



INFORMATIONS FOR WYD2023

All questions related to the WYD2023 and the International meeting of Carmelite Youth should be sent to jmj2023@carmelitas.pt. Likewise, all the in-

formation we have regarding the WYD2023 and the International meeting will be communicated by the same email and will be available at <http://jmj2023.carmelitas.pt/>.

Information regarding the International meeting of Carmelite Youth

Place: Fátima, Portugal

Date: 31st of July 2023; from 10 am to 8 pm (it may change)

Establishing contact

Each group should send an email for jmj2023@carmelitas.pt, stating their interest to take part in the meeting, presenting the group (country, type of Carmelite community [sisters, friars, seculars, parish, college, ecclesial movement, etc.], and the group responsible) and should provide a participants' estimative.

Registration for the International meeting of Carmelite Youth Step n° 1:

- If accommodation for the night of July the 30th is needed:

The accommodation will be the same as the remaining days of the WYD¹. In order to guarantee accommodation, each group should make their WYD's registration as part of the macrogroup called ODC2023 and chose the package A1+(30 jul) or A3+(30 jul);

- If accommodation for the night of July the 30th is not needed:

Go to step n° 2.

¹ Since we do not have enough accommodations for the participants we expect attend the meeting, we, with the WYD organization, have arranged for the meeting participants to check in in the WYD accommodations one day before the official WYD opening day, so that they may spend the night and travel to Fátima.

Step nº 2: Registration for the International meeting of Carmelite Youth:

Between the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023, an online registration form will be available. Each group will formalize their registration and the process will end with the payment of the cost of participation.

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Registration Process

- Each group must be registered within the Carmelite macrogroup “**OCD2023**”.
- Each group, even though it should be registered within the Carmelite macrogroup, is able to choose the package that most fits its needs.

General information for the International meeting of Carmelite Youth:

- Each group should guarantee transportation to arrive to Fátima and to return to Lisbon (or other location) in order to participate in the International meeting of Carmelite Youth.
- Meals (lunch and dinner) are included in the price of the participants package.
- In due time, the program of the meeting will be presented. Nonetheless, all the participants will be invited for several moments: Eucharist, prayers moments, workshops, tour of Fátima, etc...

Days in Dioceses

- All questions related to the Days in Dioceses should be sent to the WYD2023 organization or by consultation of the official website: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/pt/preparacao/dias-nas-dioceses>.

Philippine: An Assembly of Beginnings

The 14th General Assembly of the Philippine Federation of Discalced Carmelite Nuns held last November 8-12, 2022 in Iloilo City, coincided with the launching of the centennial celebration of Jaro Carmel, the first Carmelite community in the country. Here, Carmel began on November 9, 1923 when the four French Carmelites from Hue (Vietnam) responded to the invitation of Bishop James P. McCloskey, Bishop of Jaro.

The centennial celebration was launched with a concelebrated mass presided by Archbishop Jose Romeo Lazo. In his homily, Fr. Chris Surinono, OCD,

Definitor General invited the nuns to “*feel with the Church, in the Church and for the Church and to learn from St. Therese of the Child Jesus the healing power of prayer.*” This assembly heightened our awareness of the need for vocation promotion. Fr. Danilo Lim, OCD, Provincial and Religious Assistant, presented some guide questions on the use of information technology and its role in vocation promotion, on our need for an integral human formation. The nuns also met Fr. Chris Surinono, OCD, Definitor General, who spoke to them on ‘*Fraternal Life According to St. Teresa*’.

Italy: OCDS Plenary Council of the Central Italy Province

From the 4th to 6th of November 2022, at the «Casa San Silvestro» Carmelite Spiritual Centre of Monte Compatri (outside Rome), the OCDS Plenary Council of the Province of Central Italy was held for the definitive revision of their «*ad experimentum*» Provincial Statute. The meeting was chaired by the OCDS Provincial President Laura Isotton, in collaboration with the Provincial Councillors Gabriella Stilli, Elena Primicerio and Hartine Benussi. The final day was dedicated to formation for the Secular members and the Assistant Priests

with the Conference debate presented by Dr Mara Cerroni, on the topic: «Family, a cradle of identity, awareness of and relationship with God, in the light of mystics and the call to contemplation».

