



Activities of Fr General

September the 27th last, Father General, Saverio Cannistrà, ocd, visited the group of twenty Discalced Carmelite Nuns who were at the Teresianum beginning the training course prepared by two of the Italian federations, in which collaborated Fr Christof Betschart, ocd, professor of our faculty and the Higher Institute for Formators (ISFO), dependent on the Institute of Psychology of the Gregorian University.

This course will be developed over three years and aims to offer an itinerary in which elements of formation are integrated into the Teresian charism, Christian anthropol-



ogy and psychology. Each year, the nuns will reside eight full days in the Teresianum, with theoretical classes in the mornings of a more practical cut with the possibility during the afternoon of sharing the content received.

After sharing dinner with the

Nuns and the Teresianum community, Fr Saverio was able to listen to our Carmelite sisters' impressions of the first session of the course. He expressed satisfaction with both the development and the contents of the course and en-



couraged the religious to continue to take care of their formation. He was accompanied by Fr. Rafal Willkowski, his personal secretary and secretary also for the nuns. Subsequently, Fr General took part in the first elective meeting of the Holy Trinity Association of Discalced Carmelite Nuns, the third among the Italian Nuns and whose establishment has just been approved by the Holy See. This meeting was held at Montecompatri, near Rome.





IV Meeting of the OCDS of the South Cicla

Between the 19th and the 22nd of September 2019, nearly 80 members of the OCDS family from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay, accompanied by some OCD religious, gathered together in the house of the Episcopal Conference of Argentina (The Cenacle, Pilar City) to share a few days of formation and fraternity.

The meeting focussed on the study of the Constitutions of the Secular Order, by means of conferences and group meetings. Attending the meeting was Fr General's Delegate for the OCDS, Fr Alzinir Debastiani. During the meeting, we were also able to enjoy moments of happiness and recreation, as well as a visit to the sanctuary of the Virgin of Luján, close to Pilar City.





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New Proper Calendar

Rome, 24 September 2019

Dear Fathers,

Today, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has handed over to the Order the approval of the new Proper Calendar, which was signed on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

As you can see, there are some modifications respect to the Proper Calendar until now in

force. Some memories, which before were obligatory, are now optional. Others have been changed places to avoid coincidences. We can said the Congregation promotes "local memories", all of the Blessed are celebrated in their own area.

The Order presented a draft, respecting the Calendar in use in the Order, extending some

memories. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the



Prot. N. 345/18

ORDINIS FRATRUM DISCALCEATORUM BEATÆ MARLÆ VIRGINIS DE MONTE CARMELO

Instante Reverendo Patre Ioanne Iosepho Bergara, Ordinis Fratrum Discalceatorum beatæ Mariæ Virginis de Monte Carmelo, litteris die 12 mensis iulii 2019 datis, vigore facultatum huic Congregationi a Summo Pontifice FRANCISCO tributarum, Calendarium proprium eiusdem Ordinis, prout in adiecto exstat exemplari, perlibenter probamus, ut ab omnibus, qui eo tenentur, in posterum servetur.

In Calendario imprimendo mentio fiat de approbatione ab Apostolica Sede concessa.

Contrariis quibuslibet minime obstantibus.

Ex ædibus Congregationis de Cultu Divino et Disciplina Sacramentorum, die 16 mensis iulii 2019, in memoria beatæ Mariæ Virginis de Monte Carmelo.

> Robertus Cord. Soul Robertus Card. Sarah Prafectus

> > P. Conradus Maggioni, S.M.M. Subsecretarius

Sacraments did not consider opportune to approve the proposals made and decided to "lighten" the Calendar. We can always celebrate with joy and happiness all our saints, and to follow them, in order to imitate more the Lord Jesus our only good. In communion of prayers,

P. Jean Joseph Bergara Procurator General OCD



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Meeting of Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Cyprus

etween the 16th and 21st of September, the Discalced Carmelite Nuns' Association of the Holy Land and North Africa met in Cyprus to review their statutes, according to the Holy See's provisions in the document Cor Orans. Nuns from the monasteries of the Holy Land, Egypt, Morocco, Syria and Greece took part in the meeting. Fr Antoine Marie, ocd, of the General Curia, at the service of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, accompanied the work of the religious, together with other Discalced Carmelites who attended in the capacity of advisers or Ordinaries of the monasteries at the meeting.















he fourth Teresian Carmelite Congress of Africa, Madagascar, and the Islands and the Indian Ocean took place from October 13 to 18, 2019. The focus was fraternal life.

On Sunday, October 13, 2019, the activities began with a Pontifical Mass presided by His Excellence Monsignor Jean Mbarga, Metropolitan Archbishop of Yaoundé, at the Basilica of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, in Mvolyé.

During this Congress, Superior Gen-

eral Father Saverio Cannistrà and the Definitor General in charge of Africa, Madagascar and the Islands of the Indian Ocean, Father Daniel Ehigie, were present. Our brother, Cardinal Anders Arborelius, OCD, Bishop of the Diocese of Stockholmn, Sweden, also participated actively in the program. All the Carmelite family of Africa, Madagascar, and the Islands of the Indian Ocean expressed their gratitude for his inspiring and supportive presence. The final message of the Congress is available, in French and English, on our web page in the document section.

Activities of the Superior General and the Definitors



s we informed a few days ago, Father Saverio Cannistrá, Superior General, participated in the first elective assembly of the Association of the Most Holy Trinity, recently created in Italy.

Elected in this assembly are:

President: Sister María Clara de Cristo, of Florence 1st counselor: Sister Isabel de Jesús, of Terni 2nd counselor: Sister Annalisa de la Madre de Dios, of Genoa 3rd counselor: Sister Paula Victoria de Cristo, of Loreto

Before participating in the Teresian Congress celebrated in Yaoundé, Cameroon, the Superior General made a fraternal visit in Zambia to our missionary brothers who belong to the Province of Manjummel.

In addition, Father Agustí Borrell, who is making a canonical visit to the Province of Navarre (Spain), celebrated the Day of the Carmelite Family with the religious, the members of the OCDS, and lay associations of Carmel of that region in Vitoria this past October 12. Father Daniel Chowning, together with the Discalced Carmelite nuns of Notting Hill (London, Great Britain), also celebrated the Solemnity of Saint Teresa of Jesus.







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