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Additional information on the Carmelite WYD:

The information released in the last Communications, regarding registration within the Carmelite macrogroup for WYD2023 (OCD2023), was missing the following aspects:

A) *Those who have not yet registered* their group for WYD2023, should send an email to jmj2023@carmelitas.pt with the following data:

1. Group name (up to 45 characters);
2. The group responsible name (name and surname);
3. The group responsible email.

Thus, the group is registered within the Carmelite macrogroup (OCD2023) and the group responsible is able to continue the registration process.

B) *Those who has already registered* their group on the platform and started the registration process should send us an email to jmj2023@carmelitas.pt, stating the name of the group, the group responsible name and the group-associated email.

Italy: the OCDS of the Venice province meet with Father General



On Saturday, December 3rd, in the Monastery of the Carmelite Fathers of Verona, the OCDS Communities of the Venice Province lived an afternoon of joyful fraternity together with Father General, Fr. Miguel Márquez Calle, Father Roberto Pirastu, Definitor General, Father Fabio Silvestri, Provincial of the Venice Province and Father Aldo Formentin, Provincial Delegate for the OCDS. After the presentation of the Provincial President, who illustrated the situation of the Province, highlighting concerns but also openings of confidence for the future; the President of the Interprovincial Coordination, made those present participate in the commitment to organize the next OCDS National Conference from 12 to 15 July

2023; and finally the National Formation Manager, explained how the group of Provincial Formators is working to monitor the initial formation of the Provinces and the use of the new national formation process.

Father Miguel entertained us with personal episodes related to the teaching received from his parents, to his first moments of fear after his election as General and to the subsequent trustingly handing himself over into God's hands. In his essential and incisive speech he indicated some key words, some challenges on which to reflect in order to set our life on the Carmelite style.

The meeting ended with time for celebration and fraternal sharing and with a group photo as a souvenir of this beautiful experience.

Poland: the relics of St. Raphael Kalinowski exhibited in the Shrine of Divine Providence

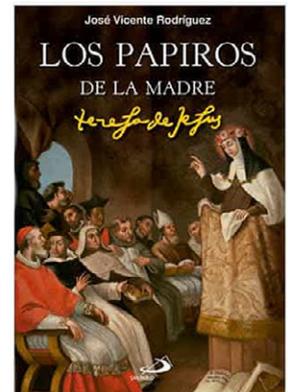
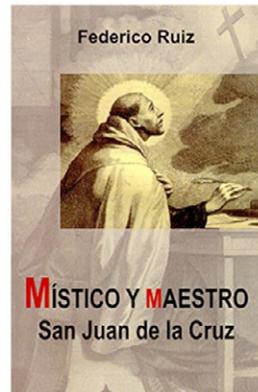
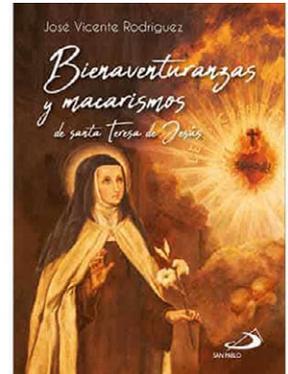
On November 11, 2022, Independence Day, Cardinal Kazimierz Nycz presided at the Mass at the Shrine of Divine Providence, concelebrated by Archbishop Field Wiesław Lechowicz and Archbishop Grzegorz Kaszak, by the two OCD Provincials of Poland, by a multitude of priests and by numerous friars of the Order. Representatives of public authorities, including the President of the Republic, Andrzej Duda, also participated. At the beginning of the celebration, the relics of St. Raphael Kalinowski were introduced into the sanctuary, after which the President of the Polish Republic lit the candle of Independence.

The initiative to introduce the relics of St. Rafał Kalinowski among the 16 relics of other Polish Saints and Blesseds already gathered in the Shrine of Divine Providence was carried out by the custodian of the Shrine of Czerny, Father Paweł Hańczak, who is promoting the cult of the Patron Saint of Siberia, railway workers and soldiers.

