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To the Carmelite Family

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Carmelite Family,

On behalf of the Steering Committee for the Canonisation of Blessed Titus Brandsma we are pleased to send you these resources for celebrating the (optional) Memorial of Blessed Titus on 27th July.

Recently we had the very good news from the Postulator General that on 25th May last the Congress of Theological Consultors recognised the miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Titus relating to the scientifically inexplicable healing of Fr Michael Driscoll, O. Carm.

The positive result of this second, fundamental stage towards canonisation, will allow the Cause to be submitted to the judgment of the Ordinary Session of the Cardinals and Bishops, members of the Congregation. In the event of a positive outcome, the Prefect of the Congregation will then submit the conclusions for the approval of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Finally, once the Holy Father gives his approval, he will convene the Ordinary Consistory in which the canonisation of the Blessed Titus will be officially announced.

It is right that we should rejoice in the results achieved so far. However, it is important that we pray to the Lord that the process will continue happily and that we can arrive at the canonisation of Blessed Titus Brandsma.

Herewith you will find (1) the liturgy of the Mass for Blessed Titus' feast day including a Eucharistic meditation taken from his writings. There are also (2) homily notes, (3) bidding prayers and (4) an insert which could be included in a parish, shrine or church newsletter.

In Carmel,

The Steering Committee for the Canonisation of Blessed Titus Brandsma.

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