



# OCD

## COMMUNICATIONES







# Rome: Collegio internazionale San Giovanni della Croce

The *Collegio internazionale* has begun a new academic year. At the moment, there are 20 students from different circumscriptions of our Order: 2 students from Sri Lanka, 2 from Malawi, 3 from Madagascar, 2 from Nigeria, 1 from Indonesia, 1 from Congo, 4 from Tanzania, 1 from West-Bengal, 1 from Lebanon, 1 from Karnataka-Goa, 1 from Krakow, 1 from Manjummel.

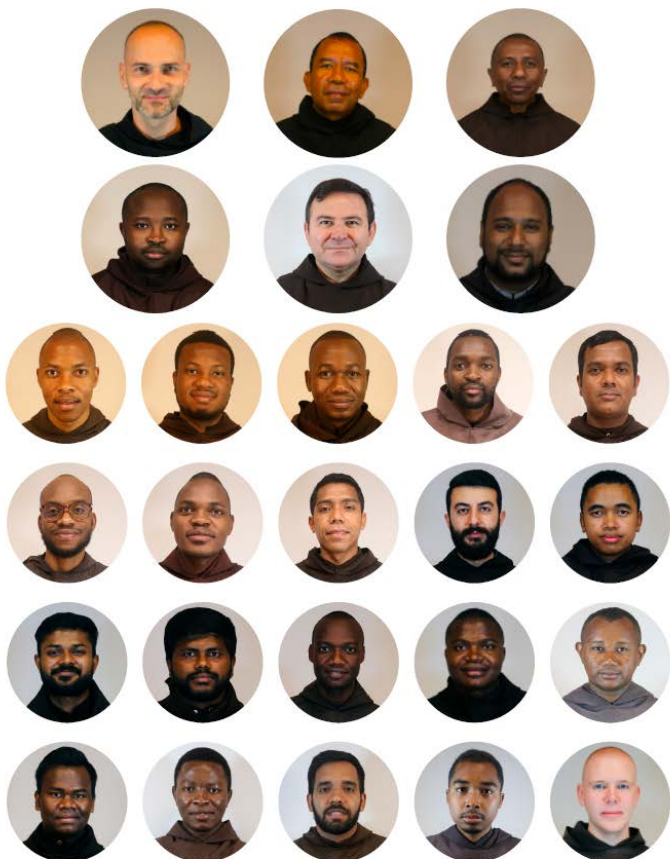
The formative community has also been renewed. The current formators are: Paweł Porwit (Krakow), Markus Ture (Indonesia), Rikardus Lodo (Indonesia), Maria Joseph Vivin Rodhric (Tamil Nadu), Kelvin Akhere Ekhoegbe (Nigeria), Claudiano de Aragão Lima (Brazil South-east).

Since the formation team was recently constituted, we will be focusing this year on developing our mutual knowledge, integrating into the *Collegio*, getting to know the students in order to accompany them in their growth in the carmelite vocation, and developing a coherent and multicultural model of formation.

We express our gratitude to the circumscriptions who sent their students to the *Collegio* and to the Italian and Spanish communities where the students engage with the Italian and Spanish languages.

