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An International Symposium on the Historiography of the Teresian Carmel

As previously announced the symposium was celebrated from January 2-5 at the Teresianum, Rome. It involved the participation of some outstanding carmelite scholars: Fr. Thomas Alvarez ('St. Teresa, Foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Friars in the first period of our historiography'), Fr. Eulogio Pacho ('Historiography of the Teresian-Carmelite Spirituality'), Fr. Jose Vicente Rodriguez ('Essay on the Historiography of St. John of the Cross'),... We are grateful to them for sacrificing their time. Fr. General opened the event with an introductory talk and at the end with a closing statement.

There were talks on historiography in the different areas of the Order. Of course, the Symposium did not try to exhaust all this information, it wanted only to present some indications so that the same concern [for our history] will be taken up in other areas of the Order. This concern should be borne in mind from the first moment of the Order's presence. Everywhere efforts should be made to collect, preserve, catalogue and, where possible, publish in a scientific journal the documentary sources of our history. Other specific research papers were also read by other participants.

Without excluding anyone, the Symposium was aimed at those who work in the field of historiography. For this reason we endeavoured to limit the number of participants. By the end of the encounter it became clear that we need to be more concerned to preserve, put into order and publish our archival sources. Later on, such sources can form part of our history, reproducing as they do the life and workings of carmel. Historiography repeats the past and sheds light on the future. It is for this reason that we need to encourage our young carmelites to cultivate the history of our family, to promote it, in the sense of 'memoriam rerum', which is an on-going examination of who we are.

First priest for the Delhi Commissariate (India)

From 1979 the Malabar Province of southern India has been present in the northern State of the Punjab. At the foot of the Himalayas the Province has been active in missionary work. It is an area where there are few catholics. Many of our missionaries and young carmelite students have gone there from the abundant vocational fields of Kerala. Our Hoshiarpur mission has no less than 21 houses or missionary stations.

In 2004 the General Definitory agreed that the Hoshiarpur Regional Vicarite should have the status of a Commissariate 'ad experimentum' for six years. Meanwhile the missionary work has been crowned with local vocations. Thus on January 3, 2009 the bishop of Jalandhar ordained the first carmelite priest from this northern indian State. He is Fr. Prem Paramjit. The following day, January 4 he celebrated the eucharist in the church of Christ the King, Ramdas. The Delhi Commissariate is endeavouring to form religious for its houses of formation.

Fourth Centenary of Avignon Carmel

The fourth centenary of the oldest priory in the Avignon-Aquitaine Province and of the present french territory in the historical papal town deserves to be recalled. Carmel was restored to France in 1839 by religious coming from Spain. However, its roots go back to the Italian Congregation. On September 25, 1608 seven carmelites, of which four were French, left Genoa to found a priory in Avignon, then situated in the Papal States. It was the seventh foundation by the Italian Congregation, after those of Genoa (1584), Rome (1597), Naples (1602), Montecompatri (1605), Cracow (1605) and Cremona (1606). For the importance that it holds for Carmel in France the Avignon priory has been the object of an historic evocation.

On November 6 last year 35 religious from the Avignon-Aquitaine Province met in this city. They celebrated the eucharist in the convent of our carmelite nuns and later visited the old carmelite sites in the city: the old priory of the Fathers of the Ancient Observance and the location of our own priory, destroyed in the 19th century. It was a prayerful visit, a recalling of the past. When we consider our origins we are encouraged to look to the future.

The review 'Carmel' dedicated two articles to the historical aspect of the theme, as did the buletin by the federation of the carmelite nuns 'D'un Colombier à l'autre', written by Fr. Louis-Marie of Jesus.

The Carmelite Association in Anglophone Africa

The general Association of 'Our Lady of Africa' took place from September 3-14. It was for all the english-speaking carmelts on the African continent. The chapter dealing with elections elected the following: President. Mother Marie Therese of Sacred Heart (Teresa Nelly), from Benoni Carmel, South Africa. Assisting her as councillors: 1) Mary Celine of the Holy Face (Brockbank), from the Zing community in Nigeria, 2) Mary Elizabeth of the Most H. Trinity (Betty Gladys Mugabi), from Mityana community in Uganda, 3) Mary Grace of the Sacred Heart (Maria Baby Lasconia), from the Cabo community in South Africa, 4) Rose Mary of the Eucharist (Maricela Gutiérrez Sánchez), from the Buea community in the Cameroon. Sr. John Mary of the Cross (Emmerentiana Wekuke), from the Kaimosi –Tindinyo community in Kenya, is substitute.

The Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life on December 12, appointed Fr. Remigius Ikpe, a carmelite priest from Nigeria, as religious assistant to the Association.

Books Received in the Generalate

1) Bernardine Vallathara, *Fr. Adeodatus OCD, another Francis Xavier*. Trivandrum 2006, 64 pp.