At the end, there was a solemn Eucharistic Celebration in which Fiorella Manetta and Paolo Papo, of the Secular Order Community of Monte Compatri, made their Definitive Promises.

In addition to the visit of the Father Provincial, the Plenary Council was enlivened by the participation in the formation day of some Priest Assistants.

Germany:

Meeting of the three Councils

On October 30, in our spiritual centre in Birkenwerder, a meeting was held between the Provincial Council, the Council of the Federation of Our Nuns and a representative of the OCDS National Council. This meeting, which has taken place once every three years, is intended to promote the exchange of information between the three

branches of our Order in Germany and to make the common apostolate more visible in the current context.

The proposal to hold this meeting of the «Three Councils» every year was discussed and approved, so that there could be more exchanges and collaborations between us.

2022 Provincial Day

This year, 28 confreres came to our Regensburg monastery for the provincial day. The prior and parish priest of our monastery in Munich, Fr. Bruno Piechowski, very clearly presented the monastic life of Therese of Lisieux, as described in statements from her Cause. The community of Lisieux was not very exemplary at the time and therefore Ther-

ese's witness challenges us even more, especially with regard to fraternal charity. This stimulated our discussions, first in small groups, then in plenary session. This beautiful day of meeting ended with Evening Prayer in the crypt of the monastery and with an abundant buffet offered by the Regensburg monastery, always so welcoming.

Mexico: 56th Assembly of COPEFOR (Permanent Commission for Formation)

From the 7th to 10th of November 2022, in our CESP Spirituality Center in Guadalajara (Jalisco), the 56th Assembly of COPEFOR (Permanent Commission for Formation) of the Carmelite Family was held in Mexico.

The formators from the sisters and friars, who accompany the new generations eager to consecrate their lives to God, met around the topic: *«Fostering an approach to the global reality and to the post-pandemic youth, in the light of biblical anthropology and Carmelite spiritual-*

ity, in order to understand and accompany the new generations of young people».

Let us thank God for this time of grace, during which, through prayer, reflection, study, fraternity and encounter with others, we gave witness to God's providence that gave us the necessary

ideas and instruments. They allow all the formators of Carmel to continue to accompany religious vocations who wish to live more intensely their following of Christ and reach the fullness of their life and vocation.

Tanzania: The Vicariate of Tanzania Inaugurated their Year of Ruby Jubilee

A great milestone in the history of the Discalced Carmelite Vicariate of Tanzania was unveiled on 6th of November 2022. It was the inauguration of the Ruby Jubilee (40 years) of Carmelite presence in Tanzania. Fr. Praveen Frank, the Regional Vicar, with Fr. George Santhumayor, Provincial, presided over the Eucharist Celebration. All the Friars were present for this great event.

Beginning of the Eucharist, the history of the Order and Vicariate was read and the Ruby Jubilee Logo was unveiled, then the Ruby Jubilee Candle was lit. All the Parishes where our service is given were represented and brought lot of offertory and gifts. It was a great gathering and joyful celebrations. After the mass there was cutting of the Jubilee cake and agape.

Vietnam: new school year inaugurated

The Temporary Professed Sisters of the Member Monasteries of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Association of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns in Vietnam were so excited to begin the new term of study on November 2nd 2022. Thanks be to God, who has given us this invaluable opportunity to begin the sec-

ond cycle (2022-2023) of the 5.5 year cycle of the initial formation for the Temporary Professed Sisters of the Association. According to the plan of study, each cycle begins in November and finishes in August the following year. According to the *Ratio* of our Association (updated according to *Cor Orans* and adapted to Vietnam), the

Temporary Professed Sisters will study ten subjects this year (comprising four subjects about the Order and six subjects about theology).

The Discalced Carmelite Friars in Vietnam help us in the subjects about the Order. Concerning the subjects about theology, we will invite the professors from the

Dominican and Redemptorist Orders, and the Priests from the Archdiocese of Saigon.

May God the Father bless our work. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Carmel and all the Carmelite Saints intercede for us.