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# Commissariat of San José del Congo

**O**ur Order's presence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Republic of Congo – or Congo Brazzaville – is an impassioned history that spans more than 50 years and that now reaches a new milestone with the creation of the Com-

missariat of San Jose del Congo by the Father General, Saverio Cannistrá and his Definitory through the decree published on March 10th, 2020. The Commissariat will be formed by the houses of the previous General Delegation. To mark this joyous occasion, our web page and our information bulletin will offer in the French language section





a brief history of the presence of the Order in these African nations that we summarize here.

From 1965 to 1969, the first Discalced Carmelites from the Provinces of Castille, Flanders, and Rome established themselves in various ways in the west and the center of Congo. They set up pastoral, evangelical, and social initiatives. Soon, the first youths answered the call to vocational discernment and as a result, a novitiate was built in Kananga in 1979 so that the candidates could begin their Carmelite formation. The first Carmelites responsible for the novitiate community were Fathers Marcellino Forcellini (Rome), Sebast Vanderstraaten (Flanders) and Miguel Gutiérrez (Castille) assisted by the Polish missionaries

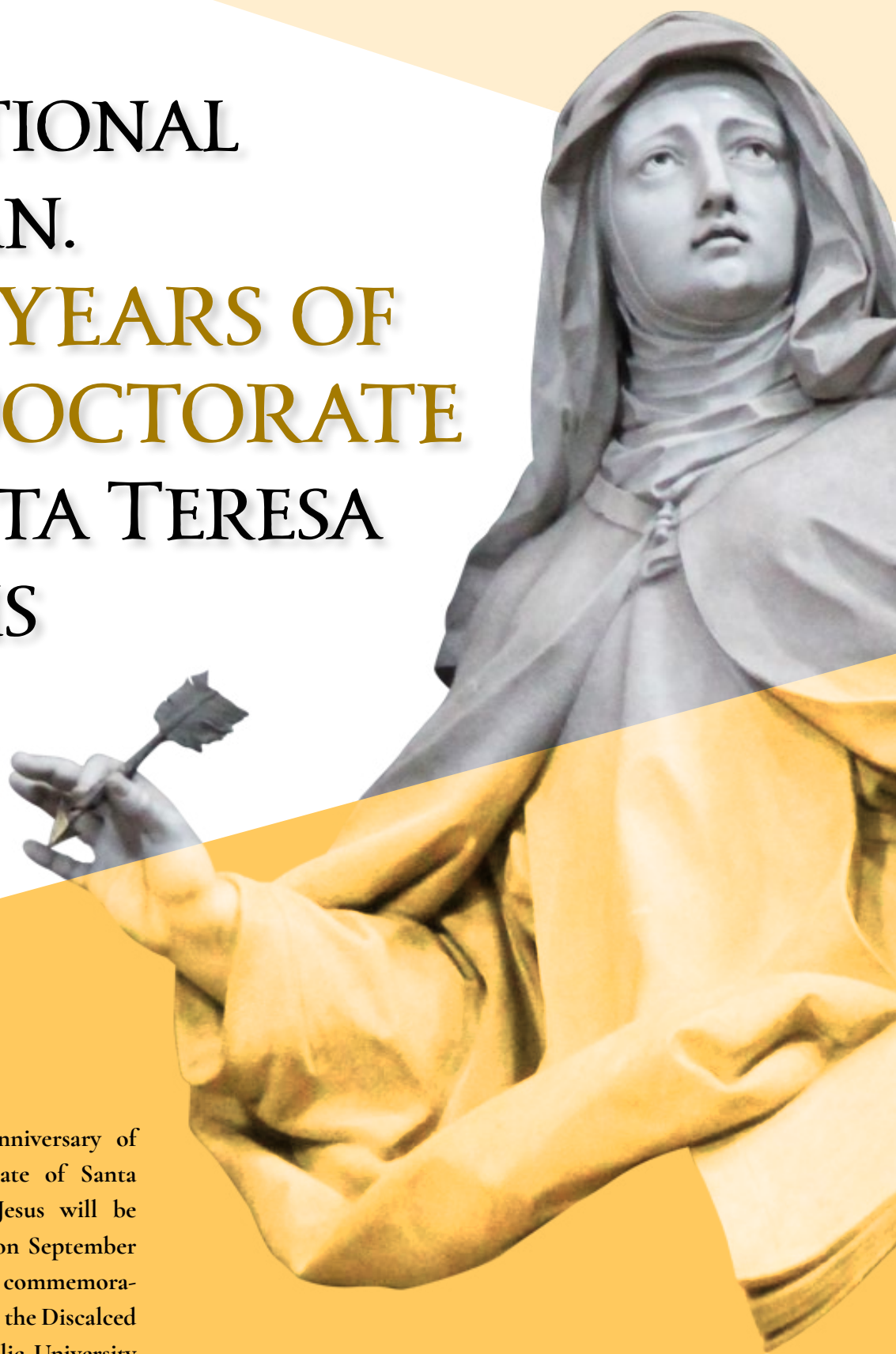
who were already established in Burundi. Over time, coordinated and assisted by then Father General Felipe Sainz de Baranda, the new missionaries in the Congo expanded the structures for receiving and forming vocations

