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Information from the Order



The Order's Secretariat of Information, following instructions from our Major Superiors, is preparing some changes that will gradually be released and will be launched throughout the 2019-2020 academic year.

That is why, taking advantage of the summer weather in the northern hemisphere, we will suspend the publication of news during the month of August and part of the month of September, to meet you again at the beginning of autumn [northern hemisphere].

However, we will endeavour to keep our social networks active, particularly Facebook and Twitter. As you probably know, at the bottom of the web page www.carmelitaniscalzi.com it is possible to access two "windows" [Facebook & Twitter] that allow you to read the updated news of the Carmelite family around the world published on these social networks. You do not need to have an account in them to be able to see the news. We invite you to continue to keep in contact with us in this way.

We wish you a very happy month of the Virgin of Carmel and a joyful celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We remain at your disposal through the contact option of our websites.

Andrea Riccardi visits the Pescara monastery



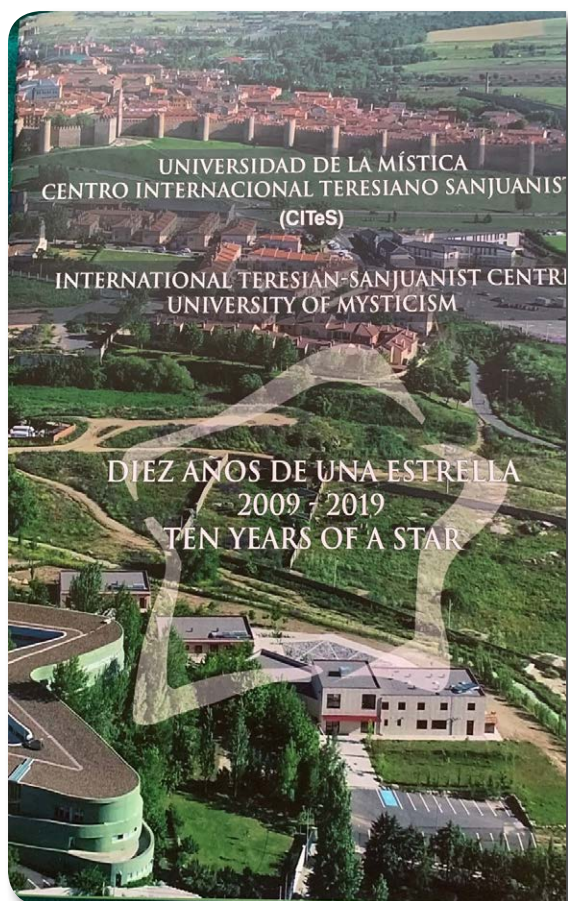
The founder of the St Egidio Community recently paid a visit on the 28th of May to the Discalced Carmelite nuns' community in Pescara, Italy.

This well-known Community came into existence in Rome, precisely in famous Trastevere, where the former monastery the sisters occupied was dedicated to "Holy Mary of Mount Carmel and St Egidio". Founded in 1610, the nuns left it in 1972 and a young Christian student, Andrea Riccardi, together with some colleagues, took over the property to begin an experience of fraternity, prayer and service to the poorest on the outskirts of Rome. This fraternity was renamed in 1973 "Community of St Egidio", taking the name of the Carmelite monastery.

On the occasion of the presentation of a book of his - with the evocative title *Anything Can Change* - in this Adriatic city, the "young" Riccardi wanted to visit the Carmelites and leave them a precious testimony: "an affectionate memory in the common roots in the land and prayer to Saint Egidio of Trastevere: peace to all of you and may God protect you. I wish you every good and I ask that your prayer may protect me and us from all evil. With friendship and Egidian fraternity. Andrea Riccardi".



CITeS: Commemorative Book



On February 14, 2009, the new headquarters of CITeS – University of Mysticism – was inaugurated in Avila, which since 1986 had carried out its activities in a part of the “La Santa” convent, located in the house where St Teresa of Jesus was born.

On the occasion of this anniversary, the Centre has published a beautiful memorial book, in Spanish and English, divided into three parts: the first tells the history of CITeS

and the meaning of the building and its symbolism, as well as the works of art present in it; in the second, the reader will be able to get an idea of the enormous activity of courses, Chairs, congresses, religious and cultural events, etc., developed in these ten years, as well as the publications made and the new reality of the youth centre; in the third part some important statistics are collected.

