



## Pope Francis in Morocco: Meeting with the Discalced Carmelite nuns of Tangier

**O**n March 31st, during his apostolic journey to Morocco, Pope Francis met at the Cathedral of Rabat with priests, religious, consecrated and the Ecumenical Council of the Churches. Our Discalced Carmelite Sisters from the Tangier monastery were able to participate, with great joy, in this encounter with the successor of Peter, feeling accompanied and loved by the Holy Father and confirmed in the faith by him and his generous commitment in this Muslim African

country.

They were able to hear how Francis recalled that a small Christian community, like that of Morocco, is not insignificant. The Pope also called for collaboration, dialogue and charity between the various Christian confessions and with Islam.

On the other hand, as can be seen in the photos, our sisters are carrying out important restoration works on the monastery, costly but absolutely necessary.

## Fr. Patrizio Sciadini, ocd, President of the Religious in Egypt

**O**ur brother, Fr. Patrizio Sciadini, or Abuna Patrick, as he is known in the Country of the Nile, has been re-elected for a second term as President of the religious in Egypt, who were gathered in an elective assembly at the end of last March.

Also elected were the Vice-President (Abuna Kamal, Franciscan) and the Secretary (Abuna Rubens, of the African missions). We wish our brother and all the religious of Egypt the blessing of God and peace, so necessary to be able to continue carrying out their mission in those lands.

## Jeannine Poitrey has died

**F**rom the community of Alba de Tormes, in the Iberian province (Spain), we received the sad news of the death of Jeannine Poitrey on December 31st last, in Biarritz (France).

Mrs. Poitrey, a Parisian by birth, devoted much of her intellectual life to the literary and linguistic study of the work of Saint Teresa of Jesus, as well as to the diffusion of her spirituality.

A great specialist in the Spanish language of the 16th century, she published important studies on the vocabulary of the Saint in her works (particularly notable is her work on

the texts of the Life and Way of Perfection, published by the University of Lille in 1976 and translated into Spanish by the Pontifical University of Salamanca in 1983).

She published also an introduction to reading the Saint as well as various translations of Teresian manuscripts. She was a professor at the Sorbonne and taught at various universities and faculties, such as San Vicente Ferrer in Valencia, Spain. She was the recipient of the Great Cross of Alfonso X the Wise, which was personally bestowed on her by the then King of Spain, Juan Carlos I. May she rest in peace.

## Three new carmelite priests in Kenya

**G**od bless! Three new Ordinandi at Kenya's mission! (Fr. Peter-Canisius Otieno, Fr. Harrison Waiganjo, and Fr. Isaac Namanda).

They were ordained on February 16th at Tangaza University College (which is just about five minutes

walk away from our St. John of the Cross monastery in Nairobi.)

They were ordained by Bishop George Tambala, OCD of Malawi. (Bishop George himself is a former student of Tangaza and of the monastery in Nairobi).

## Paris Province: a spiritual retreat

**B**etween February 24th and March 1st, a goodly number of friars from the Paris Province met in the Trappist Abbey of Soligny to make a spiritual retreat together, according to the desire expressed in the 2017 Provincial Chapter. This desire became a reality in the place where a young man named Lucien Bunel made discernment re-

treats before discovering Carmel and entering under the name of Jacques de Jesus, a prominent figure in our Paris Province.

During the retreat, the religious followed several meditations, in the form of Lectio, on Biblical characters: Adam, Abraham, Jacob, Peter and Judas.

## Spirituality week in the Teresianum

**B**etween the 10th and 14th of March last, the traditional Spirituality Week was held at the Teresianum Pontifical Faculty, which this year reached its 60th edition, with a notable influx of the public. The topic chosen for this year was: “The spirituality of friendship with God and with one another. I have called you friends” (Jn 15:15). It was opened by a lecture given by Fr. General, Saverio Cannistrà, OCD, on friendship in Saint Teresa. In the following days, topics were addressed such as the possibility of a free friendship, friendship in the consecrated life, in the cinema, in the person of Elizabeth of the Trinity and relationships among young people and their way of living friendship

in the age of social networks.

The week closed with a round table about the Church as a home and school of Friendship.

The presentations were joined with moments of liturgical celebration, as well as the possibility of participating in a time of prayer, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, half an hour before each session. The reflections on Friendship had a “practical application” in the meetings between the participants, very lively and well-attended.

On the faculty’s YouTube channel (Pontificia Facoltà Teresianum), you can see all the lectures of the Week. It is also possible to access the same through the website of the Teresianum: [www.teresianum.net](http://www.teresianum.net)