with help from the already-established Congolese Carmelites. The Delegation's growth spurred the building of a center for pastoral and spiritual initiatives, the "Teresianum" of Kinshasha.

As years passed, the veteran, European missionaries gave way in their governance and formation roles to Congolese religious, initiating a period of maturation that now gives fruit with the creation of this new Commissariat.



# EXCEPTIONAL WOMAN. FIFTY YEARS OF THE DOCTORATE OF SANTA TERESA OF JESUS



**T**he 50th Anniversary of the Doctorate of Santa Teresa of Jesus will be celebrated on September 27, 2020. In commemoration, the Bishopric of Avila, the Discalced Carmelites, and the Catholic University of Avila (UCAV), along with collaboration from the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, have organized the International Congress “Exceptional

# *santa teresa de Jesús* *mujer excepcional* 50 CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL ANIVERSARIO DEL DOCTORADO ÁVILA, DEL 12 AL 15 DE ABRIL DE 2021



Woman. Fifty years of the Doctorate of St. Teresa of Jesus.” The opening act of the Congress will take place this coming September 27, the anniversary date of the first woman recognized as Doctor of the Church. The Congress itself will take place April 12 – 15, 2021.

The Congress will include the presence of Cardinal Aquilino Bocos, Rev. Dr. Emilio Martínez, OCD, Rev. Dr. Silvano Giordano, OCD – of the “Teresianum,” Rome --, and Rev. Dr. Rómulo Cuartas Londoño, OCD – of CITEs, Ávila. Other participants in the Congress include: Cardinal Dr. Ricardo Blázquez Pérez, Dr. Beatriz de Ancos Morales, Dr. Marianne Schlosser, Dr. Lothar Wehr, and Dr. Burkard M. Zapff who will

cover the life and work of St. Teresa from different perspectives.

On September 27, 2020, the presentation of the Congress will be celebrated with Holy Mass and a talk that will take place in the Cathedral of Avila, transmitted live via internet. The program for this event is as follows (CEST):

- 16.30 h Presentation of Congress
- 17:00 h Talk by Dr. Juan Antonio Marcos, “Teresa of Jesus: an irregular verb (Why does she continue to captivate us?)”
- 18:00 h Holy Mass in Cristo Salvador Cathedral, Avila

For more information:

