

So let us not only celebrate the love we have received, but become living reflections of it—proving with our lives and our labor that indeed, our labor is not in vain.



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