



# 2024 OCDS CONGRESS

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*August 22-25 — Four Points Sheraton, Wakefield, MA*

Feast of St. Joseph  
March 19, 2024

Dear Councils and Leadership Teams,

Plans for the 2024 OCDS Congress, sponsored by our Washington Province, are well underway. At this time, Carmelites from 35 states (including Hawaii!), Kenya, the UK and Rome are registered to attend.

Our Statutes state that financial support of Provincial Congresses is to be encouraged:

**“OCDS members and communities are encouraged to support the outreaches of the Order financially such as ... the Provincial Congress.”** (Statute 75)

With that in mind, we are humbly asking each community to prayerfully consider making a donation of \$50.00 (or more, if you are so blessed!) to support the Congress. As you can imagine, the finances involved with hosting a Congress are immense; we would like to be able to subsidize the costs of all our friars and nuns who wish to attend. We need your help in order to do this. All communities or individuals who make a donation of any amount, large or small, will be listed in the Congress program book. (Names only; no amounts will be published.) We hope to have 100% participation from the 138 communities in the Province. Community donations, in the form of a check, may be made to: **“2024 OCDS Congress”** and mailed to our Congress Treasurer:

**Joseph Stewart, OCDS  
90 Tarbell St.  
Manchester, NH 03104**

Donations (community or individual) may also be made online with a credit card via the Congress website “Support” page: <https://www.2024ocdscongress.org/donate>. In addition, opportunities for sponsoring a friar or nun are available on the same “Support” page. Finally, if your community would like to gift 300 prayer cards, medals, or any other items for the Congress tote bags, we would welcome your donation. Please contact us first via the Congress email address for more information on this option. We thank all those who have already made donations – your financial and prayerful support of the Congress is much appreciated!

We entrust this solicitation to the powerful intercession of St. Joseph the Provider on his Feast Day.

Gratefully and JOYfully yours in Carmel,

*Loretta Gallagher*

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*Mary K Stewart*

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