<http://congresosantateresadoctora.es/>





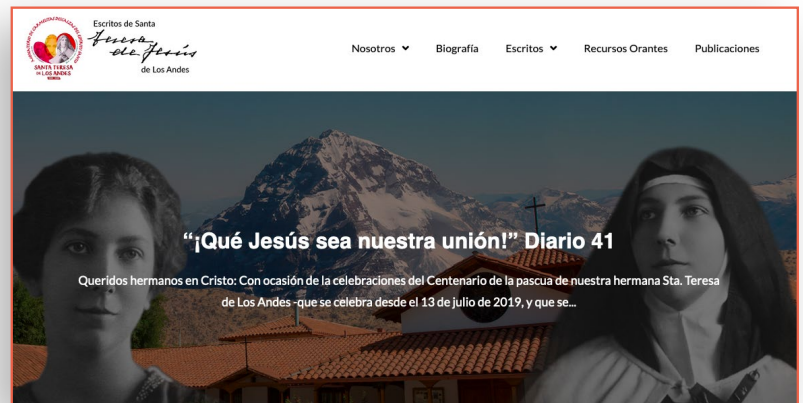
# Writings of Santa Teresa of the Andes

To mark the first centenary of the death of St. Teresa of the Andes, the Discalced Carmelites of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit of the Andes are making available a website with the Saint's complete, original writings.

This community, located in the Diocese of San Felipe in Chile, this is the place where Chile's first canonized saint professed her vocation.

The texts are divided in letters, writings from her diary, and literary compositions. Each of these works allows us to discover the family and monastic life of St. Teresa of the Andes, as well as to ponder her mystical dimension.

Archives with unedited writings, correspondence, and personal testimonies from those who knew St. Teresa de los Andes



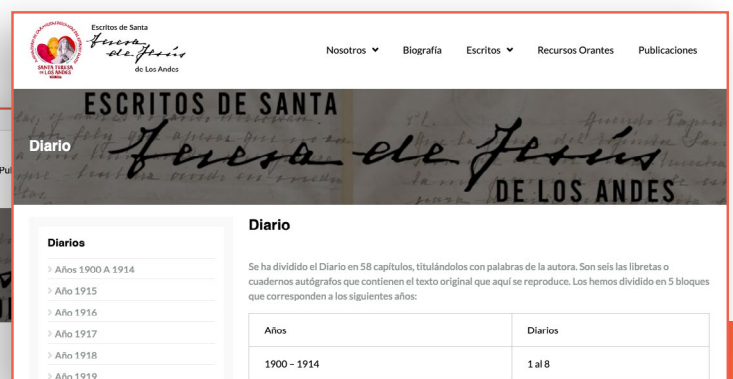
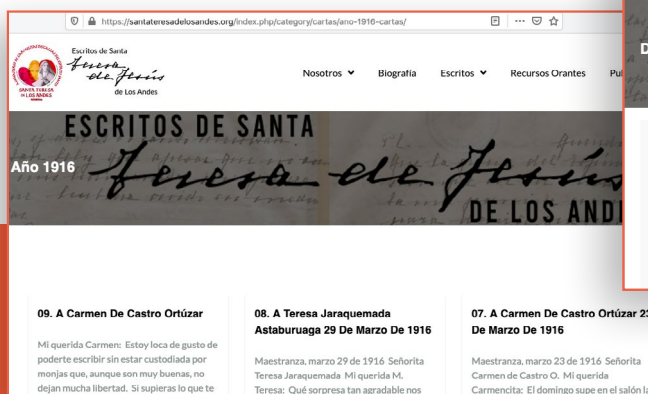
will also be added with the objective of creating a digital library that will serve as the primary point of reference for the study of Chile's first canonized saint.

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<https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/publican-sitio-web-con-escritos-originales-de-santa-teresa-de-los-andes-72129>

Más información:

<https://santateresadelosandes.org/>





# Stella Maris



**D**ear brothers, sisters, friends, We inform you that from our website [carmelholylanddco.org](https://www.carmelholylanddco.org) in a testing phase you can watch 24/24 in streaming the central altar of our Basilica of Stella Maris and pray and contemplate the Virgin of Mount Carmel and the cave of the Prophet Elijah in real time from any place in the world. Here the link:  
<https://www.carmelholylanddco.org/live/>

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