2) Various authors, *The Carmelite Rule (1207-2007). Proceedings of the Lisieux Conference*. Edizioni Carmelitane, Roma 2008, 628 pp.

3) Charlò Camilleri, O. Carm., *Union with God as Transformation in the Beauty. A Literary-Spiritual Analysis of the Colloquies of Santa Maria Maddalena de' Pazzi 1566-1607*. Edizioni Carmelitane, Roma 2008, 432 pp.

4) Aldino Cazzago – Piero Rizza, *Il Carmelo in Romania*. Verona 2008, 120 pp.

5) Spanish Episcopal Conference, *Quiénes son y de dónde vienen. 498 mártires del siglo XX en España*. Editorial EDICE, Madrid 2007, 524 pp.

6) Spanish Episcopal Conference, *Los primeros 479 santos y beatos mártires del siglo XX en España*. Editorial EDICE, Madrid 2008, 77 pp.

7) Marcello della Vergine del Carmelo, *Con Maria alla scoperta dell'Amore. Vita ed autobiografia (1887-1966)*. Edizioni OCD, Morena 2008, 307 pp.

8) Jesús Castellano Cervera, *Orar con el Año Litúrgico. Ciclo B*. Edicep. Valencia 2008, 196 pp.

9) Maria-Assumpta Windisch, *Porträt einer Karmelitin, Mutter Maria-Teresa vom Heiligen Joseph Tauscher van den Bosch (1855-1938)*. Johannes Verlag, Leutersdorf 1994, 158 pp.

10) Antonio Sagardoy, *Am Wasser gepflanzt. Begegnung mit Mutter Maria Teresa Tauscher*. Christliche Innerlichkeit, Wien 2006, 48 pp.

11) Gemma Hinricher, *Nach Auschwitz von Gott reden*. Katholikentag Berlin 1990, 14 pp.

- 12) Reinhard Körner, „*Ich habe euch Freunde genannt*“. *Meditationen zu den Bilddarstellung in der Karmelitenkirche*. Birkenwerde 2004, 60 pp.
- 13) Miguel de Sampaio Sotto-Mayor Negrão, *O encontro da cristiandade portuguesa como o antigo reino do Congo. A época de D. Manuel I de Portugal e Alfonso I do Congo*. Universitas Sanctae Crucis, Roma 2004, 375 pp.
- 14) Franco Giulio Brambilla, *Essere preti oggi e domani. Teologia, pastorale e spiritualità*. Glossa Editrice, Milano 2008, 128 pp.
- 15) Manfred Döbbeler, *Combattente per la Pace. Warenfried van Straaten*. Königstein im Taunus 2004, 126 pp.
- 16) Antonio Fortes, *Las Misiones del Carmelo Teresiano 1800-1899. Documentos del Archivo General de Roma*. MHCT, Roma 2008, 804 pp.
- 17) Aniano Álvarez-Suárez, *Recuerdo y memoria. Inspiración, nacimiento y consolidación del Carmelo Teresiano*. Burgos 2006, 345 pp.
- 18) Rafael Zubieta, *El derecho de los Carmelitas Descalzos. Comentario doctrinal y jurídico a las Constituciones de la Orden de Carmelitas Descalzos (1986)*. Burgos 2008, 503 pp.
- 19) Pablo María Garrido, O. Carm., *Documentación relativa a la antigua Provincia Carmelita de Castilla (1416-1836)*. Edizioni Carmelitane, Roma 2008, 748 pp.
- 20) Balbino Velasco Bayón, O. Carm., *Historia del Carmelo Español, IV 1835*. Edizioni Carmelitane, Roma 2008, 477 pp.
- 21) *Ordre des Pères Carmes. 40 ans de présence à Madagascar*. S/a, s/l, 16 pp.
- 22) *Notre Dame du Mont Carmel, Ambarilava Moramanga. Ouverture des 40 ans de fondation de l'Ordre des Carmes Déchaux à Madagascar dans l'Océan Indien, 1969-2009*. S/a, s/l, 21 pp.
- 23) Konštantín Filozof, *Sv. Cyril. Proglas, Foreword*. Perfekt, Bratislava 2004, 67 pp.
- 24) Raimund Bruderhofer, *Quellen zur Geschichte der österreichischen Karmelitenprovinz OCD. Acta Provinciae Austriacae a S. Leopoldo (1701-1838)*. MHCT, Roma 2009, 1040 pp.
- 25) Teresa de Jesús, *Escritos esenciales. Introducción y edición: Alfonso Ruiz ocd*. Sal Terrae, Santander 2008, 294 pp.

New Email Addresses at the Generalate

We are repeating the same details already communicated the last time. From the beginning of this year our 'pcn' server has ceased to function for our email. The new server is gmail. Consequently the following are the new addresses:

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General Bursar:	ocdecogen@gmail.com
General Archives:	ocdarch@gmail.com
Mission Secretary:	ocdmis@gmail.com
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