

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

6 January, 2014 Epiphany

Very dear Sisters and Brothers in Carmel:

I am happy to endorse the virtual choir project which is being promoted by the Discalced Carmelites of the California-Arizona Province in preparation for the celebrations surrounding the  $5^{\text{th}}$  centenary of the birth of St. Teresa.

This creative venture, made possible through modern means of communication, provides us with a unique opportunity in the history of our Order, uniting the Teresian family in one world-wide choir from every nation on earth in singing God's praises. No doubt this possibility brings great joy to the heart of St. Teresa!

In this historic year of the  $4^{th}$  centenary of the beatification of St. Teresa and the  $5^{th}$  centenary of her birth these virtual choirs will also serve as an inspiring means of communicating the Teresian charism for use in your own celebrations around the world wherever access to the internet is possible.

I encourage as many members of the Discalced Carmelite Order as possible to participate in this project, and assure you that I, too, plan on singing in the *Salve Regina* virtual choir, which is open to the whole Order: Nuns, Friars and OCDS.

In gratitude to God for the gift of St. Teresa to the Church, I wish you every blessing!

Fr Saverio Cannistrà, Superior General

In Saveris Connistra