



## Fr José Luis Ureta, ocd

**R**ecently, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, Fr José Luis Ureta, a Discalced Carmelite from the Navarre Province, died in Bilbao. Even though limited by illness in recent years of his life, he always put his experience, wisdom and knowledge in Law and Economics at the service of his sisters and brothers of the Teresian Carmel. The Discalced Carmelite General Curia, as she has already done through her social networks, sends her deepest condolences with this news to her brothers and sisters of the Province and his relatives, together with thanks for so many services performed in an

absolutely selfless way for the Center of the Order and so many religious.

Deserving particular mention is his enthusiastic collaboration with the Teresa-St John of the Cross International Center (University of Mysticism). In the following link you can consult the beautiful review prepared by the Province of Navarre: <https://www.ocdnavarra.com/single-post/2020/09/09/p-jos%C3%A9-luis-ureta-izurieta-descanse-en-paz-goian-bego>

May he rest in Peace, this notable son of Saint Teresa.

## 50 years since St Teresa's doctorate

**T**he 27<sup>th</sup> of September this year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Teresa's declaration

as a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI. On this website is available the Apostolic Letter containing the

declaration, in Italian, Spanish and English. The General Curia has also echoed this event through various publications on all our social networks and the Teresianum website presented, on the same day, some documents of interest for a deeper understanding of the content of the Doctorate.

We also received news of the exhibition of “Sacred Teresian Art” that, from Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September until the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, can be visited in the St John of the Cross church of the Discalced Carmelite Friars in Alba de Tormes, who also scheduled a Mass of thanksgiving and a lecture on the Teresian doctorate by Fr Manuel Diego Sánchez ocd. In the photos that accompany this news you can see some of the pieces of great value present in the exhibition.

For their part, the Discalced Carmelite Friars of the La Santa monastery in Avila, in addition to a series of four reflections on the dimension of the doctorate given by Fr. Daniel de Pablo Maroto ocd, which can be consulted on the Facebook page of the Curia, have organized a course for the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of October, with the title: “Central Elements of Teresian Spirituality”, to be presented by Fr. Secundino Castro, ocd. On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, the first event of the congress on the fiftieth anniversary of Teresa’s doctorate took place in the Cathedral of Avila. We made note of the content of this event some weeks ago. The session can be viewed on this YouTube link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nd6hC\\_70u04&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nd6hC_70u04&feature=youtu.be)

## Discalced Carmel in Mexico

**A** book with the title “La presencia de la orden del Carmen descalzo en la Nueva España” [“The presence of the Discalced Carmelite Order in New Spain”], has been published in Mexico concerning our order and the figure of Teresa

of Jesus in that country. The volume also seeks to identify the artistic, historical, and largely cultural heritage that Carmel’s presence has marked on Mexican society, visible in today’s urban spaces, not just religious ones.

Edited by the National Institute of

Anthropology and History (INAH), the book which was coordinated by Yessica Ramírez Méndez and Mario C. Sarmiento Zúñiga, derives from an academic meeting that took place in 2015, on the occasion of the fifth centenary of the birth of Saint Teresa of Jesus, a fundamental figure of the

order of Carmel, and 430 years after the arrival of this congregation in what was then called New Spain.

<https://www.lajornadadeoriente.com.mx/puebla/inah-publica-libro-nueva-espana/>

## A new translation of St John of the Cross

**R**ecently, a new translation of the Works of St John of the Cross has been published in Italian, using as its basis the Spanish edition published by Editorial de Espiritualidad (EDE).

This edition offers a good critical apparatus, as well as a set of introductions and notes that help the

reader to understand better the content of the writings of St. John of the Cross. The translation was carried out by Fr. Silvano Giordano OCD, and the volume has been published by “Edizioni OCD”, publisher of the Italian provinces of Discalced Carmelites:

<https://www.edizioniocd.it/libri/opere-complete>

## Formation Course for Italian Carmelite Nuns

**I**n September last year, a group of Discalced Carmelite nuns from Italy began a course of permanent formation in collaboration with ISFO

(Higher Institute for Trainers: <http://www.isfo.it/>) and the Teresianum. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the face-to-face meeting scheduled

for this year had to be suspended. However, on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, a digital meeting was held to share among the participants some of the materials that have been studied and worked on this year by the participating sisters. In the videoconference were present religious from Verona, Ferrara, San Quirico (Lucca), Pescara, Venice, Fano, Bologna,

Crotone, Arezzo and Turin, in addition to Frs. Christof Betschart and Emilio José Martínez from the Teresianum and D. Luca Garbinetto of ISFO, who is responsible for the organization of this course, together with Fr. Christof and Sister Maria Manuela of the Lucca convent.

## News from the Teresianum

**R**ecently, on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, the Theological Faculty and the Teresianum Pontifical Institute of Spirituality presented to the public, in the Aula Magna, the products of the Raybotics brand that have been acquired by the Curia General in order to provide the Faculty with the necessary means to disinfect classrooms and other academic environments, in order to combat the new coronavirus and protect, as far as possible, teachers, Teresianum employees and students. Attracting attention, were two screens for temperature measurement first presented, which also check if the person wears a mask, vetting access by locking the doors to those who have

a high fever or do not wear adequate protection.

Secondly, several lamps were presented for the purification of enclosed spaces, called PHS (Pro Health System), capable of destroying 99% of pathogens in a noticeably short time, thanks to a double system of ultraviolet rays and ozone. One of the lamps is attached to a moving robot, allowing it to move through different environments without the presence of an operator.

In another order of things, on October 15<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St Teresa of Jesus, the academic year was inaugurated with a Eucharist at which presided Fr. Agustí Borrell, Vicar General. Within the framework of the fiftieth anniversary

of her proclamation as a doctor of the Church, Fr. Augustine recalled that, although Teresa acquired theological science through love - *mystical theology* - she was always friends with lawyers and lettered people as well as

theologians held in very high esteem, especially if experts in Scripture. The traditional refreshment did not follow Mass, as the regulations decreed by the Italian government two days earlier prevented it.

## New Web page for the Teresian Carmel in Australia

**O**ur brothers from Australia-Oceania have completely revamped their website, with a new design and content that can be seen in: [www.carmelite.com](http://www.carmelite.com).

The website is titled *Carmelite Spirit* and has been associated with the social media channels already active for some time, managed by the Carmelites of the region.

The main objective of the page is to take advantage of the means offered by new technologies and digital media to share the richness of the spirituality of

the Teresian Carmel, by offering spaces for dialogue - at least virtual - and knowledge of the wisdom of our saints. It is a very visually appealing website, which also offers the possibility of performing a process of vocational discernment, making known the lives of the friars and nuns of the region. The Major Superior of the Discalced Carmelites in Australia-Oceania said: "This is a very exciting project for Carmelites. It is an important way through which we can share the treasures of our spirituality with all."

# OCD Episcopal Vicar in Cape Town

**F**r. Marie Joseph, ocd, of Karnataka Goa Province, has been appointed Episcopal Vicar for Religious Life in the Archdiocese of Cape Town, South Africa. He will also be a member of the College of Consultants. We congratulate Fr. Marie Joseph and send him our best wishes with our prayers.

The Archdiocese of Cape Town began

as the Apostolic Vicariate of the Cape of Good Hope in 1818 and was elevated to the rank of Metropolitan Archdiocese in 1951, having as suffragan dioceses Aliwal, De Aar, Oudtshoorn, Porth Elizabeth and Queenstown. The mission of the Discalced Carmelites in South Africa is in the care of Karnataka Goa Province (India).