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P. Daniel Ehigie, New Definitor for Africa



After the election of Fr. George Tambala as Bishop of the Diocese of Zomba (Malawi), Fr. General and the Definitory met on November 14, 2015 and elected Fr. Daniel Ehigie as the new Definitor for Africa. Fr. Daniel comes from the Provincial vicariate of Nigeria.

Fr. Daniel was born in Uromi (Nigeria) on June 8, 1965. He completed his philosophical studies in Isienu (Nsukka) and professed simple vows on July 16, 1997.

After his theological studies in Nairobi (Kenya), he made solemn profession on December 8, 2001. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 13, 2002 and went on to study spirituality at the Teresianum in Rome from 2007 to 2009.

He fulfilled the role of novice master from 2009 to 2015 and has been assistant parish priest in the parish of Christ the King in Abuja. We wish him the best in his new appointment in service of the Order and the Church.

Complete Edition of the processes for the beatification and canonization of Saint Teresa of Jesus



On the 23rd November, 2015, at 7 in the evening, in the conference hall of the La Santa monastery in Avila, took place the presentation of a new and complete edition of the «Processes for Beatification and Canonization of Mother Teresa of Jesus».

Fr Julen Urkiza, ocd gathered together in six tomes with a total of 5,500 pages the 35 inquiries (processes) which lasted around twenty years, and spread over more than 26 towns and villages: the informative inquiries (processes) (1591-1597), the remissorial inquiries «in genere» (1604), the remissorial inquiries «in specie» (1609-1610) and all the necessary documentation for the last phase of the canonization (1614-1622). In the words of Fr Miguel Márquez, Provincial of the Iberian province «we have here one of the most important works of this 5th Centenary».

This work enlarges the 1,665 pages of the three tomes of the *Biblioteca Mística Carmelitana* (from numbers 18 to 20) of Father Silverio, published in the years 1934-1935, to which was added all the documentation concerning the procedures and formalities of the notaries, the Order's procurators and other documents coming from Rome, such as apostolic letters, etc.

Besides Father Julen Urkiza, also present at the ceremony was the Bishop of Avila, Monsignor Jesús García Burillo, Fr Pedro Ángel Deza, director of the Publishing Group of the Iberian Province, as well as members representing the Vth Centenary Foundation and from the large Carmelite family.

Working together to complete this undertaking were: Ediciones El Carmen, Editorial Monte Carmelo and Editorial de Espiritualidad.



Father Saverio Cannistrà, elected member of the Executive Council of the Union of Superiors General (USG)

The Union of Superiors General (USG) celebrated its 86th semiannual assembly November 25 through 27. The executive council for the triennium 2015-2018 was elected on November 26th and is as follows:

President: Fr. Mauro Jöhri, Minister General of the Friars Minor Capuchin

Vice president: Michael Brehl, Superior General of the Redemptorists

Council members:

- Father Heinz Kulüke, Superior General of the Society of the Divine Word
- Father Ángel Fernández Artime, Rector Major of the Salesians
- Father Heinrich Wilmer, Superior General of the Priests of the Sacred Heart
- Father Mario Aldegani, Superior General of the Josephites of Murialdo
- Father Jeremias Schröder, archabbot, president of the Benedictine Congregation of St. Ottilien
- Father Robert Schieler, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools
- Father Ferruccio Brambillasca, Superior General of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME)
- Father Saverio Cannistrà, Superior General of the Discalced Carmelites
- Father Thomas Handgrätiger, Abbot General of the Canons Regular of Prémontré
- Father Pedro Aguado Cuesta, Superior General of the Piarists

We note that Father Saverio also belongs to the *Council of 16*, a consultative body consisting of eight members from the USG (masculine) and eight from the UISG (feminine) that meet twice a year with the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CIVCSVA).

Mons. Fabien Raharilamboniaina, elected Vice-President of the Episcopal Conference of Madagascar

In the ordinary plenary assembly of the Episcopal Conference of Madagascar, celebrated in Antananarivo from 3rd to 12th of last November, our brother Mons. Fabien Raharilamboniaina ocd was elected Vice-President. The directive team of the ECM is made up as follows:



President : Mons. Désiré Tsarahazana

Vice-President : Mons. Marie Fabien Samuelin Raharilamboniana, ocd

Secretary General : Mons. Jean Claude Randrianarisoa.

Mons. Fabien was born in Ambohijanahary on the 20th January, 1968. He made his profession in the Teresian Carmel on 8th September 1990 and was ordained priest on 5th July, 1997. From 2005 to 2010 he was Commissar of the Commissariat of Madagascar and the Indian Ocean. Benedict XVI appointed him Bishop of Morondava on 26th February 2010 and his episcopal consecration took place on 16th May, the same year.



The Teresian Carmel flourished in Southeast Asia

We witness considerable growth in the Teresian Carmel of Southeast Asia during these times. The Secular Carmel leads in numbers and drive, followed by our Discalced Carmelite nuns, and finally our friars. Our friars are present, specifically in Thailand, since 2011. This year they inaugurated a magnificent house in Samphram, near Bangkok (see photos).

As for our sister Carmelites, some monasteries have been present for nearly a century, while others have been founded more recently. By country, the monasteries number: Cambodia (1), Philippines (22), China, Hong Kong (1), Malaysia (2), Singapore (3), Thailand (4), Taiwan (2), Vietnam (9). The Singapore Carmelites are finalizing preparations for a future foundation in Burma.

In a more academic and international sphere, the Discalced Carmelites (in collaboration with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy of Berriz in Taiwan) organized a series of congresses on the spirituality of Carmel as part of the celebrations of the 5th Centenary of Saint Teresa. They have had excellent acceptance, particularly in Fu Jen University (Taiwan) in which Fathers Jerzy Nawojowski of the University of Mysticism – CITEs – in Ávila and Emilio J. Martinez of the Teresianum in Rome will present on December 11 and 12. Father Martinez will continue on to the Baptist University of Hong Kong, China, where he will offer conferences on Saint Teresa on December 18 and 19.

Meanwhile, on December 11, Father Antonio González headed out to a new mission in East Timor. The mission was prepared by the Province of Portugal with the support of the Iberian Province of Saint Teresa and the Province of Saint Joachim in Navarre. Still pending is the appointment of the new bishop of the Diocese of Dili, where our house will be located.