

On April 15, 2023, on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sisters took up residence in Fairfield, Connecticut.



Each morning the Sisters celebrate Holy Mass. They sing the Hours of the Divine Office in Latin Gregorian chant through the day, beginning at midnight. Time is also given to solitary prayer, *Lectio Divina*, study and the Rosary. On Fridays there is Eucharistic Adoration. They partake of a meatless diet and follow strict observance of enclosure.

The Sisters prayerfully carry out their daily work: cooking, cleaning, sewing, laundry, monastery correspondence and sacristy work. To contribute to their support, they sew Mass linens: corporals, purificators, finger towels, amices and chalice palls; but they rely primarily on alms.



Donations to the Foundation go towards maintenance, repairs, renovation and beautification and the facilities and grounds.

**Foundation
for the Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin**

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Prayer requests and Vocation inquiries to the Sisters:

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No-reply email

prayerrequest.CMEV@gmail.com

(Include name and address for a written reply)

*Donations for the Sisters' personal needs
(food, medical, etc.) may be mailed
to the Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin.*

For more information on the Carmelite Sisters, visit:
MaryEverVirgin.org

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CARMELITES
of MARY EVER VIRGIN



*"Flower of Carmel
blossom-laden vine,
Splendor of Heaven,
the Virgin with Child..."*

— Prayer to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin are cloistered contemplatives who follow today the original tradition of the Ancient Observance of Carmel, begun in the Middle Ages.

Theirs is a hidden life enriched by a deep relationship with Christ where the words of St. John the Baptist are realized: *"He must Increase; I must decrease."* The cloister is a sacred space to foster this relationship through silence, solitude, and recollection where they seek the face of God day and night.



*"The Lord lives, the God of Israel,
in whose sight I stand..."*

— 1 Kings 17:1

A Need

The Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin consecrate their lives to Jesus Christ and His Virgin Mother. Their simple lifestyle of constant prayer, sacrifice, obedience, chastity, and poverty enables them to intercede on our behalf, in praise and reparation. They are the beating heart of the Church. Daily they implore God for our needs.

To support the charism of the Carmelite Sisters, the Foundation focuses on the needed renovation, repair, maintenance and beautification of the monastery and grounds. All donations are received in a spirit of heartfelt gratitude. Please refer to the back of this brochure for ways where you can show your appreciation. *We thank you for your support in advance!*



A Call to Carmel

A woman who is drawn to this way of life, who is 18-35 years of age, and who has good physical and mental health is encouraged to begin the process of vocational discernment.

She may contact the Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin via letter, phone, or their online prayer request email.

*"Behold, I will allure her and will lead her
into the wilderness: and I will speak to her heart...
and she shall sing there according
to the days of her youth."*

— Hosea 2:14,15