

# Imitating Mary, the Carmelites Answer a Divine Call

A beacon of light, the nuns of the Discalced Order of Carmelites practice an earnest life of prayer and contemplation. Dedicated to humility, self-denial, and sacrifice, the nuns and their prayers offer support for the faithful. Separated from the material world, they strive for a deeper relationship with God, praying for priests and the benefit of all humanity.

In 1957 Bishop Thomas J. McDonough invited Carmelite nuns from Philadelphia to come to Savannah to pray for "priests and in particular for a deepening of faith in the few and scattered faithful." The nuns arrived in 1958, and for the next sixty-three years, maintained the home provided to them.

*Every Carmelite gives her life for others. We're not here for ourselves. Whatever we experience, whatever life brings is never for ourselves. It's always for others.*

— Sister Carmela

Over time, living conditions of the building have become challenging and limiting. Beyond the needed repair, the residence lacks the features necessary to support contemplative living. Despite this, the community continues to draw young women who want to answer the Carmelite calling.



To stand before the face of the Living God — that is our vocation.

— St. Teresa Benedicta  
of the Cross, Carmelite Nun

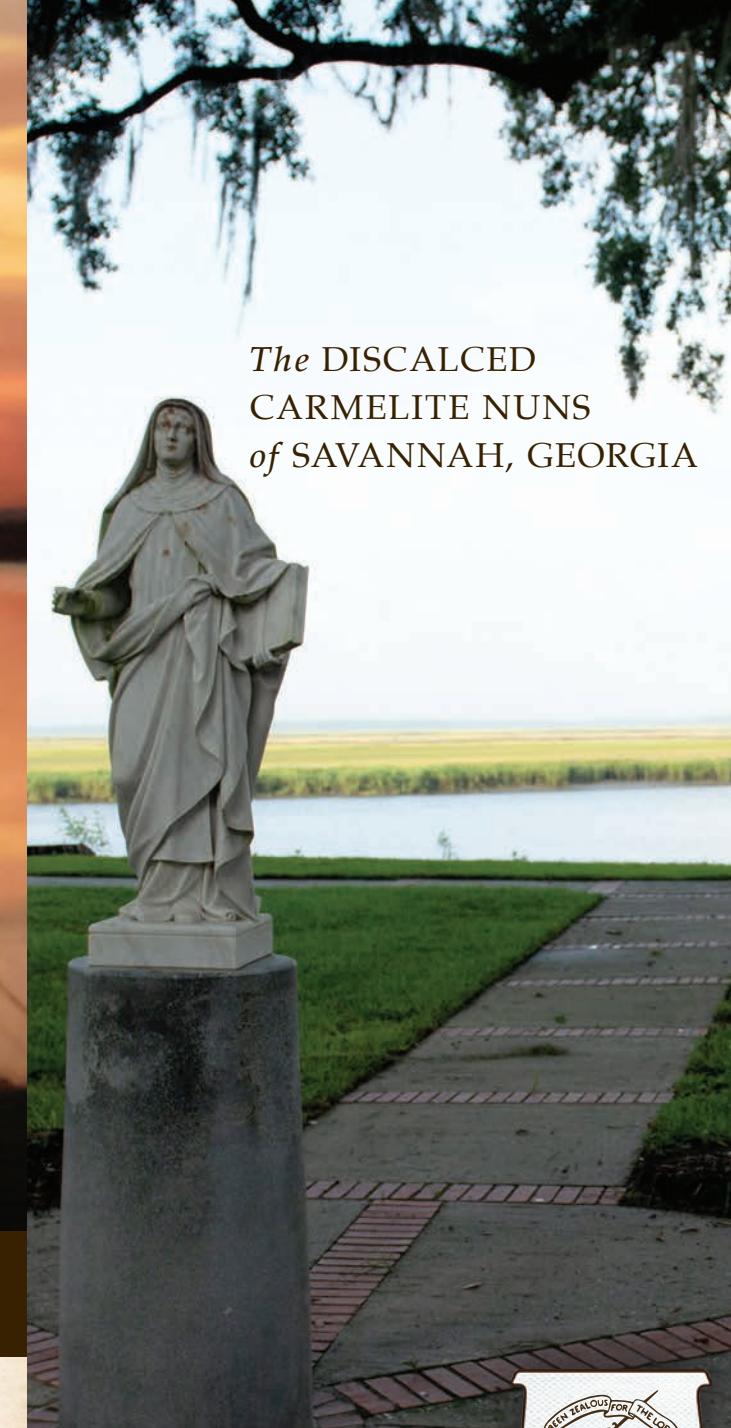
## Get Involved Today

Our Lady of Confidence Carmelite Monastery has supported the growth and vitality of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Savannah. Now please consider supporting the Carmelites in this campaign.

