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It is a great pleasure for me to write a few words on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of *Carmelus*. Fr. Kilian Lynch, Prior General from 1947-1959, had a real commitment to the intellectual life of the Order. He founded the Carmelite Institute in 1951 to encourage the development of this very important aspect of Carmelite life. The Institute was to promote the study of Carmelite topics in history, Mariology and spirituality. The Institute soon found it to be possible to publish a scientific journal in which issues of Carmelite life and spirituality could be explored.

Over the past fifty years *Carmelus* has seen a number of different editors and their particular interests have been reflected in the content. The articles have provided a wide variety of topics and have opened up many little known areas of Carmelite history and spirituality. The book reviews have been invaluable for busy people who are looking for what is the current thinking in theology and other related disciplines. The bibliography on Carmelite topics has become an outstanding academic tool for researchers and indeed most helpful for anyone who wishes to find what has been written on area touching the Order.

I thank the present editor for his dedication in publishing and maintaining the high standard of *Carmelus*. I hope that this excellent journal continues for many more years to feed the spirit of Carmelites and those interested in our spirituality.

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