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Fargo man joins Mount Carmel Hermitage in Texas

Brother Karl Anderson joined Mount Carmel Hermitage in Christoval, Texas, in December. Mount Carmel Hermitage is a contemplative community of men called to a life of silence, solitude, prayer and penance for the good of the church and the salvation of souls. The hermitage is located in a secluded hilly area in West Texas, an ideal location for a silent and prayerful atmosphere.

Brother Karl was born in Thief River Falls, Minn., and moved as a child with his parents to Fargo. He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral parish and participated in the Tridentine Mass choir there. Last summer, he began to consider a vocation to the contemplative life and visited the hermitage to experience the way of life of the hermits.

During his visit, he began to realize the value of prayer as a means for personal sanctification and as a way to pray for the Diocese of Fargo in general: the bishop, priests, religious men and women, deacons, seminarians and lay Catholic faithful. Brother Karl also was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a group that helped to foster his vocation through prayer and support.

Brother Karl said he would like to assure all in the Diocese of Fargo that even though he is far away, he keeps everyone in his heart and daily prayers.

For more information about Mount Carmel Hermitage, visit the website at www.carmelitehermits.org.