



TERESIANUM CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY OF DOCTORATE OF SAINT THERESE

The Teresianum held an *Academic Day* on 13 May in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of St. Therese's declaration as a Doctor of the Church.

At the morning session, Professors Fr. Francois-Marie Lethel presented "The Story of a Soul as theological synthesis" and Fr. Bruno Moriconi spoke on "Therese of Lisieux, a woman of strength". In the afternoon, Professors Fr. Francesco Asti, Sr. Antonella Piccirilli and Fr. Emilio Martinez addressed the theme "Why the Doctorate of St. Therese of Lisieux is important today". All the conferences are reported on the Teresianum Youtube channel www.youtube.com/c/teresianumroma.

At 6 in the afternoon, Fr. Miguel Marquez Calle OCD, Grand Chancellor of the Teresianum, paid homage to Frs. Lethel and Moriconi. He expressed his admiration for both our Professors and thanked them for all these dedicated years of lecturing and academic

research. Afterwards they were both presented with a special issue of the Review *Teresianum* which had been prepared in their honour: "Studies in honour of Bruno Moriconi ocd and Francois-Marie Lethel ocd".

We conclude with the words of Fr. General: "Thank you, dear Father and Brother Francois Marie Lethel, for your passion and your enthusiasm for everything you do and live. Thank you because your life and your dedication are "for souls". Thank you for your readiness to live what God has indicated to you with the spirit of a disciple, which is the greatest lesson of a genuine master. Thank you, dear Father and Brother Bruno, for your humanity, for having shown us the most human aspect of theology, for putting Christ at the centre, for your art in expressing important things in simple words, for teaching us how the virtues can be lived by the simple man in the street".

25th ANNIVERSARY OF PROVINCE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, CENTRAL AMERICA

On 13th May 1997, Fr. Camillo Maccise, General at the time, inaugurated the OCD Province of Central America. It comprises six different nations: Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. The 25th anniversary of the foundation was celebrated this year on 13 May with a Mass in the Parish of St. John of the Cross in El Salvador. The presiding Prelate was Mons. Oswald Escobar Aguilar OCD.

A new enterprise had also begun this

year. The first Provincial meeting of the Teresian Carmel Councils of Nuns, Friars and OCDS concluded on 13th May. This was the result of many years of collaboration and dialogue between the different branches of the Order.

At this anniversary, we congratulate our Brothers and Sisters, thanking the Lord for what has already been accomplished while hoping and praying that their motto may continue to thrive: “*Aventuremos la vida*”.

JUBILEE YEARS OF TERESIAN CARMEL IN AUSTRIA

Carmelite Friars and Nuns in Austria are celebrating various jubilees of the following years:

- 400 years of Teresian Carmel in Austria with the foundation of a Monastery in Vienna, 4th February 1622;
- 350 years since the foundation of Linz Monastery, 19 September 1674;
- 300 years since the Consecration of the present Carmelite Church in Linz, 25th September 1726.

These Jubilee celebrations opened on 28 May 2022, with Solemn Mass presided over by Cardinal Christoph Schonborn

OP, Archbishop of Vienna. This was just the first of a number of projects planned. Among these, for example, is an exhibition on Teresian Carmel “*400 years of Friendship with God. Community – Prayer – Gifts*”, to be held this summer in Vienna and Linz. The exhibition will portray the history of the Order, its everyday life, and its Saints and Spirituality.

The figure of Fr. Dominic of Jesus and Mary OCD (Domingo Ruzzola, 1559-1630), who had the distinction of founding the Order in Austria, will also

have an important role during these celebrations. Various books about him will be published, a symposium will be held and a small permanent exhibition will be dedicated to him in the Carmelite church in Vienna-Dobling.

As well as this, two exhibitions of contemporary art (Gottfried Locker OCDS and Sonja Meller) are being planned. The

objective of these exhibitions is to make the spirituality and charism of Teresian Carmel more accessible and to express it at another level.

The exact details of these various events will be published regularly on the Austrian Teresian Carmel website (www.karmel.at).

1st MEETING OF COMMISSION FOR REVISION OF THE *RATIO INSTITUTIONIS*

The Commission for the Revision of the *Ratio Institutionis* of the Order held its 1st meeting, by zoom, on April 4, 2022. The General Chapter of 2021 had considered that such a revision was overdue, so Fr. General subsequently elected the following as members of a Commission for that purpose:

Martin Martinez (President of the Commission – Mexico); Jean-Baptiste Pagabeleguem (Secretary – Spain, Provincial Delegation of West Africa); Daniel Chowing (Co-ordinator – Washington); Halluendo Amit (Philippines); Tadeus Dim (Nigeria); Antony-Joseph Pinelli (Paris); Juan Miguel Henriquez Tobar (International College, Rome); Johannes Gorantla (Mission Seminary, Rome).

