

# MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY



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OFFICE of the PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Girls:

When we approach the fourth of July each year it reminds me of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our patroness, and the novena which we ask you to join us in reciting in preparation for the feast day on July 16. Devotion to the Blessed Mother, the mother of Jesus, is one of the greatest traditions in the Church and has given women a status no other religion gives. We all know the wonderful love of a mother and how much it means to each of us as we go through life. No matter how old you are and how many changes have occurred in your life there is nothing like a hug from a mother, or a call, or the right words of encouragement to give us the courage to face what life brings.

This is exactly what the Blessed Mother does for us because she is our mother, also. Jesus is one of us, our brother who taught us love and respect for mothers. I have always wondered if Jesus really wanted to have His first miracle changing water into wine at a wedding, but He did because His Mother told the attendants, "Do what He tells you to do." It is because Jesus loves His Mother and does what she asks him to do that we have the novena. So let us learn the lesson from that wedding and experience the same joy those wedding guests experienced. Ask Jesus and ask Jesus' Mother to ask Jesus for what you need. Join us in the novena and please ask for God's blessings and healing on every one in our school family.

One month of summer is left for the faculty and a month and a half for you. Enjoy the time and be certain that you allow time for family. It is so easy to be busy, no matter what season of the year or how much time it seems one has, that time gets filled up so quickly. Stop and consider your use of time and make sure that you have avoided the trap of too much of non-essentials at the expense of the essentials such as time for God, prayer, and renewal; time for family to renew the love and concern you have; time for relatives who may not be as much a part of your life during the school year.

Please join us in the novena sent with this letter. Ask God to protect us from the storms and to send us the people who might be able to get that oil spill cleaned up so it will not destroy the lives of so very many people. Pray for the leaders of our country to focus on the needs of the American people, and not on their political ideologies. The problems are too great for us to have more than one solution and we need solutions very quickly. Let us pray for one another.

Love,

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