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All the information on the General Chapter at a 'click'

The generalate has made available a webpage from which you will be able to follow the course of the 90th general chapter, that the Order will celebrate on April 17 to May 9 in 'Domus Carmeli', Fatima, Portugal. News, profiles of the participants, interviews and all the daily chapter information, together with a documentary section, a photo gallery and other multimedia resources will give you the chance to know the step by step progress of the general chapter. At the same time, this new webpage has an automatic system for 'sending news' that will send up to date information of the chapter to our own email addresses.

This new webpage, in five languages – italian, spanish, english, french and german- has a direct communications channel for anyone who would like to make contact and send a message to the general assembly.

You can access the webpage through the webpage of our general curia

<http://www.discalcedcarmelite.com>

or directly using the following address: www.discalcedcarmelite.com/capitulo.

Fr. Silvio Baez OCD, Auxiliary Bishop of Managua

At 14.00 hours on Maundy Thursday, April 9, Vatican radio announced the appointment of Fr. Silvio Baez Ortega as auxiliary bishop of Managua, Nicaragua.

Fr. Silvio was born in Masaya, Nicaragua, on April 24, 1958. He made first profession on February 21, 1981. He studied philosophy and theology at the Technological Institute of Central America in San Jose, Costa Rica. He was ordained a priest on January 15, 1985 in San Ramon, Costa Rica. For his specialization in biblical studies he travelled to Rome. The 51 year old new bishop belongs to the Central American province. At present he is a professor and the Vice-president of the pontifical faculty of theology at the 'Teresianum' Pontifical Institute of Spirituality, in Rome.

He obtained a licence in biblical theology at the Gregorianum Pontifical University, Rome and did further studies in geography and sacred archeology at the biblical school, Jerusalem. He became professor in the carmelite house in Guatemala and professor of sacred scripture and biblical theology at the Theological Institute of Central America, in Costa Rica. He was also professor of sacred scripture in the 'Francisco Marroquin' University, Guatemala, in the 'Rafael Landivar' University', Guatemala and in the major seminary of the Assumption in Guatemala.

In Rome he was a professor of biblical spirituality at the Urbanianum, Pontifical University, and was professor of sacred scripture at the Pontifical theological faculty and the 'Teresianum' Pontifical Institute of Spirituality.

Appointments of the Teresianum, Rome

On March 14 Fr. General, Luis Arostegui, as the chancellor of our pontifical theological faculty, in Rome, made the following appointments, following the proposals of the academic council:

1) Fr. Silvio José Báez, of the Central American province, vice-president of the faculty; 2) Fr. Juan Luis Astigarraga, of the Navare province, the new director of the publication "*Bibliographia Internationalis Spiritualitatis*" (= *BIS*); 3) Fr. Denis Chardonnens, Avignon-Aquitane province, director of the academic review "*Teresianum*"; 4) Fr. Iván de Jesús Mora Pernía, of the Venezuelan delegation, director of the publication "*Archivum Bibliographicum Carmeli Teresiani*" (= *ABCT*); 5) the same Fr. Iván, assistant-librarian of the faculty; 6) Fr. François-Marie Léthel, of the Paris province, delegate to the academic institutes affiliated to the Teresianum.

Parish of St. Edith Stein, Rome

On March 22, the cardinal-vicar of Rome, Augustine Vallini, assisted by Mgr. Luigi Moretti, assistant administrator for Rome, and by the area bishop, Mgr. Ernesto Mandara, solemnly dedicated a new parish in the Italian capital to our saintly Carmelite martyr. It is the work of the architect Robert Panella. The church has a capacity for 300 people, and will serve a population of 10,000. It is to be found in Via Siculana, 161, on the outskirts of Rome, a place called 'Dos Leones'.

The parish was built on October 11, 1998, on the day of Edith Stein's canonization. After 11 years of celebrating the mass in a small room, it can now be celebrated in this vast building, with its high tower. The cardinal said in his homily the saintly patroness of the parish was "a valiant saint, whose faith and intelligence were outstanding. Take her as a model, study her and invoke her in your prayers..."

Cardinal Meisner, archbishop of Cologne, and Mother Thekla Famiglietti, the general of the Brigidines, helped to finance the construction. Saint Teresa Benedict of the Cross is one of the three patronesses of Europe, together with St. Bridget of Sweden.

The parish has a chapel for weekly masses, 10 rooms for catechesis, a multi-purpose room, that can also be used as a theatre. The presbytery and parish offices are nearby.

Bro. Pablo of the Mother of God (26.03.2009 RIP)

This saintly brother, who lived on Mt. Carmel for 60 uninterrupted years, died on March 26 in Haifa (Israel). Bro. Pablo (Jesus Fernandez Diaz) was born in Osorno (Spain) on January 15, 1928. He made his first vows on October 8, 1946 in the Navare province. After a brief spell in Rome he was sent to join the Stella Maris community on Mt Carmel in 1949.

There he became a saintly religious, remembered and appreciated for the way he joyfully welcomed pilgrims, and the way he offered himself in many other services at the shrine. His life was characterized by service and his kind nature. He had a proverbial capacity to communicate in a tender and optimistic way, having just the right word for every individual and for each group. Everyone liked him and could never forget his kindness. Fr. Damaso Zuazua, from the generalate, presided at his funeral. In his homily Fr. Jose Colon (one of our Mexican priests and member of the general delegation of Israel), spoke in Spanish, Italian and English: He drew the spiritual and character and the many human qualities of Bro. Pablo. "To speak of Bro. Pablo, he recalled, is to speak of service, prayer, patience, gentleness, humility, goodness, friendship, silence, humour and work..."

His Navare province was represented by Fr. Alfredo Amesti, a provincial councillor, and by Bro. Julian Ibarra, a fellow novice of Bro. Pablo from 1945-1946 in Amorebieta-Larrea. Three nephews of the deceased also took part in the mass. His body was laid to rest in our Haifa parish cemetery. Fr. General sent a message to the Mt. Carmel community and to the delegation of Israel, which was read at the end of the mass. Bro. Pablo was a Carmelite without boundaries. Christian Arabs, Muslim Arabs, Jews, Druze and many pilgrims to Mt. Carmel spread through the world have shed tears over his death and the loss of an incomparable friend and confidant.