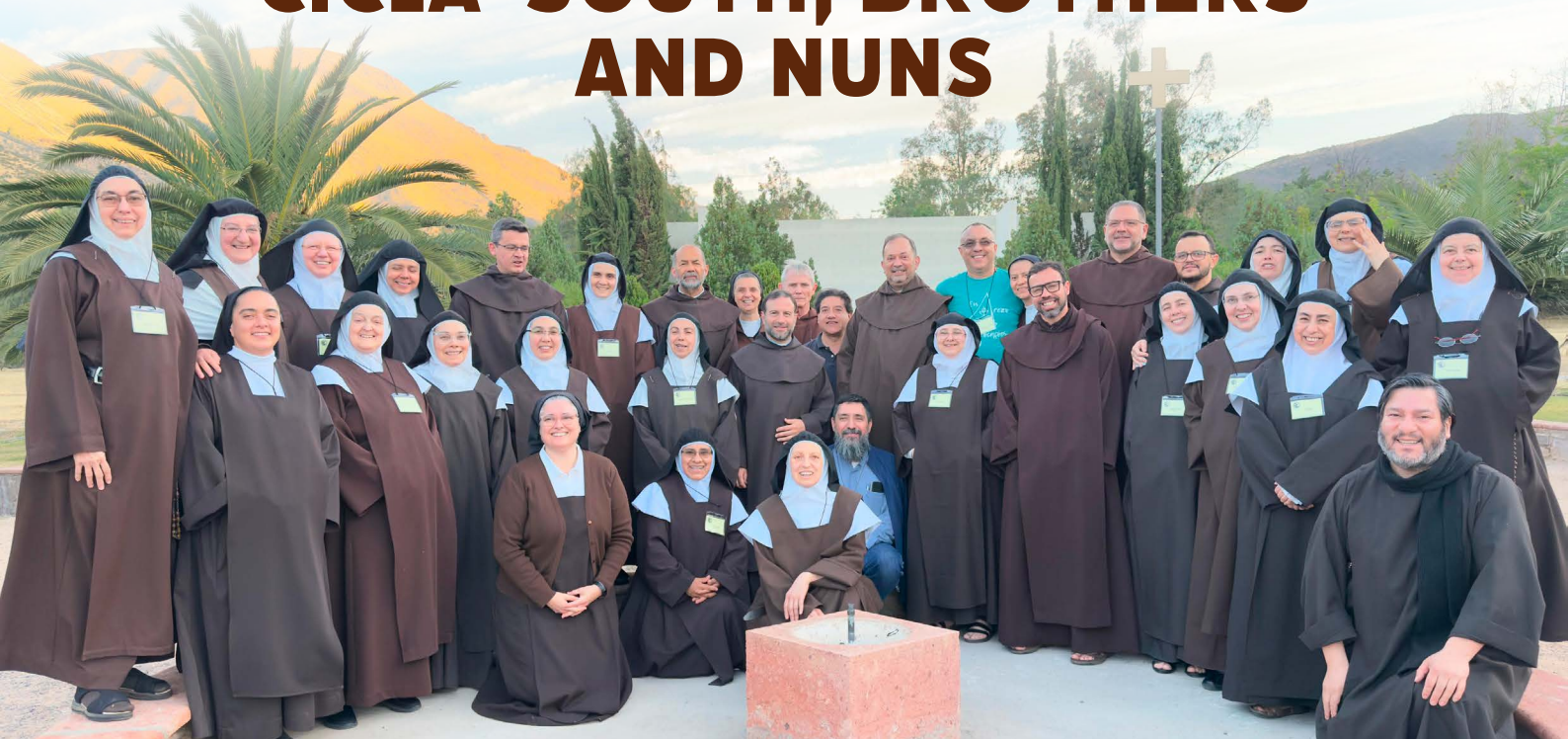
You can follow all the activities through our Facebook page *Collegio Teologico Internazionale OCD "San Giovanni della Croce"*: <https://www.facebook.com/share/19Kp-K1uDQd/>

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# CHILE : VIII<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF CICLA-SOUTH, BROTHERS AND NUNS



**F**rom 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October, there was held the VIII<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CICLA-South, Brothers and Nuns. Participating were the Presidents, Delegates and Assistants of Federations and Associations, as well as the Provincials of Bolivia, Paraguay-Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil and Chile. The Meeting was held in the Sanctuary of Saint Teresa of Los Andes, at Auco, Los Andes. The theme chosen was 'Waking up to love : the Teresian mission'. Participants were able to visit the places where Teresa of

Los Andes had lived, as well as the monastery of the Carmelites where her relics and writings are preserved. One of the most powerful moments was the visit to the crypt where the saint's relics repose. All the participants were able to spend a long time of silence there in prayer. These were days of grace, where joy, communion and Teresian fraternity were lived at great intensity. The final message underlined that the Meeting had enabled us all to be loved by Jesus and to live our life of prayer to the full.







