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LITURGY OF THE ORDER

On 16 July 2025, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments approved the *Editio Typica Alterae of the Proprium Missarum OCD* (the 'second edition' of the 'Carmelite Missal' in Latin). Exceptionally, the new liturgical text presents the complete formulas for both the eucology and the readings, as well as an introductory biographical note for each feast day. Pending publication in two volumes, the General Definitory promulgated the text for the entire Order on 15 August by decree, making it effective

(in the original Latin) from 20 November, the first Sunday of Advent. Following the promulgation, work will begin on translating the text into all languages, which subsequently requires the approval of the Dicastery before it can be printed and used. During this period, the various language area representatives will be contacted to provide details and organise the work. We can now proceed with preparing the *Editio typica altera of the Liturgia Horarum OCD*. However, the new *OCDS Ritual* is still being studied and revised by the Dicastery.

CICLA North Meeting

The 8th Meeting of the nuns and friars of CICLA North, held from 30 June to 4 July 2025 at the Spiritual Centre of Nuestra Señora del Carmen in El Salvador, had the central theme of 'Let us walk with hope and love in our hearts'. Participants included sisters and friars from the four CICLA North districts: the Province of Mexico, the Caribbean Commissariat, the Venezuela General Delegation, and the Central American Province.



During the meeting, we discussed themes of mutual interest that helped to strengthen our vocational experience and respond to the call to embody the charism of the Teresian Carmel in Latin America. We reviewed the Regulations governing CICLA North meetings, evaluated progress made in recent years, and outlined actions to be taken: strengthening communion, sharing experiences, and responding to common needs among friars and nuns from different circumscriptions; seeking effective help in different fields according to opportunities and possibilities.

During the week, we enjoyed a traditional Salvadoran folk dance, tasted the local cuisine, and concluded the meeting by celebrating the Eucharist and sharing in the spirit of Teresa with a visit to the Discalced Carmelite nuns' community in El Salvador.

Jubilee: Meeting of Carmelite Youth



As part of the Youth Jubilee on 31 July, a Carmelite Vigil was held at the Teresianum in Rome. More than 400 young people from different countries attended, along with members of the Order. The evening began with Holy Mass, which was presided over by our Father General, Miguel Márquez, in the Basilica of St Pancras. This was followed by a Carmelite evening comprising a fraternal dinner, spiritual reflection and testimonies from young people from various cultural and traditional backgrounds. One of the most significant moments was the Father General's testimony, in which he shared his personal experience marked by the Gospel, fragility and hope.



Now we ask Fr. Miguel to say a few words to us.

Father, we come from different countries; what unites us here (whether we are fully aware of it or not) is having encountered the Carmelite experience on our journey as young people. We ask you: what can help us grow in this knowledge and in living in contact with Carmel? And after listening to our experience, what do you feel is important to share with us? We thank you and we are listening.



Second Novitiate of English-speaking Africa



The second novitiate for English-speaking Africa in 2025 is taking place at the Carmel Prayer House in Dodoma, Tanzania, from 20 July to 20 September. This time of spiritual enrichment has brought together fifteen Carmelite friars from various regions of English-speaking Africa, including Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Kenya and Nigeria. The friars are walking together in deep reflection and preparation for their solemn profession. They are guided by Fr Raymond Sangu, OCD, from Tanzania, who is the formator.

Second Novitiate of CICLA

Our friars of CICLA are also undertaking their Second Novitiate in Ecuador. This is a grace-filled time that precedes the celebration of solemn vows in their respective circumscriptions. Our prayerful thoughts are with all these brothers from México, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador, who have come to share this special time together.



Second European Novitiate

During these summer weeks, the Desierto de las Palmas in Spain has once again become home and formation space for young Carmelites from France, Italy, Poland, Croatia and Spain. They are participating in the Second European Novitiate, which is promoted by the Conference of European Provincials (CEP).

In an atmosphere of silence, fraternity and prayer, they are deepening their understanding of the roots of their vocation: community life, listening to the Word, the affective and spiritual dimensions, and mission.





First final profession in the OCDS in Senegal

During the great pilgrimage of the Carmelite family of Senegal to the monastery of the Discalced Carmelites in Sebikotane, near Dakar, on the solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mr André Coly made his final profession in the OCDS.

This marks a significant milestone in the development of Carmel in Senegal, as he is the first OCDS member to take on this commitment. Following several unsucces-

ful attempts in the early years of the Discalced Carmelite friars' foundation in Senegal, the current community was established in 2018 to mark the 450th anniversary of the foundation of Duruelo. The community currently has around ten members, all of whom are in formation until they make their final commitments. We thank God for these Secular Carmelite vocations, which contribute to spreading the Order in Dakar.



Ukraine: Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the Shrine in Berdychiv

Thousands of pilgrims came with devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the national Shrine in Berdychiv from the 16th to the 20th of July 2025. The theme of this year's celebrations in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was *'Mother of God, guide us on the path of hope and peace'*. On Sunday 20th July, Cardinal Paulo Cezar Costa presided over the Solemn Eucharist, alongside the Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine, Cardinal Visvaldas Kulbokas, most of the Ukrainian episcopate, and numerous priests from Ukraine, Poland, and other countries. Despite the thick clouds and intermittent rain, more than 3,500 pilgrims came in the hope of an end to the war and a restoration of peace. Many returned wearing scapulars, a sign of Mary's protection, with over 100 people receiving them for the first time. Thanks to the entire delegation and to all those who supported the day with their contributions and prayers.

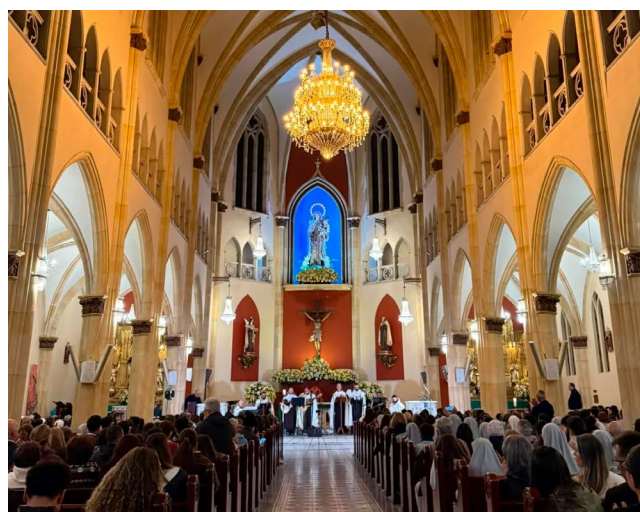




Colombia: A Spiritual Memorial

The Provincial Animation Commission organised a spiritual concert entitled “Carmelite Music” in the church of Santa Teresita in Bogotá on 2 August 2025. The concert offered a space for encounter and contemplation, featuring several solemnly professed friars who have evangelised through music or supported pastoral work throughout the history of our Province.

The concert paid tribute to the generations of friars who have left a profound spiritual testimony through song and service. Inspired by the words of St John of the Cross, we joined this mystical experience, where “the peaceful night, even at dawn; the quiet music; the sonorous solitude; the dinner that recreates and enamours” (CB 15).





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