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Mt. Carmel Renewal Center is a Spirituality, Hospitality and Conference Center owned and operated by the Servants of the Paraclete. Our purpose is to provide an environment of spirituality and hospitality in the quiet, serene, tranquil area of the Lake Taal region of Tagaytay City, Philippines.

The Divine Fruits

Part Four

Patience

The Fruit of the Spirit is Patience

As a Fruit of the Holy Spirit, patience is the most perfect form of charity; it is the perpetual radiance of a loving heart which beholds with joy objects calculated to produce sadness. It is love that suffers, it is a spirit of quiet acceptance, it is serenity in pain, joy in delay. Patience is the heart of a soul beating in rhythm with the ballad of God's holy will; and only a constant turning in prayer to His abiding tranquility will teach us the artistry of each of the three degrees of patience. The first degree of patience, labors, sufferings and afflictions are borne serenely.

In the second degree, labors, sufferings and afflictions are desired for the love of God.

In the third and perfect degree of patience, labors, suffering and afflictions are actually embraced with rejoicing.

This third degree of patience does not signify, however, that the suffering and afflictions of another should be rejoiced in, for charity demands that we rejoice in our own suffering but have compassion for the suffering of others. Very few souls actually reach the third degree of patience and for the reason that it is so difficult and heroic an attainment, the third degree does not bind under precept.

Divine Patience

By Father Gerald sP

God spoke to St. Catherine of Siena and told her that: ***"PATIENCE CROWNS ALL OTHER VIRTUES AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."*** A moment's reflection will show us how this is true. For example, charity – unless charity is crowned with patience it does not endure. Patience is, therefore, like a beautiful finish put on precious woods. We have all seen old mahogany tables that careful polishing through the years has given a beautiful finish. Patience is like that. It puts a beautiful finish on all the other virtues and Fruits.

Patience comes into the soul by an adherence to the Will of God in all its faithfulness. Sunlight cannot burn us, fever cannot stir us, and arthritis cannot

crucify us except by permission of the Will of God. He permits nothing to impinge upon our lives except by permission of his infinite wisdom and love. We need to take swift recourse to God the Holy Spirit in order to establish so complete a docility to the Will of God that all the movements of our irregular appetites, which is the technical way of saying the movement of our soul in impatience, should be completely dominated by Godliness.

O sweet Holy Spirit, teach us to be patient, fully knowing that every trial offered for our acceptance is but Your loving invitation for us to draw by patience deeper into the recesses of Christ's Sacred and all loving Heart.

**BUT THE fruit
OF THE SPIRIT is
Love, Joy, peace,
PATIENCE, KINDNESS,
goodness, faithfulness**
GAL 5:22

Pope Francis urges religious to pursue prayer, poverty, and patience

Speaking off the cuff to participants at a conference organized by the Congregation for Consecrated Life, the Pope urged religious men and women to cultivate a radical commitment to the Lord

Pope Francis met with men and women religious attending an international conference organized by the Congregation for Consecrated Life. Putting aside his prepared text, the Pope spoke about the need to discern the guidance of the Holy Spirit for religious life today.

Noting that the spirit is both the “author of diversity” and the “creator of unity” in the Body of Christ, Pope Francis spoke about what he called the three ‘P’s of religious life: prayer, poverty and patience.

Prayer, he said, means always returning to Him, who first called us to leave everything and follow Him. This radical commitment, the Pope insisted, means leaving behind families, careers and everything that we hold dear. The Pope pointed to Mother Teresa as an example of a consecrated women who always spent time with the Lord in prayer, despite the many problems and challenges she faced.

Secondly, Pope Francis spoke of poverty, without which there is no fruitfulness in religious life. The devil enters our lives via our pockets, he said, and the spirit of poverty preserves us from the worldliness that leads to vanity and pride.

Finally, Pope Francis spoke of the importance of patience to face the suffering and difficulties of our world, including the lack of vocations to religious life. Without patience, he said, we grow tired and close our hearts to God’s grace in a kind of spiritual euthanasia. The Pope recalled how God urged Abraham and his wife Sarah to be patient, even in their old age. In the same way, he said, through patience, poverty and prayer, God will bring fruitfulness in our personal and community lives.



God, teach us what it means to have faith in silence. When we face trials that are beyond our understanding, help us to find peace. Help me be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. You set all things in accordance to your time. Remind us to wait patiently, and find peace in your plan.



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