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The year for Consecrated Life comes to a close

For the purpose of closing the year dedicated to religious life, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CIVCSVA) has organised a series of activities from 28th January to the 2nd February. The program can be found on the Holy See's web page (http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccsclife/anno-vita-consacrata/index_anno-vita-consacrata_it.htm)

On Friday the 29th, a day dedicated to reflection and discussion, Fr Miguel Márquez Calle, OCD, Provincial of Iberia, together with Sister Maria Ignazia Angelini, OSB, will lead the reflection and discussion with a conference on the topic "The contemplative dimension of consecrated life. A way of living the today of history. Challenges for the future".

Disalced Carmelites from all over the world will take part in these days, together with other religious, male and female, from the contemplative, monastic and active life. They have been invited by the Congregation at the suggestion of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. On the occasion of this event, Fr General, Saverio Cannistrà, has organized, together with a commission of Sisters, a meeting of the Carmelite Nuns present in Rome. This meeting will take place on the 3rd of February.

Death of Fr. Charles Newell, ocd

Recently, on 13th January, Fr Charles Newell died in the Niger Foundation hospital in Enugu, Nigeria. Fr Charles was a member of the Anglo-Irish Province and stationed in the Nigerian Delegation, of which he had been the first superior.



After having been Procurator General and Superior of the General House, Fr Charles arrived in Nigeria on 6th April 1988, together with Fr Thomas Curran. Recently, after having spent some time in Ireland controlling his already delicate health, Fr Charles decided to

return to Nigeria, where he died at the age of 94 years. His funeral will be celebrated in the church of the Mount Tabor monastery (Nsukka) next January 27. May he rest in peace.



New Secretary for communications and internet

On the 18th of January, Fr Julio Almansa Calero of the Iberian Province set out for the Holy Land. After having been secretary of the missions during the past sexennium, he was appointed secretary of communications, a duty he carried out until the time of his departure.

His successor in this office is Fr Emilio J. Martínez González, from the same Province, who is presently a conventual of the Teresianum community of professors, where he lectures. Fifty-one years of age, Fr Emilio was First Definitor General in the previous sexennium. He will balance this new office together with his dedication to teaching in our Pontifical Faculty and the Institute of Spirituality.

We are deeply grateful to both of them for their work and availability and we wish them all sorts of blessings in these new services to which they have been assigned.