Reflection for Discerning Involvement in Congress Planning

Bring yourself into the presence of our Beloved. Allow yourself to be immersed in His love for you. Surrender yourself to the desires of His Heart.

Ask Him to reveal to you the great talents and gifts He has bestowed upon you. Do not be surprised if He shows you something you were unaware of, as it delights our Beloved to show us His unexpected blessings! Does He show you gifts of creativity through art, writing or speaking? Does He show you analytical abilities, the gift of motivating others, gifts of organization and coordination, gifts of hospitality or stewardship abilities?

Open your heart to His divine inspiration and ask Him to speak to you in only the way He can as to how He desires you (and your community) participate in the planning of our Carmelite Congress so that all who attend this Congress are formed in the love of prayer, service and discipleship that engenders continual transformation so that when others see us, they see Him.

After your time in reflection, spend a few minutes reviewing the list of teams and responsibilities. Then, allow the Holy Spirit to take over and inspire you in the coming days and weeks as to how you (and your community) are being called to take part in the Congress.

“The tree that is beside running water is fresher and gives more fruit.”

-St. Teresa of Avila