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Floods in Kerala (India)

The disaster in the state of Kerala is due to enormous rainfall, long weeks of continuous rain, consequently, the landslide on the high mountainous areas and the filled reservoirs. In these past days, the rainfall has increased enormously all over Kerala and all the reservoirs were full to the brim. There was no choice than opening the shutters of all the dams, and the heavy rainfall continued without any pause... the rivers could not contain the water and so overflowing to the extent of reaching one and a half kilometer from the middle point. Hundreds of thousands of people living around the river banks have seen an over the flow of water which they have never seen in their lifetime. Within a short time, all the houses were filled with the overflowing water, heavy rainfall at the same time. The rest of the disaster can be seen in the pictures. Hundreds died, thousands homeless and in the rescue camps, many more stranded in the waters, homes, difficult to say now what the real situation is.

How did it affect our fathers and sisters and brothers in Kerala: Many of our houses in Kerala are on the riverbanks especially of the River Periyar which was overflowing these days. Mount Carmel Novitiate, Kalady (Malabar Province): They had to be on the second floor of the house for three days without electricity and little food. They have also provided refuge to a few families. They all are safe and today the waters have subsided...but great disaster all around. Sacred Heart Philosophy College, Alwaye, Atmadarshan, a spirituality center (Manjummel Province): Both the buildings are underwater. Philosophy brothers were evacuated and were taken to Manjummel.. however, the damage to the property is enormous. Jyothirbhavan, Kalamassery (Manjum-

mel): also under the water. No damage to the lives of the members. But great damage to the property. St. Joseph's Novitiate, Annamanda (Manjummel): Whole building underwater, novices were evacuated. The monastery at Varapoly (Manjummel): the Whole building was under the water. Theology Study house of the South Kerala Province at Ayroor. Brothers and fathers were caught up in the building for many days. The water reached up to the first floor... in the midst of their own difficult situation, they had the courage to rescue neighboring families, give them food, and shelter them in the monastery. Many of our other monasteries were opened for the flood victims to accommodate and to console them. Fr. Provincial, fathers and brothers of South Kerala Province are continuing their rescue operation in different flood affected areas of Kerala. Malayattoor Carmel: Our Sisters were also affected and the water entered the monastery.

All these houses were very vulnerable and were on the banks of the river. So they were hit directly by the flood. Somehow, most of the friars managed to survive and protect many other neighboring families. Although the water subsided, the real hardship begins now. Most of the building would be in bad conditions. It would be difficult to estimate and see the real damage...I do not know exactly what the situation in each place is. However, I know that these houses are affected and our friars are in difficult situations. As I heard our friars have opened emergency rescue centers to thousands of people in our structures at Manjummel and other places...I hear also about the disaster in Thiruvalla, Ranni, Alapuzha... This is just to give you a flash news on the situation.



St John of the Cross World Congress: “The Dark Night”

CITeS-University of Mysticism, will host for the second consecutive year a congress concerning St John of the Cross. On this occasion, The Dark Night of St John of the Cross will be the focus of the Congress, which will be celebrated from the 3rd to the 9th of September, 2018. Registrations to be present, or for online, are still possible from the following website:

<https://www.mistica.es/sanjuanista/>

The Dark Night is one of his most read Works throughout the world, not only for its literary and poetic wealth, but also for its content. Doctrinally, this book unfolds a profound vision of the way of liberation for persons and their progressive drawing closer to God, who transforms them. It is a process in which God communicates himself to people and

at the same time there occurs in them a transition for the senses to the spirit. Saint John of the Cross wrote this book for the many souls to whom God gives a talent and grace to advance much further on the way to Union, but get lost through not knowing how to correspond to this grace, or there is no one to direct them

The following is a preview of the program:

- Structure of the work
- Meaning of the Night. Conceptual design of the spiritual process
- Biblical background
- Doctrine
- Interreligious approach
- Pastoral approach

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KCBC media award to Dr. Fr. Augustine Mulloor ocd



