

Monday, February 23, 2015

Dear OCDS Brothers and Sisters in the Province,

Fr. Stephen Watson, our Provincial, received a call this morning that **Fr. Datus Kanjiramukil, OCD**, died a few hours ago of a heart attack. He was in Malaysia preaching a retreat to the Carmelite nuns there.

Fr. Datus came to our Province in July of 2002 and was assigned to El Carmelo Retreat House. Later he was assigned to our community in Alhambra. In subsequent years he directed many retreats in Southern California and in Las Vegas.

Fr. Datus had a doctorate in spirituality from the Teresianum and was Provincial of the Manjummel Province. (The Manjummel Province has the largest number of friars of any Province in our Order.) When he was the Provincial he helped establish the Order in Indonesia. He was recently made regional vicar of the Vicariate of Orissa in India. Fr. Datus was well known for his excellent teaching on prayer and was a much sought after retreat director. He helped Blessed Mother Teresa and her sisters.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Datus. May he rest in peace.