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*“Let us walk together, Lord –
We dialogue to understand.”*

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Immaculate Heart of Mary

**TO THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS – CONSTITUTIONS OF 1991**

My dear Sisters: ¡PEACE AND HOPE!

I trust you are well and at peace as you receive these words from me.

‘The Spirit of Nemi’

Many echoes have been resounding since the end of our meeting in Nemi. The expression 'spirit of Nemi' has become typical, reflecting a grace lived in communion and a gift of the Lord, Who breathed His Spirit in our assembly there, impelling us to continue working with confidence and enthusiasm. It is a dialogue that always seeks to walk in truth, trying to understand and not to convince. It is a path of communion: let us walk together!

New material: conferences and survey

After the first mailing a few weeks ago that contained the final message and the summary of all the days of the assembly, we are now sending you this material that consists of the conferences that took place in Nemi, the translations of which we have just completed. We ask you to send all this material to your communities.

A journey of grace, of work and of continuing communion

We are not stopping at “the good taste” that the meeting of the presidents and delegates in Nemi has left us, but we are continuing on the path we have taken, with these next steps:

International Commission

Through your delegates, you have unanimously agreed on the need to create an International Commission, and offered some criteria of representation so that this commission will channel and guide the work from all the material received so far: indications, criteria and key ideas for the elaboration of a Constitutional text which takes into account the following documents: *The Declarations* (1977), *The Constitutions* (1991), *The Declaration on the Charism* (2021), *Vultum Dei quaerere* (2016) and *Cor Orans* (2018). The task of this commission is to bring the Constitutions up to date: "to discover new language, new ways and new means to give greater impetus to the contemplative life that the Lord has called you to embrace, so that the charism of Carmel may be preserved (...) recollecting the past – we must not deny this – in order to look to the future. Indeed, you make me think of how the contemplative vocation is not about tending embers, but rather about

fanning into flame a fire that can continue to burn and provide warmth to the Church and the world. ". (Address of the Holy Father Francis to the Superiors and Delegates of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns, Rome, April 18, 2024).

Each federation will choose two names

We ask each president of the Federations (with the participation of all the communities) to offer two names of sisters to form this international commission. These will be one from your own federation and one from another federation (from your own geographical region). It would be good to give a reason for the proposal of these sisters. The deadline for sending the answers would be after the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (July 16, 2024), no later than the end of July. With the answers of all the Federations, the commission of 9 sisters will be named, with the criteria and the representation of continents and number of nuns by region.

We continue to pray, with confidence to the Holy Spirit, and to place ourselves under the loving gaze of Mary. May she, in her Immaculate Heart, enlighten in us the image of her Son, our Spouse, Friend and Companion. In her hands are all our works, with the desire to be the Carmelites that Teresa of Jesus longs for in this moment of history and of the Church.

With my blessing, affection and prayers:



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