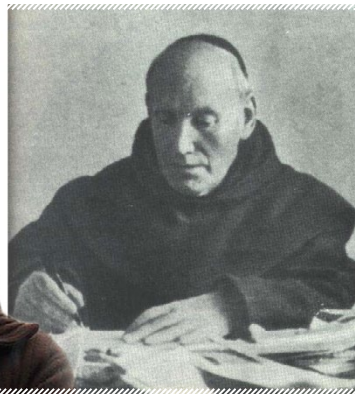
Manjummel's Provincial, Very Rev. Dr. Augustine Mulloor OCD received KCBC media commission's Daarsanika Vynjanika Award 2017 on 15th July 2018 at POC, Palarivattom. The award was presented by the famous Malayalam actor and Member of Parliament Innocent. The Daarsanika Vynjanika Award is the commendation of Kerala Catholic Church to the catholic dignitaries who have imprinted their signature in various

media fields of arts, literature, culture and philosophy. Rev. Dr. Augustine Mulloor OCD has carved out his own niche in the biblical world for his unique interpretation of the scripture in the contemporary context. The award is the official recognition for his unparalleled intellectual and pastoral contributions to the Catholic Church. We congratulate him on this great achievement. © www.manjummelprovince.in

Fr Silverio of Saint Teresa in Wikipedia

“Silverio of Saint Teresa is the religious name of Julián Gómez Fernández, a Discalced Carmelite friar, born in Escóbados de Arriba (Burgos), on the 8th of March 1875 and died in Mazatlán (México), on the 11th of March 1954. He was General Historian, editor of the works of Carmelite saints and Superior General of the Order. One of his greatest contributions to Carmelite studies was the annotated edition of the works of Teresa of Jesus and John of the Cross”.

Thus, begins the entry on Fr Silverio inserted, 140



years after his birth, in the famous digital encyclopedia “Wikipedia”, through the initiative of the General Curia of the Discalced Carmelite friars and the Teresianum in Rome. The drawing up of the note and business of having it inserted in “Wikipedia” was given to

Brother María José Pérez, from the Puçol Carmel in Valencia, Spain. Without his help it would have been absolutely impossible to achieve this initiative. We heartily thank our brother for his patient and persevering dedication to this task.

Rereading our Constitutions

The commission set up by the General Definitory for the project of the rereading of the Constitutions, met in Rome from 24th - 28th June.

The next meeting took place from 27th August - 5th September, when, in addition to finish scrutinising the responses to the most recent study guides sent to the circumscriptions, the commission prepared a few proposals for the Extraordinary Definitory to take place in Goa in February, 2019. These were presented to the General Government.

It will be up to the Fr, General and his definitors to make the appropriate decisions with respect to the future, which will then be communicated to the different circumscriptions.



Encounter of OCD students in Fatima, 22nd - 24th August

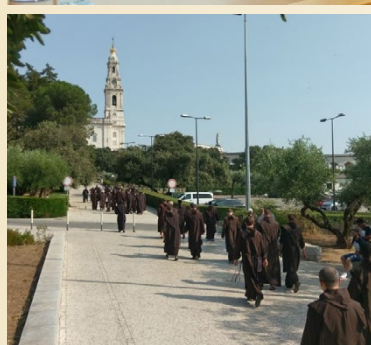
As has become a tradition, every three years, there is a European encounter for OCD students in a European country.

This year the place chosen was Fatima, where we reflected on the Marian spirituality of Carmel for three days.

A total of 92 religious, including provincials, teachers and students met in the convent - house of spirituality of the Discalced Carmelite friars in Portugal called 'Domus Carmeli', in order to get to know each other better and to reflect together on the present situation and the future of the Order in continental Europe. There was also time for fraternal encounters,

always an enriching experience and for participants to have the opportunity to get to know the ancient Carmelite Desert of Bucaco and to share prayer and fraternity with the sisters from the convents in Fatima and Coimbra.

The talks had a unifying thread: the messages of Fatima, the personalities of Saints Francisco and Jacinta and that of Sr. Lucia were given by D. Carlos Cabecitas (rector of the Sanctuary of Fatima), Sr. Ângela Coelho (vice-postulator for the cause of canonisation of Sor Lucia), Fr. Miguel Márquez, OCD and the Fr. General, Saverio Cannistrà.





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