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Spain: Father José Vicente Rodríguez, ocd, has died



On November 23, Fr. José Vicente Rodríguez died in Burgos. He was 96 years old and 80 years of profession in Carmel. His funeral took place on November 24, formerly the feast of St. John of the Cross.

Father José Vicente of the Eucharist (José Antonio Rodríguez Rodríguez) was born in Monleras (Salamanca) on January 2, 1926. He made his profession on the 14th of August 1942 and was ordained on the 23rd of April 1950. He was professor at the Teresianum in Rome, secretary of Fr. A. Ballestrero when he was General of the Order, Provincial of Castile, superior of various communities and professor at CITEs. José Vicente was one of the great specialists on St. John of the

Cross, writing several works on the Mystic Doctor that have no equal.

In an interview for the magazine of the diocese of Malaga, he stated: «We are not a particularly numerous Order: the Carmelites are just over 4,000, the nuns more than double, but the Lord is generous and has given us impressive figures. Saint Teresa of Jesus, Saint John of the Cross, Saint Therese of Lisieux, Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity, Edith Stein... They are the treasure of the Carmelite family and of the whole Church. Three of them are Doctors of the Church. It is a true ecclesial treasure for this small Order, by the will of God.»

Let us pray that his soul may rest in peace and for his Province.

May the Lord welcome him into his mercy.

Brazil: Canonical establishment of OCDS communities in the North/Northeast



The OCDS of the North/Northeast celebrated with joy and enthusiasm the canonical establishment of the communities of Saint Joseph of St Teresa and Flower of Carmel of St Therese, both in Fortaleza; as well as the community of St Teresa of Los Andes in Belém do Pará and the St John of the Cross community in São Luís do Maranhão. The celebration was presided over by Fr. Luciano Henrique, Delegate for the North/Northeast OCDS, and concelebrated by Fr. Ramiro Casale, General Delegate of the OCDS. The canonical establishment is a juridical act by which a community, after discernment, is officially recognized by the Order of Carmel, with an act of the Superior General, currently Fr. Miguel Márquez, OCD. An OCDS community has, among its main missions, that of serving the Church, living, preserving and spreading the spirituality of Discalced Carmel, initiated by Saint Teresa of Jesus, in the company of Saint John of the Cross, both Doctors of the Church.

