

# *Monastery of the Infant Jesus of Prague & St. Joseph*

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Dear Family & Friends:

We want to thank you again for your faithful support and friendship throughout the years. We wanted you, our closest friends & family to be the first to know about an upcoming milestone for community.

Background: Our Carmelite Community was founded in Tulancingo, Mexico in 1908. We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday (as a Community) in 2007 with a beautiful Mass, a published history of our foundation as written by our Mothers from their own journals and stories passed down through our generations. We also seized the opportunity to thank our faithful benefactors, some going back 4-5 generations. It was beautiful!

Now, another important milestone is looming: the year 2028 will be our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being welcomed by Dallas, Texas! Having lived as fugitives for over 10 years prior, we arrived with nothing except our gratitude. This is why we chose "Grateful & Blessed" as our Centennial theme.

We are in the process of planning some simple, yet creative ways of saying "Thank You" to our neighbors, friends, families and benefactors. One of our desires is to turn the 5 acre tract at the corner of Flowers & Jefferson into a "Marian Garden". Marian Gardens are intentionally designed to engage & encourage prayer while also reconnecting us to timeless truths.

This seems perfect as life began in a garden and Carmel (in Hebrew, Karmel) literally means "enclosed garden". Sprinkled with multiple interaction points among varied prayer paths, the Garden simply called "Mary's Garden"; would incorporate self-guided paths highlighting some of the stories of related Marian apparitions, a multitude of flowers named after Our Lady, and some quiet reflective places, as well as a few hidden challenges. Ultimately, the Garden would be available to schools, parish groups, and individuals.

This idea is in its infancy and will undoubtedly undergo many revisions. As the idea blossoms into a reality we know that many of our family & friends will want to help so we are in the process of creating a painless way to disseminate crucial information including a project timeline, current needs, volunteer opportunities, contact persons and some Q&A.

The landscape site plan, almost complete, will give tangibility to our vision and help organize the transformation into "phases". No doubt the work will continue for several years. Our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to, our beloved Bishop for agreeing to officiate at our upcoming "ground breaking" and to offer his blessing that our Marian Garden may become a place of peace & Presence for all.

May God reward you,

*Rev. Mother Juanita Marie, OCD & Community*