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Congress

"Teresa and Henry face to face"

Tortosa-Spain, January 23, 2015 (Communicationes).- "Teresa and Henry face to face" is the title of the International Teresian Congress celebrated from January 16 to 18 in Tortosa (Tarragona, Spain) and organized by the Company of Saint Teresa.

The objective was to create a forum for reflection on how to live out the spirituality in today's world.

The congress was not designed to be a strictly academic event, but instead included times for celebration, encounter, and reflection. Sessions offered different types of activities: visits, workshops, shows, research, thought....

The congress was structured in five sessions. The first was an overview of the importance of Tortosa, described in the 19th century as "the center of Teresian activity." The second focused on Henry de Osso's Teresian thought. The third session centered on the educational vision of Teresa and Henry. The fourth session dealt with the importance of communication in the lives of both saints. Finally, for those who see the contribution Teresa and Henry have made to spirituality from other angles, the fifth session offered an opportunity to share those perspectives.

Visit

Father Saverio, on his way through the city of God Villa de Leyva

Colombia, January 23, 2015 (Communicationes).-The Discalced Carmelites from the province of Colombia, being conscious of the needs in some circles where they are present, have started a unique experience performing what nowadays is known as *cities of God*. The promoters are the Discalced Carmelites, headed by Father José Arcesio Escobar, but they are helped by a women's religious congregation, which helps in the nursery and in what they call the «Saint Joseph's home», where they look after the oldies. Father José Arcesio, each time he is asked

about it, in addition to show a passionate devotion to Saint Joseph, he explains the reason of this charity work around the Carmelites. «The cities of God –he says- answer to a compromise of love with the most needed, having as a motto to live the dream of the founder of each community, trying to offer the best from ourselves to the brothers that the Lord puts in our path... “for the poor people, the best”».

In those lines, in addition to thank all those years of compromise and experience, we take this opportunity to greet the staying of Father Saverio Cannistrà, General Superior ocd, who some days ago went to Villa de Leyva, and had the chance to confirm the work that is being done.

The city of God in Villa de Leyva (Boyacá), founded on March the 19th 2003, takes the poorest children from the city and the fields in, offering them education, home and work to the families with lack of resources, as well as we take the most needed oldies in. As we indicated, Fathers Carmelites, Foundation Saint Therese and –in this particular case- the Sisters of the Apostolic Carmel of Our Lady of Bethlehem are heading this work.

Radio

The province of Portugal has an Internet radio station

Portugal, January 23, 2015 (Communicationes).- The province of Portugal has an Internet radio station, the fruit of a project aimed at spreading the Carmelite charism by offering varied programming content uploaded to the Web.

Programming content is related to Carmelite saints and Teresian spirituality.

Webcasts of this Carmelite internet radio station are available by following some simple steps explained on the website at this link: <http://www.carmelitas.pt/site/radio/>

CD

The Syracuse Carmelites sing Teresian songs

Sicily-Italy, January 23, 2015 (Communicationes).- **Community of Syracuse.** As Carmel prepares to joyfully celebrate the 5th Centenary of the Birth of Saint Teresa of Jesus, we want to add our contribution by offering an arrangement of Teresian songs.

Many of these songs were composed several years ago, while others were added later. With various texts by Saint Teresa interspersed throughout, the songs were part of a “recital” prepared by the Nuns to celebrate the 5th Centenary of the Birth of Saint Teresa.

Over time, many people have asked that these songs be recorded in order to collaborate with disseminating knowledge of the person and message of Saint Teresa.

We thank all those who supported and encouraged us in this project.

<http://www.musicarmel.eu/>

