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#### CITES to transmit by Internet the Congress on St. Teresa's '*Book of Her Life*'

**Avila (Spain) 13 July 2010 (Communicaciones).**- Avila's International Centre of Teresa and John of the Cross (CITeS – Centre of Mysticism) will be offering an Internet transmission of the 1st. International Teresian Congress on '*The Book of Her Life*'.

Sources from CITeS inform us that it will be possible to follow the entire Congress (23-31 August in Avila) on the Internet. The Centre will provide a website ([www.teresadeavila.org](http://www.teresadeavila.org)) and registrations will be open to the general public. All the proceedings of the Congress will be available in Spanish, Italian, English or French.

Various options are available for registration. The basic rate is 50 Euro per person with a special price of 100 Euro for Religious Communities. Collaborators and benefactors may be especially generous and pay 150 Euro each.

This is undoubtedly a very welcome initiative, providing an opportunity for world-wide diffusion of these international Carmelite Congresses during the Order's preparation for the 5<sup>th</sup> Centenary of the birth of St. Teresa.

More than 30 speakers from different countries will take part in this first Congress. Notably among them will be Archbishops Ricardo Blázquez of Valladolid and Jean Sleiman of Bagdad as well as other well-known Teresian scholars, Frs. Tomás Álvarez, Secundino Castro, Maximiliano Herráiz...Apart from studying the central themes of St. Teresa's '*Life*', the Congress will address many other complimentary subjects, such as the Saint's input on family life, politics, the lay state, consecrated life etc...

### Travelling Exposition

At 5 p.m. on 23 August, the opening day of the Congress, an exposition relating to St. Teresa's '*Life*' will be inaugurated. This proposes to be a didactic survey of the content and history of this particular work of the Saint. It includes the first printed editions of the '*Life*' and its numerous translations to other languages.

The expo will remain on view in Avila until the 15 September and will then be brought to all parts of Spain.

## **An Important Protagonist in Spiritual Renewal of 19<sup>th</sup> Century France**

### **The remains of Fr. Hermann Cohen return to Monastery of Broussey**

**Broussey (France), 12 July 2010 (Communicationes).**- On 15<sup>th</sup> April, during the celebration of the Plenary Council of the Avignon-Aquitania Province, the remains of Fr. Hermann Cohen (1820-1871) were moved to the Monastery of Broussey, near Burdeos.

The mortal remains of Fr. Hermann were placed in the Conventual Chapel, where the altar includes a fragment donated by the Queen of Spain, Maria Cristina. The community shared a brief liturgical ceremony with a reading from Ezequiel (37, 1-14) and with some reflections on the Communion of Saints by the Provincial, Fr. Henri of the Child Jesus. During the ceremony the community sang '*Ecce Panis Angelorum*' with a melody composed by Fr. Hermann himself, while Fr. Provincial unveiled a commemorative plaque signed by each of the Religious present.

Fr. Hermann (Augustine Mary of the Blessed Sacrament) played an important role in the spread of our Order in France and England, making various foundations before his death as he assisted French soldier-prisoners in Berlin in 1871. He was an important figure in the French spiritual renewal of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Originally a Jew, he was a well known personality in the artistic world of his time, before his conversion to the Catholic faith, on his discovery of devotion to Eucharistic adoration. In 1849 he entered Carmel, (recently restored in France by Fr. Dominic of St. Joseph – 1839), where Hermann applied his remarkable services and talents as an organist and composer. He also became a renowned promoter of night-adoration of the Blessed Eucharist.