



Communicationes

Fr. General in the Middle East

At the end of last March, Fr. General, Saverio Cannistrà, began a pastoral visit to the brothers and sisters of Lebanon. Until the 14th of April, he visited all the convents and monasteries present in the semiprovince, to dialogue with the religious friars and nuns present in them, as well as the members of the OCDS. He also participated in some liturgical celebrations along with the entire Teresian family in Lebanon, such as



the monthly devotion to the Child Jesus of Prague. After a digression in Rome, he returned to the Middle East to participate in the procession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Haifa, which this year celebrates its centenary. This is the reason he wrote a message that can be read on our website. The visit ended with a trip to Egypt to meet with the members of the General delegation established there.

OCDS national meetings in Malaysia and the Philippines

OCDS members in Malaysia and the Philippines held their triennial meetings from from the 25th to the 28th of April last.

In Malaysia, our brothers and sisters of the Secular order gathered in Kuala Lumpur to reflect on the subject: Working for better training, living love in the community. Around 80 members of the Kuala Lumpur communities were present, accompanied by Fr. John Chua, OCD, Delegate General in Taiwan-Singapore. During the meeting, new

members of the OCDS Council for Malaysia were elected.

For their part, the OCDS of the Philippines met in Tagaytay. Members of the 46 communities of the Philippines were present, along with brothers and sisters of the OCDS in Vietnam, accompanied by Frs Reynaldo Sotelo, OCD, Provincial, and Benedict Piango, OCD, Provincial delegate for the Secular Order. In this case, the theme of the meeting revolved around what has constituted the centre of reflection of the communities during the



last three years: Secular Carmelites living the love of Christ in modern times. May the Lord continue blessing our Secular Order in the lands of Malaysia, the Philippines and

Vietnam, who live their vocation as members of the Teresian family in a sometimes difficult and even hostile environment.



General Assembly of the Saint Teresa of los Andes Federation - Brazil

In the Carmel of Our Lady of the Smile and Saint Therese, in Natal (Brazil), the first General assembly began on the 26th of March last of the Federation of Saint Teresa of los Andes of Discalced Carmelite nuns -Brazil-FeSTA, under the protection of Mary Mother, Queen and Beauty of Carmel. The meeting began with holy Mass celebrated by Mgr. Heitor de Araújo Sales, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese, assisted by Canon José Mário, and the Discalced Carmelites, Fr. João Bontem and Fr. Luis Fernando, religious assistant. The theme of the assembly was: What type of people must we be? Throughout this Assembly, the 25 years of the existence of the Association (19/09/2019) were commemorated, in which all the federated Carmels, represented by their respective Prioresses and delegates, participated.

During the meeting elected:

Federal President: Jesús, ocd-Carmel of
 1st Counselor: Sister Cruz, ocd-Carmel of
 2nd Counselor: Sister Corazón, ocd-Carmel
 3rd Counselor: Sister Eucaristía, ocd-Carmel
 4th Counselor: Sister Santísima Trinidad
 Treasurer of the Marian del Sagrado Corazón, ocd -Carmel of Camaragibe



the following were

Sister Danuze de Cariacica
 Teresa Benedicta de la Propriá
 Mariana del Sagrado of Camaragibe
 Maria Teresa de la of Salvador
 Maria Elisabete de la -Carmel of St Therese Federation: Sister

During the assembly, the Carmels of Cachoeiro de Itapemitim, Banaeiras and Jacarepaguá also entered the Federation.

In ending the meeting, with eyes and heart directed to the Virgin mother of Carmel and our Father Saint Joseph, the Federal President consecrated this administration to them.

