



“Try to see Christ in each of the old people entrusted to our care. Be kind to them as you would be to Christ Himself, and endeavor to meet their needs with all the love Mary must have shown in caring for her new born Babe in Bethlehem.”

— Mother M. Angeline Teresa, O. Carm.

Prayer

Almighty and eternal Father,
we thank you for the inspiration
you gave to your daughter,
Mother M. Angeline Teresa,
to establish the Carmelite Sisters for the
Aged and Infirm, and to provide 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.

In particular, moved by her example
of prayerful trust in your mercy, we ask
you through her intercession for this
special intention (Pause to add your
petitions for healing, etc).

If it be your gracious will, grant that the
virtues of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa
may be recognized and provide a lasting
example for your people. We ask this through
Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*If you feel a favor has been granted through
the intercession of Venerable Mary Angeline
Teresa McCrory, please contact:*

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Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O.Carm.



*Foundress of the Carmelite Sisters
for the Aged and Infirm*

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SANCTITY OF LIFE

The legacy of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa continues through the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm. We serve the elderly throughout the United States and have one facility in Ireland. Our Nursing Homes, Assisted and Independent Living facilities share her vision that love makes a difference in the world. We see the face of Christ in all those entrusted to our care. Our Sanctity of Life Statement declares: Our mission is to provide holistic care to the aged and infirm in an atmosphere of Christian understanding and faith. We hold in reverential esteem the sanctity of life, believing that God has touched humankind in a personal and lasting manner by the gift of life. Sanctity of life does not depend upon the quality of life. Although mental and / or physical limitations may exist, the life of every human being is considered sacred. Each one has, therefore, a moral responsibility to respect and protect that basic right to life. The Carmelite Sisters have always promoted respect for life in all its stages, even as many of the protections for the life of the unborn, the ill, and the elderly are under assault.

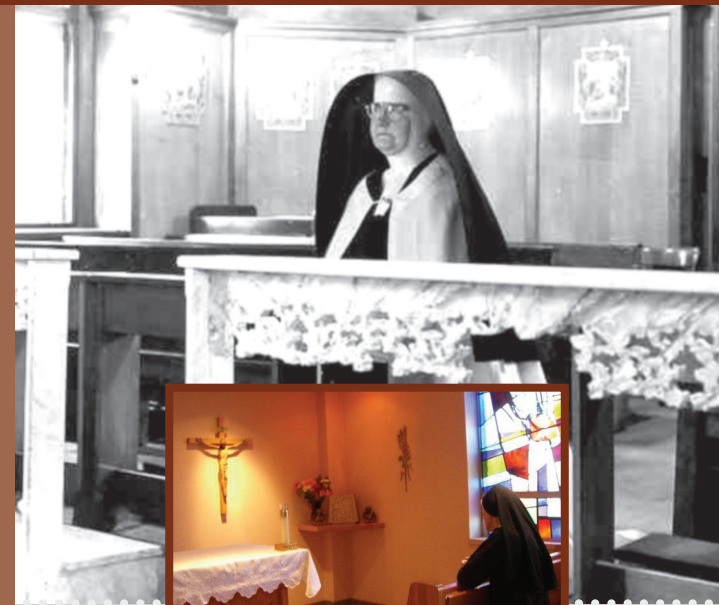
VENERABLE

Mary Angeline Teresa McCrory, O.Carm.

Mother M. Angeline Teresa (Bridget Teresa McCrory) was born on January 21, 1893 in Mountjoy, County Tyrone, Ireland. When she was seven years of age her family migrated to Scotland. At the age of nineteen she left home to become a Little Sister of the Poor, a Congregation engaged in the care of the destitute aged. She made her novitiate in La Tour, France and after Profession in 1915 was sent to the United States.

In 1926, Mother Angeline was appointed Superior of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in the Bronx, New York. During an annual retreat in 1927 she felt urged to reach out to do more for the people for whom she cared. She felt that the European way and many of the customs of France did not meet the needs or the customs of the Americans. She felt that old age strikes all classes of people leaving them alone and frightened.

Being unable to effect any necessary changes in her present situation, Mother Angeline sought advice and counsel from Cardinal Hayes of New York. Not only did he encourage her, but he likewise felt more could be done for the aged people in the New York area. Eventually this need was recognized all over the United States. In order to accomplish what she felt called to do, and with the blessing of the Cardinal, Mother Angeline and six other Sisters withdrew from the congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor and were granted permission from Rome to begin a new Community in the care of the aged putting into effect Mother Angeline's ideals. The inspiration received in the congregation dedicated to the aged and poor was further developed and gave birth to the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm who care for elders needing skilled nursing, short term rehab and end of life care.



SPIRITUALITY

Her spiritual life led her to trust and have confidence in God's guidance and protection. She nurtured her faith through prayer, especially in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Her devotion to the Eucharist, which was also evident in her love of the liturgy, marked her daily prayer. She seemed to foreshadow the words of Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*: "Truly the Eucharist is a *mysterium fidei*, a mystery which surpasses our understanding and can only be received in faith..." (n. 15). — *Fr. John F. Russell O.Carm.*

Part of the charism that Mother Angeline bequeathed to her daughters and to the Church, in addition to a sincere love for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, was her profoundly universal love and respect for Christ's priests. Every Saturday the prayers of the Carmelite Sisters are offered for Priests.

On June 28, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI affirmed Mother Angeline's heroic virtue and issued a Decree declaring her to be VENERABLE MARY ANGELINE TERESA McCRORY, O.CARM.