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# Silver Jubilees

## South Kerala

It is with immense joy and deep gratitude to God and to the Blessed Mother of Carmel that the Discalced Carmelite Friars of the Province of St. Joseph of South Kerala celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the religious profession of Friars Francis Sales, Marydasan K.S. Joseph Anthony, Shajers Robert and Jess Martin. The Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated on September 10, 2022, at 10:30 am, at the Provincial House of St. Joseph, in Kottiyam. The celebration was enlivened by the presence and prayers of families, relatives, friends and men and women religious from many congregations..



## General Curia

On Tuesday, September 20, the Friars of the Generalate celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of religious profession of Friars Robert Mary, Rafał and Jerome. The whole community gathered for the Thanksgiving Mass at noon. Several confreres, relatives and friends joined us so that we could celebrate the festivities together. Afterward, everyone gathered to share a hearty and festive lunch. May the Lord and His Holy Mother bless our friars and their ministry at the service of the Order and the Church.





# Iberian Province of the OCDS: Secular Carmel Elections

**T**here took place in Madrid, on Saturday, September 17, on the feast of St. Albert of Jerusalem, the election of the first president and the first provincial councillors of the OCDS of the Iberian Province of St. Teresa of Jesus.

The Father Provincial, Fr. Antonio Angel Sánchez Cabezas, together with the General Delegate for the OCDS, Fr. Ramiro Casale, accompanied this first Provincial Assembly. Fr. Ramiro shared his projects and ideas for the immediate future of OCDS in the world.

The unification of the different OCDS groups in the Provinces making up the territory of the now Iberian Province took several years and all those who collaborated in it were warmly thanked. The journey continues with God's help and the precious collaboration of the Carmelite Fathers. A fraternal meal concluded this important event.

We assure the OCDS of the new Provincial Council and its President of our prayers.



## Reflection Group of the CICLA (Union of Major Superiors of the Friars of Latin America)

**O**n the 7<sup>th</sup> August, Fr. Leonel Ceniceros, Provincial of Mexico, Fr. Milton Moulton, Commissioner of Chile, Fr. Robin Calle, Delegate of Ecuador, and Fr. Martín Martínez of the Generalate, officially constituted the CICLA Reflection Group. It will be composed of 19 friars named by their respective Superiors. Twelve brothers were able to attend the session, while seven were unable to participate.

During this session, together with the constitution of the group, we

recalled its general objective: to be a consultative group which will help the Major Superiors to reflect on questions involving decision-making. Its more specific tasks are the preparation of formation sessions such as the "Spirituality Encounter", the "Alacar Encounter" (OCD and OCarm), the formation of formators, etc. In addition, it will also work to encourage collaboration and promotion of our spiritual centers. The coordinator and secretary of the group were also appointed. The next meeting will take place in November.



# Poland: work meeting on the *Ratio* of the Carmelite Nuns



**T**he meeting of the Discalced Carmelite nuns of the Federation of the Holy Spirit took place once again in the monastery of the Carmelite friars in Przemyśl. A group of sisters worked on the new *Ratio*, a document that helps in initial and ongoing formation. This nucleus was formed by postal vote by the Sisters of the Federation. It is composed of nuns from the convents of Przemyśl, Rzeszów, Dys, Tarnów, Katowice and Dietva in Slovakia. The meeting was also attended by the President of the Federation, Sr. Teresa,

the Head of Formation of the Federation, Sr. Cecylia, and the Assistant of the Federation, Fr. Krzysztof Górski. Sister Lidia Wrona, a Carmelite Missionary, was invited to participate in the working days. She shared her experience of working on the *Ratio* of her Congregation and invited us to listen first of all to the Holy Spirit to let ourselves be guided by him and follow the path that the Church shows us. The program included personal prayer, moments of reflection and sharing, but also joyful meetings with the community of the Friars of Przemyśl.