Carmelite Cardinal Mons. Arborelius in Adro



greeting, in the mother tongue of the cardinal by the small Swedish community present in Franciacorta. Some students of the school, coordinated by the music teachers, encouraged the celebration with great joy. Despite some raindrops that frightened the most fearful, but not father Gino, the weather was finally good, to the delight of the devotees of Our Lady gathered in the sanctuary. In his homily, “Father Anders” stressed that Lent is a moment of joy, in which we walk with hope to holiness, following the model of Mary, companion in the pilgrimage of conversion; “With her,” the Cardinal

Monsignor Anders Arborelius, the first Swedish cardinal in history and first Carmelite Cardinal of the third millennium, visited the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Snow in Adro on Sunday April 7th, on the occasion of the celebrations of the 500 anniversary of the Marian apparition in Adro (1519-2019). Received by Fr. Gino Toppan, the Provincial of Venice, Fr Aldino Cazzago and the community of Carmelite friars, Cardinal Arborelius, or “Father Anders”, as he prefers to be called, presided over a busy mass in the Sanctuary cemetery. During the celebration of the Eucharist, the image of Our Lady of the Snow was blessed, which is taken on a pilgrimage through the region of Franciacorta during the month of May. The Holy Mass began with a little surprise: the

concluded, “we can move toward holiness and spiritual renewal.”

In the afternoon, “Father Anders” visited the Discalced nuns in Cividino where, while at supper, he received a visit from the Bishop of Brescia, Mgr. Pierantonio Tremolada. On Monday the 8th, Monsignor Arborelius presided at the morning prayer of Our Lady of the Snow School. This visit has been a moment of joy and communion for Carmel, under the patronage of Our Lady (Br. Samuele Donà OCD).

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Saint Teresa of Jesus. Exclamations

On the 10th of April last – in the famous Church of the Gesù – the Jesuit Fathers of Rome organized and hosted a spectacle of light and sound that accompanied the prayerful reading of texts chosen from the Exclamations of St. Teresa. The production and interpretation were conducted by Silvia Lanzalone (music and sound), Silvia Schiavoni (translation and vocals) and Gianni Trovalusci (musical improvisations), and directed by Emanuela Nepitella. The objective of the theatrical representation





was to bring to the spectator, through Teresa's own words, God's love for her she experienced, as well as the Saint's passionate response in welcoming it. The dramatic resources used, also tried to appeal to the heart of the listeners to realize within themselves this experience of divine Love offered free in Christ and welcomed with stupor and humility. The show, sponsored among others by the Teresianum Pontifical faculty, was a public success and ended with a beautiful exegesis of the Exclamations by Mgr. Melchor Sánchez de Toca, a native of Toledo and Undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Culture.

Echoes from the 'Vitor Teresa' exhibition [Cheers to Teresa]



The Vitor Teresa exhibition, which could be seen last year in Alba de Tormes (Salamanca) and which brought together very significant works on the life of the religious Saint Teresa, will be able to be "kept track of" forever in Salamanca.

The importance of those works exhibited, which have returned to their owners, preventing perpetual maintenance in a joint manner but, in order to immortalize this coming together, the Salamanca Provincial Council has photographed a selection of them and will expose them in the La Salina Palace in Salamanca until the 5th of May. Subsequently, with the objective that the initiative can continue to be shared, Vitor Teresa in Itinere, [Vitor Teresa 'gadding about'] composed of large photographs in 24 panels, will become part of the catalogue of exhibitions that the Provincial Council offers, free of charge, to the Town councils

of the province.

The original Vitor Teresa exhibition, was mounted in the St John of the Cross monastery, promoted by the Discalced Carmelites friars of Alba de Tormes and financed by the Salamanca Provincial Council on the occasion of the Teresian Jubilee Year. From July to December 2018, more than 17,200 people visited the exhibition.

The initial design showed the figure of Teresa of Jesus from a religious perspective through the works of art exhibited and also proposed "a look at the saint in other aspects of her life, such as the great writer she was or even in her most personal facets."

Contributing to the exhibition were the Discalced Carmelite Friars of Alba, the University of Salamanca, the House of Alba, the Salamanca Diocese, the Cathedral of Salamanca, the Pontifical University, the Provincial Museum of the Junta, the Rodríguez Fabrés Fundación, the Diocese of Ávila, the House of Pastrana, the Archconfraternity of the Rosary, the Alfonso IX Research Group, as well as companies and individuals from Alba.

