

CARMELITE SYSTEM MARKS 96 YEARS OF LOVE AND SERVICE ON FOUNDATION DAY

The Carmelite System Inc. celebrated its Foundation Day with joy, gratitude, and renewed purpose as it marked the 96th anniversary of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. The celebration honored the legacy of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, whose vision in 1929 gave rise to a ministry that continues to shape compassionate elder care across the nation and beyond.

In her message to staff, residents, and supporters, **Trish Gathers, President and CEO of The Carmelite System**, expressed heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated work of all who serve in the ministry.

“As we embark on this new day, let us take a moment to appreciate the remarkable gifts and talents that are shared daily for the benefit of our residents and fellow team members. Working in this ministry alongside such dedicated and compassionate individuals is truly an honor. Together, we continue to build upon the legacy founded by Mother Angeline and nurtured by the Sisters for so many years. May we remain steadfast in our commitment and vision to further this mission.”



The Council of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm.

A LEGACY ROOTED IN KINDNESS

The origins of the Carmelite Sisters trace back to Mother Angeline, who, moved by the unique needs of the elderly in America, sought to create a ministry that emphasized dignity, compassion, and love. In 1931, her community officially became the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm.

Mother Angeline’s philosophy—*“If you must fail, let it be on the side of kindness. Be kinder than kindness itself to the old people”*—remains the foundation of the Carmelite mission. Though she passed away in 1984, her congregation has flourished, extending care and advocacy to thousands while continuing her mission of *“The Difference is Love.”*

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: CARITH FOUNDATION

As the Sisters celebrate their past, they are also focused on the future. Recognizing the challenges posed by underutilized church properties and the evolving needs of society, the Carmelite System recently launched The Carith Foundation.

This new initiative seeks to bring together philanthropists, government programs, and the Catholic Church to preserve properties and transform them into vibrant centers of service. While its primary focus remains on elderly care, Carith aims to expand its reach into affordable housing, autism support, and broader health services.

“This stewardship initiative is not just about preservation—it’s about transformation,” Gathers said. “We are called to reimagine how faith and service can meet today’s needs while honoring the mission entrusted to us.”

HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING TOMORROW

The 96th anniversary celebration stood as both a remembrance and a call to action. From its humble beginnings under Mother Angeline’s leadership to today’s multifaceted ministry, the Carmelite System continues to embody its enduring mission: to safeguard dignity, provide compassionate care,



Trish Gathers - President/CEO Carmelite Systems and Carith

and serve as a beacon of love in a changing world.

As Foundation Day concluded, the message was

clear—the difference is love, and that difference remains as vital today as it was in 1929.



Cross section staff from the Ozanam Hall of Queens.

The Carmelite System Inc a Catholic not-for-profit health system that provides the platform that involves increasing the availability of geriatric care.

Located in New York, Massachusetts, Florida, Iowa, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois.

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