Malaysia: Canonical establishment of the OCDS Community of Christ the King

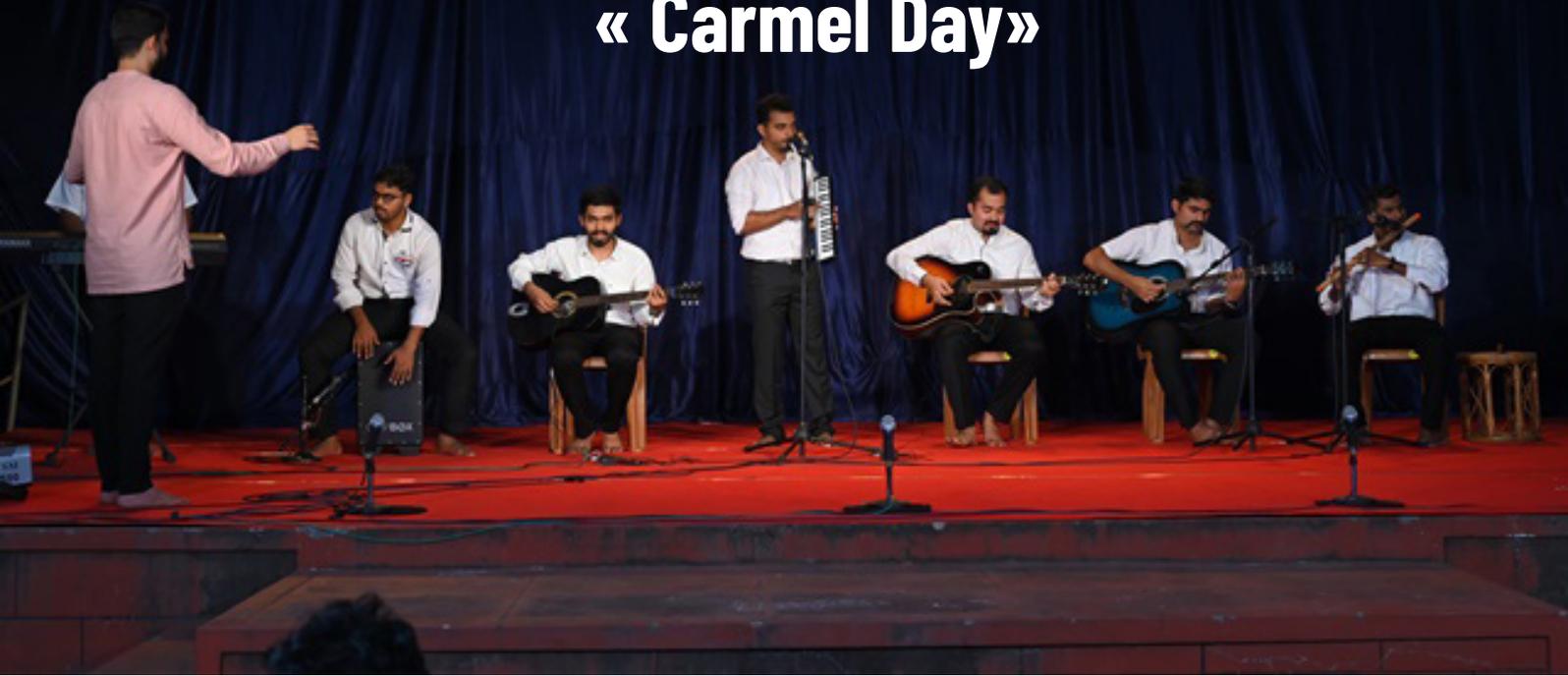
Our OCDS Community rejoiced in receiving the Decree of Canonical Establishment after 22 years of existence. The Mass of thanksgiving and presentation of the Decree was held on November 19, 2022, on the eve of the Solemnity of Christ the King (Feast of Our Community), at the Carmelite friars' Chapel. It was presided over by Archbishop Simon Poh of Kuching, concelebrated by Archbishop Emeritus John Ha, Father John Chua OCD (delegate of the Taiwan-Singapore Delegation) and other priests. Franciscan Sisters, OCDS members, family, friends, organizers and donors participated in this historic event.

After the homily, Father John Chua read the Decree before presenting it to the President and one of the founding members of our Community, Catherine Sim OCDS, assisted by OCDS Council members, Juliana Lim OCDS, Datin Sri Annie Yeo OCDS, Monica Soon OCDS and Cynthia Lim OCDS, and founding member Jacqueline Sammy OCDS.

After Mass, all those present were invited to the thanksgiving dinner. This began with an inaugural prayer by Archbishop Simon Poh. Afterwards, everyone present attended the screening of a video illustrating the history of our OCDS community..



Karnataka-Goa (India): Carmelite theology students celebrate «Carmel Day»



On December 11, Carmelite theologians celebrated «Carmel Day». This is the day of the friars, in which they stage their talents. The stage becomes a witness to how alive and enthusiastic these young people are in using the gifts God has given them for the good of society.

The president of this evocative event was Father George Santhumayor, Provincial of Karnataka-Goa, while as an important guest there was the well-known playwright Nelli Permannur, honored for his contribution to theatre and art. The event, which lasted a little over two hours, included melodious acapella songs, dances and retro-flavoured pieces of music that included a wide assortment of musical instruments.

The event had a huge turnout, with over 800 people present, as well as nuns and priests from the surroundings and various communities.



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