Catalogue and vídeo:

<http://www.lasalina.es/ebooks/Libros/978-84-7797-576-2.pdf>

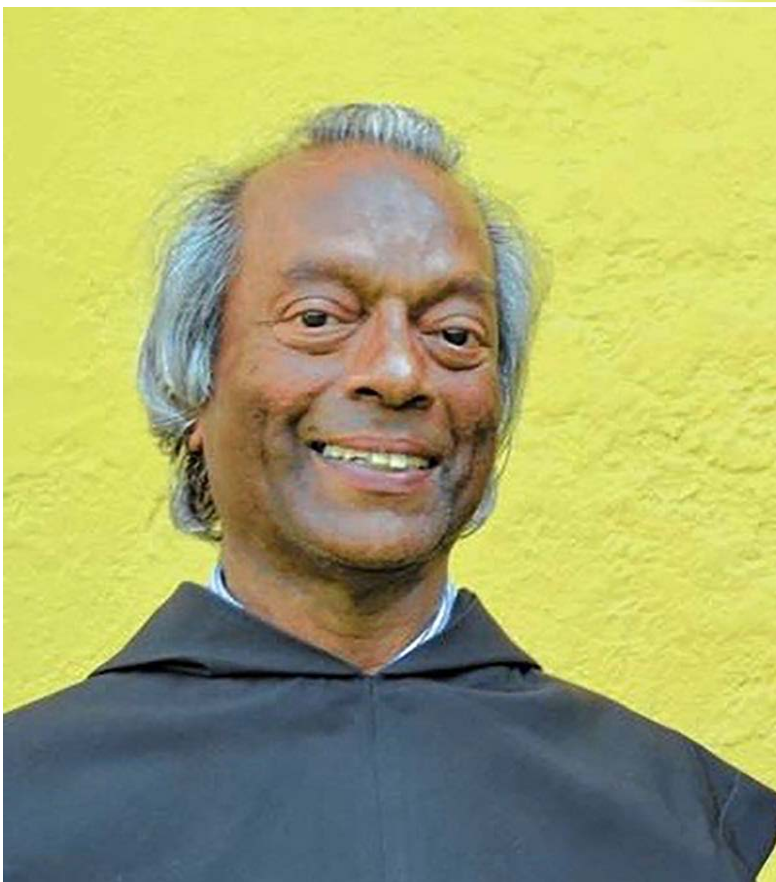
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As perhaps many of our readers know, it is now possible to consult the articles of the Teresianum magazine online, from its foundation (with the title *Ephemerides Carmeliticae*) until the last issue of the year 2014, by means of the Dialnet platform and the Catalogue of the Library of the faculty, which can be accessed



through the page www.teresianum.net. In short, access can also be made through the Atla platform. Articles can even be downloaded in PDF format. As regards subsequent articles, it is also possible to access the years 2015 to 2019 through a subscription of €50 (VAT excluded). In the image that accompanies this news, all the necessary data can be controlled.

May Fr. Edwin Diniz ocd, rest in peace



On April 25, 2019, during the octave of Easter, Father Edwin Aleuia Aleixo Diniz, OCD died in Bambolim (Goa, India). He was a doctor in dogmatic theology and licentiate in Sacred Scripture and professor emeritus of the Teresianum. Born in Mercies (Goa) on April 8, 1944, professed in the Order on March 19, 1965 and was ordained a priest on April 9, 1972. He has returned to the Father's house at the age of seventy-five years, fifty-four of them as a religious and forty-seven as a priest.

We remember him with gratitude and entrust him to the Lord. His life has been a gift to the Order of Discalced Carmelites and to the Church, particularly for his contribution to the Teresianum Pontifical faculty. We entrust his soul to the Divine Mercy so that he may rejoice forever in the fulness of heavenly bliss.



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