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Fr. General's meeting with the Discalced Carmelite nuns

Just as had been planned, on the 3rd February Fr Saverio Cannistrà met in the "Salesianum" centre with the Discalced Carmelite nuns, who were present in Rome for the closing of the year for consecrated life.

Besides the presidents and delegates from the associations and federations throughout the world, present also in the meeting, at the special invitation of Fr General, were the prioresses of the Roman Carmels of Tre Madonne and Saint Joseph's as well as a delegate from the Regina Carmeli. In all there were 105 nuns present. Accompanying Fr General, on the part of the friars, were the Definitors, Fathers Agustí Borrell, Lukasz Kansy and Daniel Chowning, as well as the secretary for the nuns, Fr Rafal Willkowski, and Fr Jean Joseph Bergara the Procurator General together with Fr Miguel Márquez the Iberian Provincial who, in the preceding days, had published a conference in the days organized by CIVSVA, of which we will inform you in due time.

The central conference of the meeting for discussion was given by Fr General and concerned ongoing formation of the Discalced Carmelite nuns and where lay the responsibility in this field, according to law, but above all from a sense of family and affection.

In his talk which began the meeting, Fr Saverio expressed his desire to offer from the General Curia a service in the field of formation with help from the nuns. In this way they themselves will be involved in the production of material for their own formation. Without leaving aside intellectual aspects, Fr General stated that it is important that the training will continue to assist in taking care of the person, their own vocation, both in personal as well as community matters.

In the evening, Sister María José Pérez, from the Carmel of Puçol (Valencia, Spain), shared with the assembly her experience with the blog "Teresa, de la rueca a la pluma", (Teresa, from the spinning wheel to the pen) through which she had provided throughout last year, the centenary year, formation material on Saint Teresa. Based on this experience, she gave some clues concerning the possibilities Internet offers for continual formation.

Both talks were added to by the various language workgroups and discussion in the hall.

The meeting was brought to a close with the recital of vespers and thanksgiving for an historical day. It is possible to see a collection of photos of the day in:

<https://goo.gl/photos/Fp4pv3C7SMYiRxED8>

Fr. George Tambala, ocd, Bishop of Zomba Diocese (Malawi)

On Saturday 30th January, Fr George Tambala OCD, was ordained bishop for Zomba Diocese in Malawi. The consecration mass was held on the football ground of the Zomba Catholic Secondary School, at about 100 meters away from the Zomba Cathedral that could not accommodate all the Christian faithful who had come from all over the world to witness the event.



The mass started at 9:30 A.M local time.

Archbishop Julio Murat, Apostolic Nuncio to Zambia and Malawi was the Main Consecrator. All the Archbishops and Bishops of the Episcopal Conference of Malawi were present. The total number of the consecrating bishops were 12 among whom Bishop Marie Fabien Raharilamboniaina OCD, Bishop of Morondava Diocese and Vice Chairperson of the Episcopal Conference of Madagascar. The Carmelite Family was highly represented at the celebration. A big delegation from the Carmelite family in Zimbabwe comprising of O. Carm and Hand Made Sisters of our Lady of Mont Carmel was present to witness the event. Father Conrad Mphepo and Daniel Higie, respectively O. Carm and OCD General Definitors in charge of Africa and Madagascar represented both the O. Carm and OCD General Fathers. The OCD Provincials from the Anglo-Irish, California-Arizona and Navarra provinces, together with the regional Superiors of the Discalced Carmelites from English speaking Countries in Africa were also present as they are in Malawi for their annual Conference. With all the participants, the whole event was marvelous.

Fr George Tambala, was elected bishop of Zomba Diocese by His Holiness Pope Francis on the 15th October 2015, feast of our Mother St Teresa. He was then General Definitor in Charge of Africa and Madagascar. After his consecration, he becomes the 5th Bishop of Zomba, his home diocese. The whole Carmelite Family wishes him well in his apostolic ministry.



Acts of the “Saint Teresa of Jesus teacher of life” inter-university congress

Already available on-line are the conferences of the inter-university Congress on “Saint Teresa of Jesus teacher of life”, which was organized by the Catholic University of Avila and celebrated from 1st to 3rd of August, 2015, in Avila [Spain]. They can be found here on the web: <http://www.congresosantateresa2015.es/>

The official languages of the congress were Spanish, English and German.

The congress analyzed the figure of Saint Teresa by means of a series of papers and discussions led by experts, to which can be added more than 80 communications. The central act of the congress was the awarding of a doctorate *honoris causa* to the Saint by the Catholic University. The number of those taking part was quite high: more than 400 people coming from 26 countries.

In a statement to “Comunicaciones”, the director of the University, Maria del Rosario Sáez Yuguero, said, “Numerous are the people and those taking part from throughout the world who have shown their happiness at the academic quality and fraternal time spent together during these

days in the walled city. Let us thank God for having inspired such an increase of knowledge and experience of Saint Teresa”.



Meeting of the European formators

From the 8th to 11th February at the Teresianum in Rome was held the meeting of European formators under the patronage of the Council of European Provincials.

The topic for discussion was “dialogue in the process of formation” and to stimulate the reflection of those taking part three papers were given: “The dynamics of dialogue and listening between the one being formed and the

formator. Fundamental aspects”, given by Fr Giovanni Cucci, sj; “Dialogue between the formator and the one being formed, *Mirándolo, lo amó*” [Through looking at him, he loved him] presented by Fr Stanislaw Morgalla, sj; and “Training consistency of the community: the influence of the community in training together with other things (culture, means of communication, apostolate)”, discussed by Fr Gabriele Morra, ocd, President of CEP and Provincial of Central Italy.

Each day, after the conferences, the formators analyzed the contents in language groups, then debated their findings in common.

The more than 30 members of the group celebrated the jubilee Mass on 11th February in the basilica of Saint Paul outside the walls.

It is possible to see a collection of photos of the meeting in:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0BwJEzzuh4mb7cXpuUTJXb1pNdkE&usp=sharing>