The title of the book is: *Diez años de una estrella 2009 – 2019 Ten years of a star*, alluding to the phrase addressed by Jesus to St Teresa of Jesus in reference to the monastery of St. Joseph in Avila (a star that would give a great radiance), evoked by the star shape of the centre. Profusely illustrated and a chronicle of an important part of the history of the Teresian Carmel, it is a volume of very pleasant reading.

Documents of the 2009-2015 sexennium in French

M*archons ensemble ! La parole d'un chef de famille.* [Let's go together! The word of a head of a household]. Saverio Cannistrà, o.c.d. Documents of the 2009-2015 sexennium, collected and presented by the Carmel of Develier.

"Let us walk together, Lord!" In a way, this call of Saint Teresa of Jesus is also a word from Father Saverio Cannistrà in his service as head of the Teresian Carmel: he invites us to travel in the company of the Lord by walking shoulder to shoulder with each other.

The various contributions collected in this volume are those of a head of a household who speaks as a father, as a brother, as a traveling companion. In a clear, relevant and profound way, courageous and restorative, it is inspired by the great event of the celebration of the fifth Teresian centenary in 2015, in order to be immersed again and again in the spirit of Mother Teresa and, from her hand, to indicate the paths that the charism invites her sons and daughters to travel again at this time. The truth contained in these pages will be of interest beyond the horizons of Carmel, for it provides a valuable anthropological vision and helps those who seek the meaning of everything, the seekers for God.

The book can be had by writing to the following email address:

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■ Saverio Cannistrà, o.c.d.



Marchons ensemble !

La parole d'un chef de famille

Documents du sexennat 2009-2015

Its price is 30 euros plus shipping costs and consists of almost 700 pages.

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FRANCE

Discalced Carmelite nuns at the Teresianum



The "Teresianum" Pontifical Faculty and Pontifical Institute of Spirituality in Rome offered a course to a group of Italian Discalced Carmelite nuns from the 25th to the 28th of June this year.

The sisters had done, at least in part, the online Spiritual Theology course offered by the Teresianum and then had the opportunity to

complete a face-to-face session in which to deepen some of the subjects offered in the course and present their questions and contributions to the professors in charge. Four lessons were planned for each day in the morning and another four in the afternoon, combining the professors' skilful presentation with time for discussion.

The academic experience, very positive in everyone's

opinion, was brought to completion by the participation of the Carmelite sisters in the liturgy and community meals. A happy coincidence allowed our sisters to be also present at the farewell party for the third-year students of theology of the St John of the Cross International College, celebrated on the 27th.

Interview with father Saverio Cannistrà on his nomination as a member of the congregation for the institutes of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life

Dear Father Saverio: We are delighted with the recent news of your nomination to the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. What does this mean for you? Did it come as a surprise?

It was a great surprise. I learned about it through a message to the Procurator General.

Could you give us some idea of the details of your role as a member of the Congregation?

To be truthful, I do not know exactly what specific roles are assigned to members of the Congregation. We are not speaking of the work of Consulters who are experts summoned to deal with certain specific matters. I do know that every Congregation has ordinary and plenary sessions in which the members of the Dicastery participate.

It is always an honour to be called by the Pope to take on a special responsibility in the service of the Church. What do you think your contribution to Consecrated Life can be as Father General of the Discalced Carmelites?

I am so grateful to the Holy Father for his trust, not only in me personally, but particularly in regard to the Teresian Carmel. Concerning the contribution I may be able to offer, I think a lot will depend on the particular themes that are under consideration at the meetings of the Congregation. Obviously, I would be more competent and experienced in dealing with some matters than others. It should certainly prove to be a personal experience of enrichment and of a more intense involvement in the life of the Church.

We feel sure that your experience in the service of our Discalced Carmelite Nuns will be invaluable in your new role. What do you think? In your opinion, what are the challenges and problems of contemplative life today?

This theme of the contemplative life, effectively, is probably where I feel I have the most specific contribution to offer. At the present moment, with the publication of the Apostolic Constitution "Vultum Dei quaerere" and the Instruction "Cor orans", contemplative life, particularly its feminine branch, is called to a renewal that involves so many questions. I believe that the most important challenge is that of greater maturity and a change of mentality. Every community, while respecting its juridical autonomy, is asked to become an active member of a more enlarged body, of an extended sisterhood. It will be possible to unify strengths and find suitable solutions to today's problems from within such an amplified organization.

Thank you, Father Saverio. We are praying for your new mission and wish you every blessing.





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