Please pray for a successful campaign and send prayer intentions to:  
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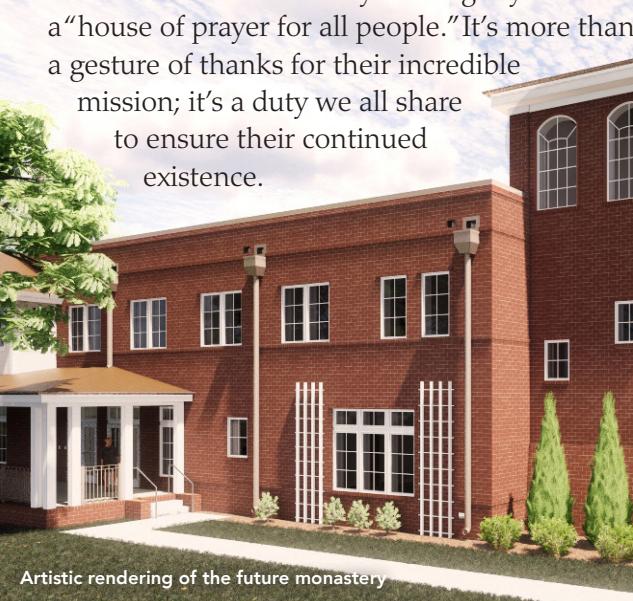
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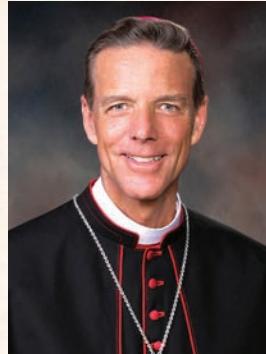
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS  
WE ASK YOU TO JOIN US IN REBUILDING  
A HOUSE OF PRAYER.



The Carmelites have lived lives of selfless devotion for centuries. Now the nuns of Our Lady of Confidence Carmelite Monastery need our help. The Sisters offer thousands of prayers every day on behalf of the priests and people of the Diocese of Savannah. Join with your support as we raise this monastery to the glory of God as a "house of prayer for all people." It's more than a gesture of thanks for their incredible mission; it's a duty we all share to ensure their continued existence.



Artistic rendering of the future monastery



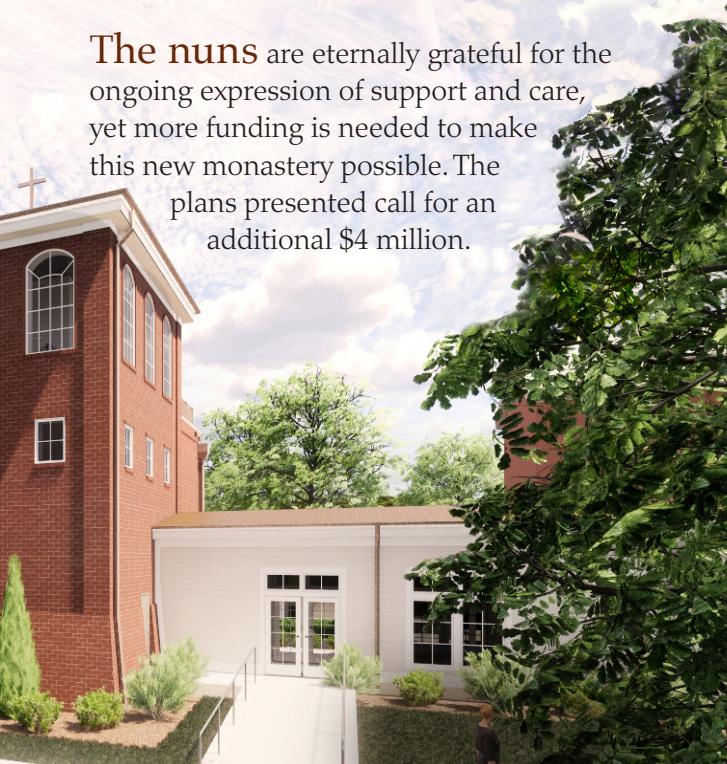
The dedication of these nuns has truly helped our mission diocese stand "like a strong city," building up the Kingdom of God. I am deeply grateful for their gift of self to the Church and especially to the Diocese of Savannah. I am grateful, too, for your

desire to help the Sisters build a "strong city," a house of prayer and love for all God's people. Thank you for being a part of the future of the Carmelites in Savannah. May we meet each day in our prayers and Rejoice in the Lord always!

— Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes,  
Bishop of Savannah

## Help Build a "House of Prayer for All People"

The nuns are eternally grateful for the ongoing expression of support and care, yet more funding is needed to make this new monastery possible. The plans presented call for an additional \$4 million.



Currently, eight nuns share the old house with outbuildings. There are tremendous shortcomings to the facility as seen below.



Current monastery sorely in need of repair



### These shortcomings include:

- Safety & Privacy
- Energy Efficiency
- Office & Meeting Space
- Room for Growth
- Living Quarters

— Sandra Carter Jurgensen,  
Advisory Board Member