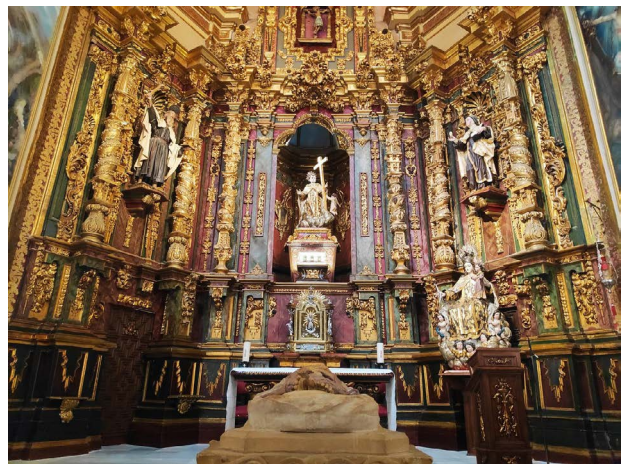


## Germany: formation trip in the footsteps of St. John of the Cross in Andalusia

**F**rom the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, ten confreres from the German and Austrian provinces left for Andalusia to walk in the footsteps of St. John of the Cross, under the guidance of Fr. Ulrich Dobhan, according to the German Province program for ongoing formation. Therefore, all the excursions were preceded by lectures by Father Ulrich. We were also able to celebrate the Eucharist in the places where John of the Cross lived.

We started our itinerary from the Úbeda monastery, from there we went to Beas, Granada, Baeza, visiting the nuns and friars. We stayed for a long time in the Carmel of Los Mártires and then went to La Peñuela (La Carolina). We celebrated the Office in the Hermitage of the Saint, at the «Asparagus Bridge», which had emerged from the dam due to drought.

The second important stop on our trip was Seville. We visited the cathedral, our Nuns in the Barrio of Santa Cruz, the Friars of Santo Ángel, with whom we shared a dinner and admired the museum. In Córdoba we visited the Mezquita-Cathedral, the old Jewish quarter with the monastery of John of the Cross, the current monastery of the friars and the Hermits. Another trip took us to the Carmelite nuns of Antequerra, where we visited a one-of-a-kind Museum of Carmel. Our trip ended in the city of Ronda, rich in history.







# Madagascar: Father Cesare Busecchi receives the Cuore Amico prize

**N**ext October 22, the Association “Cuore Amico Fraternità Onlus” ([www.cuoreamico.org](http://www.cuoreamico.org)) of Brescia, Italy, will confer the 32<sup>nd</sup> *Cuore Amico Award* to Father Cesare Busecchi, OCD, of the Veneto Province, in recognition of his long missionary work in Madagascar. Father Cesare asked to go to there in 1987. His first missionary experience was in the forest, where he experienced the generous welcome of the population and... the wildlife! He was then appointed parish priest in Itaosy, on the outskirts of Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar: he was responsible for 9 churches for a population of 120,000 inhabitants, of which 40,000 were Catholics. Here, Father Cesare was confronted with the misery of those who had come from the countryside to the city in search of a better future. 80% of the population lives below the poverty line and, after Covid, the social situation has worsened. In particular, the number of children living on the streets in the capital has increased exponentially. It is precisely these children who will benefit from the *Cuore Amico Award*. Father Cesare’s dream is to help children and families who sleep in the tunnels of the capital. He already owns land where he would like to build a house for isolated children, small houses for families, a school, and somewhere to help these people grow crops.



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# San Andrés de Tumaco (Colombia): Week for Peace, 2022

**F**rom the 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of September, the diocese of Tumaco and the Tumaco Social Pastoral Ministry organized the Week for Peace, whose theme this year was «On the path of truth, a country of hope and dignity». The launch took place in the presence of the bishop of Tumaco, Monsignor Orlando Olave, the staff of the Social Ministry, the media and many artists. The opening of the Week for Peace was marked by a procession with banners For Life and For Peace.

On the occasion of the opening of the Week of Peace, Monsignor Orlando Olave blessed a statue of St. Therese of the Child Jesus placed in the grounds of the Carmelite parish, of which he is the titular. The statue commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Therese and her recognition by UNESCO as an important figure for humanity, as an example of a woman who promoted the values of peace.

On September 8, the «*Gallery of Memory*» exhibition was held in the square of the parish of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, under the responsibility of the *Tumaco House of Memory*. This place is aiming to build up the collective memory of all those who have been protagonists or witnesses of the social struggles and contemporary history of our country. The families, companions and friends of all these moving forces were invited to the *Gallery*. We remember them to remember and to remind us that the events that are bloodying our country must not be repeated.





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