This first meeting concentrated on the members getting to know each other,

sharing their experiences in formation services and their hopes for bringing the *Ratio* up to date. The richness of diversity among the Commission members, of cultures and languages, is both a challenge and a constructive factor. One of the hopes of the Commission is that the *Ratio* be updated with practical criteria and experiences of ownership of our charism, but that it should also be the result of input from all the Order's friars and not just the reflections of the Commission. Accordingly, all formators and those currently in formation will be requested to evaluate the present *Ratio* and offer suggestions for its updating. A questionnaire is being prepared to this effect.

The next working session of the Commission is scheduled for 12 June 2022.

USA: SAINT TERESA ASSOCIATION FORMATORS' MEETING

It was with joy and gratitude, that the Formators of the Saint Teresa Association were finally able to gather for their first time ever in person Formators' meeting from March 7th till the 12th of this year. We had had to cancel it in November 2020 because of the Pandemic.

This March, our Formators came from all over the States, and from two Carmels in Canada, meeting in Louisiana at the Maryhill Renewal Center for this in-person meeting as *Cor Orans* 119 stipulates. Our meeting was facilitated by Father Daniel Chowning, O.C.D, who gave us wonderful conferences on *The Art of seeking the Face of God*. After each conference, we would break out into

small groups to work on the questions he gave us; this was to help us reflect more deeply on the topics.

It was a very beneficial week, and we brought home to our respective communities a lot of food for thought, and a deep desire to commit to a deeper formation. It was truly helpful to share with other Communities and Formators how formation was done in their respective communities. It became even more apparent to all of us, how well the Holy Spirit guides our religious life and religious formation under the guidance of our Holy Mother, the Church. As St. Teresa would say, we are blessed to call ourselves the daughters of the Church.

5th MEETING OF OCDS CICLA-South IN BOLIVIA

The 5th meeting of the OCDS CICLA-south took place in the city of Cochabamba, Bolivia, from 20th to 24th April 2022. It was composed of members from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. The theme for this Congress was "Disalced – Take off the sandals". Much of the discussion

at the conference centred on what being Disalced meant in an OCDS context and various realistic ways of putting it into practice were suggested.

A pleasant spirit of harmony and friendship prevailed at the Congress. Assistance at the different talks was possible either online or by physical

presence and all those present had the opportunity of participating and sharing in the themes presented. The congress was organised superbly with periods of work, reflection and fraternal recreation. The menu was abundant and excellent. Everybody could sample the culinary specialities of Bolivia too, as each day meals from the different regions of the country were on offer.

This 5th Congress of the CICLA-south OCDS has sown seeds in all those who shared the experience that will undoubtedly bear fruit in the lives of all Secular Carmelites in these regions and indeed throughout the world.

During the course of this Meeting it was decided that the next CICLA-south Congress would take place in Uruguay in 2025.

PERU: FR. ANGEL ZAPATA BANCES OCD NOMINATED AS BISHOP OF CHIMBOTE

The Holy Father nominated our brother Fr. Angel Zapata Bances OCD as Bishop of Chimbote, Peru, on 18 May 2022.

Fr. Angel was born in Lima, 3 August 1959. He entered the Carmelite Order in March 1979, making his First Profession 14 March 1982 and his Solemn Profession in Rome in 1986. He was ordained a priest in the Parish of St. James the Apostle in Lima 22 March 1987.

He studied theology at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in the Teresianum from 1984 until 1987 and later, from 1993 to 1997, studied for his Bachelor in Theology and Licence, also at the Teresianum.

Fr. Angel was engaged in the following official roles at different times: Formation (1986-1999 in Peru and Rome); Vicar Parish Priest and Parish Priest (1997-2008 in Peru); Regional Vicar and Commissar in Peru (1999-2005; 2008-2016); Councillor of the Vicariate (2005-2007). From 2018 he was Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Carmelite Parish in Lima and since 1917 was also Superior of that Carmelite Community.

May the Lord bless him in the mission to which He has called him. The prayers of Fr. Angel's Carmelite family accompany him.

2022 MEETING OF CICLA OCD

CICLA (Inter-regional Teresian Carmelite Conference of Latin America) held its triennial Meeting in Mexico City from 19th to 23rd April 2022. Present were Provincials, Commissars, Delegates and a Regional Vicar, namely: the Friars Everton Berny, Emerson Santos, Carlos Ospina, Leonel Cenicerros, Jacinto de los Santos, Milton Moulthon, Rodrigo Segura, Alfredo Amesti, Ricardo Prado, Cristobal Domingurz, Robin Calle, and Obdulio Penayo. Due to problems with his eyesight, Fr. Luis Beltran was unable to attend.

The theme for the Meeting was “This is your language” (C 20,4) which expresses the objective of reflecting on the common characteristics of how the Carmelite Charism is experienced in

Latin America. We divided the agenda into three phases: past, present and future (programme) of CICLA.

CICLA past. We recall “the race from which we come”, some people who had made a significant contribution to the renewal of the Carmelite Charism in Latin America.

CICLA present. We shared the characteristics of our understanding of and our way of living the Carmelite Charism at a personal and provincial level. The various themes were presented as witnessed experiences.

The entire meeting was held in a genial spirit of fraternal and trusting intercommunication. We thank all those who were present and pray for the fruitful success of our work together.