



To all whom this letter may concern:

As consent has been warmly given by the Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy, in the Diocese of Salford, with this letter I happily grant permission for the establishment of a Carmelite Spirituality Group, as a Lay Carmelite community within the British Province of Carmelites. This community incorporates and replaces the former Chapter of the Carmelite Third Order Secular that has for decades met in the city of Manchester. We thank God for the community's rich heritage, and its renewed vision for the future, faithful to the calling to live in allegiance to Jesus Christ.

The community will share in the pastoral provision as well as the oversight provided on behalf of the Province by the Provincial Delegate to the Third Order. As an expression of its belonging to the wider Carmelite Provincial Family the community will follow the *General Statutes* of the Order and the *Local Statutes* of the British Province to the extent that they apply.

The community will exist under the title of 'Manchester Carmelite Spirituality Group' under the patronage of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (patron of Salford Diocese) and Blessed Titus Brandsma. May Titus, who served God in a university setting before laying down his life in witness to Christ, show you how to live the Good News. May our father Elijah, and Mary our mother and sister, clothe you fully in the mantle that is the Carmelite way of life.

I pray that this new Carmelite community may enjoy health in the Lord and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, bearing much fruit for the kingdom of God. May it raise up in our thirsty land true contemplatives who together form a praying community at the service of all God's people.

Witness my hand this 19th day of February 2011 and under the seal of the Province of Our Lady of the Assumption.

Very Revd. Fr. Wilfrid McGreal, O.Carm.
Prior Provincial