



OCOP Communicationes

Gathering of Discalced Carmelite nuns in the Teresianum



More than thirty Discalced Carmelite nuns in charge of formation and superiors of their communities met between 7th-13th September last in the Teresianum in Rome. During the encounter, the nuns who took part attended two courses on the subject of the formation of modern generations of Carmelites. The course on the Teresian perspective was given by Fr. Giuseppe Pozzobon and the one from the perspective of St. John of the Cross by Fr. Iain Matthew, which gave way to an exchange of opinions and approaches to the formation of candidates in the feminine Teresian Carmel. The gathering, organised by the Federation 'Mater Carmeli' of Italy,

was supported by the presence of the association 'Regina Pacis', led by their President. The sisters were also able to inform themselves about some of the services which the faculty offers communities, such as the online diploma course in Theology, as well as the library, which the nuns visited accompanied by Fr. Ciro. Thus they will be able to benefit from the resources available on the internet.



The Discalced Carmelite Nuns' Federation of St Joseph of Guadalupe in Mexico celebrates the 50th Anniversary of its Canonical Foundation

On the 24th of September, began the activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the federation of the Mexican Discalced Carmelite nuns, with a Eucharistic celebration at which presided our Father General, Fr. Saverio Cannistrà OCD, accompanied by Fr. Rafal Wilkowski OCD - Secretary General for the Discalced Carmelite nuns, Fr. Javier Mena - OCD Definitor General for Latin America, Fr. Ricardo Pérez OCD - OCD Provincial for Mexico, Fr. Juan Pablo Patiño OCD - Assistant for the Federation and Provincial Delegate for the Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Mexico, Friars from the Council of the Mexican Province of St Albert, as well as other Discalced friars from the Mexican Province and other circumscriptions of the Order.

In a fraternal environment charged with a spirit of thanksgiving for these 50 years, the nuns of the 37

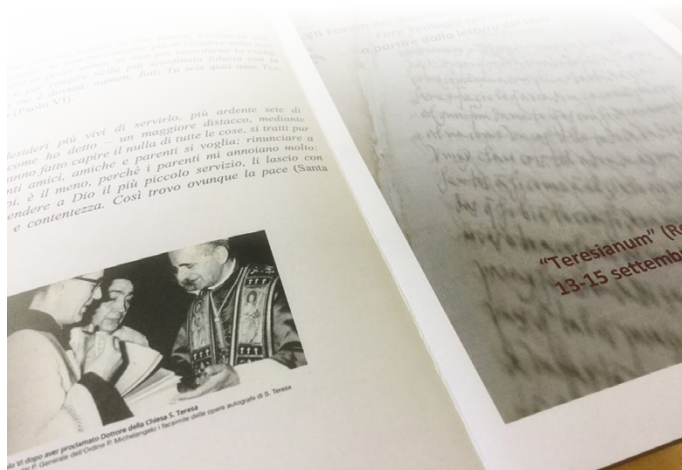
monasteries of the Federation gathered during a week in the St John Paul II Pastoral House, in San Juan de los Lagos, for some days in which to remember the journey made and for study and reflection on upon the challenges of the future, in such a way that it would be possible always to walk from good to better, as the heart of our Holy Mother Teresa desired.

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Forum on Spiritual Theology in the Teresianum

The VIIth FORUM for professors of Spiritual Theology in Italy took place from 13th-15th September entitled 'Doing Spiritual Theology from the reading of the texts'. More than thirty professors, both men and women, took part in this gathering from all over Italy, reflecting on two particular texts: Spiritual Testimony (or Relation) No 2 by St. Teresa and the Thoughts on death (Pensiero alla morte in the original Italian) by Paul VI.



The Italian feminine Discalced Carmel with the Fr. General in Rome

From 14th-16th September, the municipality of Sacrofarno near Rome (Italy) was the scene of an encounter between the Fr. General and a good number of Mother superiors of Italian Discalced Carmelite nuns in Italy. Although the main objective of the encounter was to reflect on Cor Orans, to which Mons. Sebastiano Pacciolla, O. Cist., Under-secretary of the CIVCSVA, also gave his assistance, the most precious fruit of this encounter was the dialogue which ensued between Fr. Saverio Cannistrà and his delegate for the nuns, Fr. Rafal Wilkowski, with the mother superiors of the convents whether or not they are part of the association in Italy, a country in which the Carmel nuns forms a substantive part.



OCDS spiritual exercises in the Province of Venice

We share the pleasing news of the spiritual exercises undertaken by members of the Secular Order from the Province of Venice, which on this occasion were enriched by the presence of the urn containing the relics of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. It was an enormous grace which enabled all those participating in the exercises to understand how it is possible to undertake a path in which her help is never lacking.

Fr. Bruno Moriconi, a Discalced Carmelite from the Central Italian Province and emeritus professor of the Teresianum, led the exercises and chose for the theme of his preaching: 'Created to discover that we are children of God'.

The OCDS communities, who met during this period, appreciated Fr. Bruno's fraternal and approachable presence, which contributed to an invaluable life-giving message based on experience.



A course of spiritual exercises to commemorate the anniversary of the foundation of Duruelo



The Commissariat of Sicily wished to remember the 450 years of the founding of the Duruelo monastery by celebrating a course of spiritual exercises for religious and laity in the Spirituality House of the Villasmundo Carmel. The title of the exercises was taken from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 1, verse 24: "for those who are called, Christ crucified is the power of God and wisdom of God." On November 28, 1568, when Brother John of St Matthias, together with his companions, took the new habit of Carmel, he assumed a new name: Brother John of the Cross. The reflections of these days of exercises have concentrated on his choice of this religious surname, with illumination from the text of The Science of the Cross of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Edith Stein.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in China

The COMMUNICATIONES number 257 (05/08/2014) included some errors about the foundation of the Hong Kong Carmel in China. Specifically, the monastery of Hong Kong was officially founded in 1937 (not in 1923) and from then until today the Discalced Carmelites nuns have kept it open uninterruptedly.

In this link, you can download a brochure with the history of the monastery and the correct information about its foundation:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1tXDqsox5ev3y-BlxaX5t_111hMvfOA3yG



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