

Dear OCDS brothers and sisters of the California-Arizona Province,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

We are happy to announce that our Provincial Superior, Fr. Adam Gregory Gonzales, has appointed a new OCDS Provincial Delegate for our Province, Fr. Juan Elias Medina.

Fr. Juan Elias is from Mountain View, California. He studied at Mount Angel Seminary and at the Carmelites' International College in Rome. He was ordained in 2011. He served in our mission in Uganda. Most recently, he has been serving as Associate Pastor at Santa Cruz Church in Tucson and Spiritual Assistant to the OCDS Community there. Fr. Juan Elias was one of the keynote speakers at the 2016 San Jose OCDS Congress. His mother, Lucy, is a member of the San Jose OCDS Community.

Fr. Juan Elias has been assigned to El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. However, he will need to stay on in Tucson as acting pastor of Santa Cruz Church *until January 2*. For this reason, Fr. Adam Gregory has asked Fr. Donald Kinney and the OCDS Provincial Council to continue with the day-to-day assistance to the OCDS communities and groups. Please contact them with your questions.

Fr. Donald Kinney will have a new assignment as full-time chaplain to the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles at Santa Teresita in Duarte, California. He will be a conventual at St. Therese Parish in Alhambra.

A number of our Carmelite priests and brothers have received a new assignment and will be moving this summer. For those of you with a Carmelite priest or brother as Spiritual Assistant, it may very well happen that a new Spiritual Assistant will not be available until September. Thank you for your patience.

We appreciate your prayers for us during this time of transition, and count on our prayers for you!