

Dear Brothers and Sisters



One of the greatest spiritual writers of our time was Carlo Carretto. He was 78 years old when he died in 1988 - on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, 4th October.

As a young man in Turin, he was a very militant member of "Azione Cattolica". His zeal even came to the attention of the Pope who invited him to work in Rome!

In 1954 this great activist stunned everybody by burning his diary and his address book, before setting off for the

Sahara Desert where he joined the Little Brothers of Charles de Foucauld.

For ten years he lived the desert life of silence, solitude and prayer, before returning to Italy and settling in Umbria where thousands of people sought his counsel and direction. His books on prayer and contemplation, which have helped so many people - perhaps his most famous being "Letters From The Desert" - continue to be published and read today.

Each of us has experienced our own Desert during this past year of Pandemic. We could each write our own Letter from the Desert. The Desert of fear, worry, anxiety, uncertainty, doom and gloom – all of which surround us.

will life get back to normal?

Our Desert is also an occasion to find the answer to our deepest need.

This Lent I invite you to listen to Good News. The GOOD NEWS.

Every Monday and Thursday at 8:00pm, together with a team of parishioners, I will be presenting a series of Catechesis.

I invite you to COME AND LISTEN.

Fr. Sean