



Father Eulogio Pacho has died

Father Eulogio Pacho Polvorinos – Fr. Eulogio of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – died during the evening of February 1st in Burgos.

He was born on July 27, 1926, in Calaveras de Arriba (Leon) and made his profession on August 15, 1942. He was ordained to the priesthood on April 23, 1950.

Let us give thanks to God for the life of our brother, who served the Order and the Church with his intellectual work and tireless teaching activities in Rome, Burgos, and many other

places. His efforts were always accompanied by a humble, unaffected, and welcoming demeanor.

His editorial and doctrinal work on notable persons such as Father Palau and, above all, Saint John of the Cross, was outstanding and remains a testimony of great value for the Church, the Order, and society.

Funeral rites were celebrated on Sunday, February 3rd, in the Church of Carmel in Burgos.

We request a prayer to commend him to the Church Triumphant. May he rest in peace.

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New General Delegate ocd in Stella Maris

Fr. Attilio Ghisleri, ex-General Bursar of the Order of the Discalced Carmelites, on January 13, 2018, after the Saturday chant of the Salve in Stella Maris, he has taken possession of his new position as Delegate General of the Delegation of Israel. Then all the present religious have done the act of obedience, in order to walk together during the new triennium 2018-2021.

We wish him a fruitful service in charge of Stella Maris, Muhraqa and Wadi-EsSiah, emblematic places where our Order was born and it is still present, inspired by the zeal of the prophet Elijah and under the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Congratulations and a lot of encouragement!

Father Silvano Giordano, consultor to the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints

On January 13th, Holy Father Francis appointed Father Silvano Giordano, Discalced Carmelite, as a consultor to the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints.

Father Silvano is from the Province of Genoa, has a doctorate in ecclesiastical history (Gregorian University, 1992), and is a professor at the Teresianum in Rome, where he also

holds the office of Vice Dean (“Vice Preside”). Additionally, he is a guest professor of modern history in the Faculty of History and Cultural Heritage of the Church of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Professor Tiziana María di Blasio, who also teaches in our Faculty, was appointed consultor to the same congregation on that day as well.

Extended Provincial Council for the OCDS province “FRANCE-SUD”

An extended provincial council meeting took place from January 12th to 15th with the participation of the OCDS Delegate General and the OCDS Provincial Delegate of the France-Sud province, fr. Jean Sebastien. The chosen location was the convent of the Poor Clares in Nîmes.

“The meeting enabled a clearer awareness of the state of the Province which was presented by the President, Mrs. Claude Garabiol, as well as the communities, whose

councils provided information to the attending regional councillors and the provincial Council.

The OCDS Province of France-Sud covers a wide region of the French territory and includes three communities in Switzerland (two French-speaking and one German-speaking) and the island of Guadeloupe in the French Antilles.

Each region has a Councillor in charge of organizing formation

meetings, retreats, and other events per the requirements of the communities. The Councillor also visits the different communities in his or her region to assist and accompany them.

During these days, the confreres have been able to fraternally share thoughts about their lay vocation in

the Order and how to contribute to spreading the charism despite the few vocations, small size of the communities, and high median age. The Father Provincial, Fr. Henri, was also present in the meeting on the 13th, helping to solve some questions that arose regarding the main theme of the meeting: discerning the vocation to the OCDS.

Fr. Alzinir Francisco Debastiani OCD

Saint John of the Cross in Egypt

Father Eduardo Sanz de Miguel, Discalced Carmelite of the Iberian Province (Spain), delivered a series of conferences on Saint John of the Cross in the Shrine of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Hadayek Shoubra, Cairo, Egypt) during the last week of January.

In the mornings he delivered a complete course to the Discalced Carmelites in Egypt, who were joined by the Carmelite Sisters “of Florence”

and the Carmelite Sisters of Saint Joseph.

In the evenings he had the opportunity to meet with diverse groups of religious, families, and also had a meeting with priests.

The conferences were well attended and were a unique opportunity to transmit the Teresian charism and Sanjuanist doctrine to many Christians in Egypt.

Meeting of European formators

Recently, between the 29th of January and the 2nd of February, a meeting of Discalced Carmelite formators took place. This year it was celebrated at the Teresianum in Rome. Its central topic was: “The world of the youth of today”. This topic was developed by means of three conferences, after each of which we then worked in groups and, finally, shared our conclusions in the Assembly.

Giving the conferences were Fr Gianni Bracchi, Professor Dr. D Antonio Bellergreri, from the University of Palermo and Fr Maximiliano Herráiz.

During their stay, the formators also had the opportunity to get to know

what the Teresianum had to offer academically as well as how the St John of the Cross International College functioned.

Taking part in the meeting were the Provincials who are members of the Steering Committee of the European Conference of Provincials, as well as Fr Agustí Borrell, Vicar General, and Fr Lukasz Kansy, Second Definitior, who discussed with the formators about the possibility of establishing a stage of “second novitiate” in Spain for Discalced Carmelites, to take place at the finish of theological studies, by means of which to encourage mutual knowledge and their training in the charism handed down to us from St Teresa and St John of the Cross.