## Southern Brazil : Formation Meeting of the Federation of Notre-Dame du Mont-Carmel

From 11th to 17th November, 25 sisters from the 11 Carmels of the Federation of Notre-Dame du Mont-Carmel (Southern Brazil) met together at the Sao Joao da Cruz Spiritual Centre, in the town of Porto Alegre, to follow a course on Saint John of the Cross, given by Brother Everton Berny Machado, the Provincial. Starting with the biography of the saint, 'a heavenly and divine person', Brother Everton continued with the poem of the *Spiritual Canticle*, to arrive at the theme of the *Dark Night*. Thus he presented the divine Pedagogy which, as a loving mother (cf. 1 N 1. 2-3), 'births the soul anew', and, 'as the child grows older, the mother withholds her caresses', training the person to autonomy, guiding him or her on a path lived in Faith and not on one of sentiments and emotions. According to Brother Everton, it is the model of pedagogy and formation that we should use with all those that we direct.

In the context of this meeting, on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, the sisters were able to benefit from the aid of Father Jadir Zaro, Pallotine, a canonist and lawyer, for the publication in civil law of the Federation Statutes. After the meeting of formation, the Federation Council met again in the same Centre to discuss various matters.





## NATIONAL OCDS MEETING IN HOLLAND

**O**n October 4, 2024, members of the OCDS communities of The Hague, Volendam, Nijnsel, Rotterdam and Sittard in Holland assembled at Sint Nicolaaskerk Church in Baarn, to reflect on the topic, “Do whatever He tells you to do.” Each one of the communities presented a report on the status of its members, meetings, apostolate and vision of their future. This meeting reinforced unity and communion among the communities: it was a fraternal gathering in which it was decided to keep promoting vocations to the OCDS and collab-

oration among all OCDS communities present in Holland. It was agreed that a national OCDS letter would help members to keep in touch with other and that an OCDS internet site supported by all communities would help people to learn more about Carmelite spirituality and to make known the different OCDS communities in Holland so that people who are attracted to the OCDS vocation could easily get in contact with the community closer to them. All members renewed their commitment to keep growing in their OCDS vocation and to keep serving God, the Order and the Church.





# INDIA: FRATERNAL VISIT TO THE OCDS

During the months of October and November, Fr. Ramiro Casale, Delegate General for the OCDS, visited the Seculars of the Indian Provinces of Karnataka-Goa, Malabar, Manjummel, South Kerala and Tamilnadu. The meetings and activities were an excellent opportunity to interact and reflect on many important aspects of the life of the OCDS in India and in the world. The programs included times for prayer, conferences, recreation, cultural and social activities. India has seen an increase of vocation to the OCDS. Many people join the OCDS attracted by their life of prayer, fraternity and apostolate. The Order of the Discalced Carmelites, having a long-standing presence in India, is a source of inspiration for many men and women looking for a way to grow in their Christian faith and spiritual life. The OCDS Provincial Delegates ensure the pastoral care and well-being of the OCDS in their Province. The OCDS in India are very active: they help in their parish and diocese, promote Carmelite spirituality and participate in different liturgical, cultural and social projects.





# SRI LANKA: NEWS FROM THE OCDS

**O**n October 12, 2024, the OCDS in Sri Lanka gathered in Colombo for a fraternal sharing. The OCDS in Sri Lanka was founded on November 24, 1974, at Corpus Christi Carmel monastery, Mattakkuliya in Colombo. During the meeting the OCDS discussed important aspects of their life, their current situation and their possibilities. The meeting ended with a fraternal gathering in which the OCDS members renewed their commitment to continue growing in their vocation and invite other people to share with them their experience and identity as Secular Carmelites. Now with the presence of the Discalced Carmelite Fathers in Sri Lanka, there are great possibilities for new foundations of the OCDS in the future. There are groups of people interested in beginning new foundations in Negombo, Thalgaswela and Lunugala. Two bishops have already given their consent to start the OCDS in their diocese.



# Indonesia: OCDS National Assembly

**O**n October 17-20, The OCDS of Indonesia held a national assembly in Denpasar Bali, which was attended by 14 communities' representatives from all over Indonesia. A total of 103 participants attended. The theme was "*Obedience as the main virtue, learning from St. Therese of Lisieux*". In the National meeting, we reflected together, explored and tried to find the ba-

sic character of the distinctiveness of the carmelite-teresian charism found in the promise of obedience as a distinctive way of life of the OCDS. Also present at the opening ceremony of the National Meeting were Msgr. Silvester San, Bishop of Denpasar, and Fr. John Felix Elavunkal, OCD, Commissary of Indonesia. The joy of being together brought a fresh breeze to the spiritual life and fidelity to the vocation of all the OCDS.







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