SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE DISCALCED CARMELITES
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Mt. Carmel, November 10, 2024

Dear OCDS brothers and sisters,
Dear OCDS delegates, spiritual assistants,

Greetings in the Lord. I pray that this letter finds you, your families and communities doing well.

What a great joy it is for me to take this opportunity to invite you to the **OCDS World Meeting**, which will be taking place in the city of Avila, Spain, on **July 23-26, 2026**. The title of the meeting is ***Witnesses to the Experience of God: Identity and Mission***.

This event will be a historical moment in the history of the OCDS and a unique opportunity to know each other, share our faith, renew our Carmelite charism, and strengthen the fraternal ties that unite us all as members of the Discalced Carmelite family. We are expecting the participation of nearly one thousand people from all over the world. In the context of the rich spirituality of St. Teresa of Jesus and Saint John of the Cross, this meeting will allow us to deepen our journey toward union with God through prayer and fraternal life.

The program will include moments of prayer, reflection, conferences, and various spiritual and cultural activities, in an atmosphere of communion and celebration. We are sure that this meeting in the land of St. Teresa will be an enriching spiritual experience for all.

Avila, a city that keeps the steps of our mother St. Teresa, welcomes us with its history, inviting us to live this meeting as a time of spiritual renewal and community growth. We hope to count on your presence and participation in this very special event. You will find all the information necessary on our website: https://www.carmelitaniscalzi.com/en/ .

May the Lord, our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Joseph accompany us and guide us in the preparation of this meeting, so that it may be a true sign of communion and unity within our beloved Order of the Discalced Carmelites.

I sign this letter at the feet of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the Shrine of Stella Maris. From here, I bless you and pray for all of you, my brothers and sisters of the Secular Carmel throughout the world. We seek refuge under her protection and trust in her maternal care.

Receive all my affection in Christ and my prayers for each one of you.

Fraternally,

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