

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

***‘The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew’
(Pope Francis).***

Christmas is a time when we truly experience God’s love and his joy fills our hearts. For us Carmelites, the Lord has been present to us, walking with us and accompanying us at every turn this year. Christmas is a wonderful time to recall and thank God for his enduring presence with us. Here we share such moments of God’s presence with us, which were possible only through you, who have been an instrument in God’s hand and contributed in your own way in the year 2022.

THE SHEPHERD VISITS

Very Rev. Fr. Miguel Márquez Calle, Superior General of the Order landed at Sadbhavana on 10 October 2022 and was warmly welcomed by the community friars of Sadbhavana along with the Cloistered Carmel sisters. He also visited some of our communities.



PLATINUM CELEBRATIONS

On 19 March 2022, we celebrated the platinum jubilee of the St. Joseph’s Monastery, Mangalore, the second oldest foundation of the Karnataka Goa Province. We also inaugurated the new Platinum Jubilee Memorial Block.



On 12 February, the Cloistered Carmel, Chicalim-Goa celebrated 75 years of its foundation.



YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD

Fr William Miranda, Director of Prerana Social Centre, Jagaluru received the “Bhartiya Seva Ratna award 2022”, for lifetime achievement in social service. The Award was presented by Global Scholars Foundation on 28 August 2022 in Pune.

Brs. Jesvin Tom Benoy and Prithesh Steeve Crasta, made the province proud by receiving gold medals from St. Philomena’s College, Mysore for excellence in academics.

Fr. Sunil Rodrigues successfully defended his thesis on 15th June 2022 on the theme: “Entropathy as a necessary condition towards a communitarian living in the writings of Edith Stein” and was awarded a Licentiate in Philosophy from Lateran University, Rome.

JUBILATIONS

The Province is blessed with friars and nuns who have lived a long life of commitment.

- Sr Anne Therese from Hassan Carmel completed 70 years of religious life.
- Br Gregory Menezes completed 65 years, and Fr Gregory D’Souza 60 years of religious life.
- Fr Faustin Crasta, Sr Mary Theresia from Hassan Carmel, Srs Anne Therese and Mary Aloysia from Bengaluru Carmel completed 50 years in the Garden of Carmel.
- Frs Patrick Lobo and Walter Lobo celebrate 50 years of priestly life.
- Frs Cyprian Fernandes, Jerald P D’Souza, Vincent D’Souza and Wilfred Pais celebrated the silver anniversary of their priestly ordination.
- Frs John B Pinto, Lancy Mendonca, Peter Rebello, Jacob C, Victor Fernandes, Rohan Miranda, Ligoury Crasta and Deepak Thomas celebrate 25 years of their religious profession.
- Srs Mary Emmanuel from Hassan and Mary Catherine from Mangalore also celebrated 25 years of religious life.

NEW FOUNDATIONS

On, 23 January 2022, the newly constructed edifice of Emmaus Wellness Centre was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. Frank Carvalho and Fr Praveen D’Souza. This centre was built for the wellness of the people and especially, towards mental and spiritual wellness. The Centre will strive its best to focus on a holistic and all-inclusive approach to human health.



On 27 September 2022, Carmel Sannidhi, the newly built monastery at Kadaganchi, Kalaburagi was inaugurated and blessed by Most Rev. Dr. Robert Miranda, Bishop of Gulbarga, Rev. Fr George Santhumayor and the community members.



On 18 November 2022, the province rejoiced on the occasion of inauguration and blessing of the new monastery Divya Sadan, in the capital city of Bengaluru. Rev. Fr George Santhumayor, Provincial Superior inaugurated the monastery and Fr Charles Serrao, the former Provincial blessed the monastery with the Holy Water.



JOURNEY IN CARMEL

COME AND SEE! On 19 June 2022 the orientation Course at Avila Jyothi Mapusa. This year, God has blessed our Province with 10 vocations. In Tanzania, we have 5 vocations.



HERE THEY COME! On 1 June 2022, 8 brothers after completing their Initiation course joined Asha Deepa, Madanthyar. We have now 25 brothers pursuing their PUC studies.



TO SMELL THE FRAGRANCE OF CARMEL! Eleven brothers began their postulancy at Carmelite Monastery, Margao on 16 June 2022. Also on 19 July 2022, eight brothers joined the postulancy in Malisho, Tanzania.



MY JESUS MY LOVE, I RESOLVE TO BE YOURS!
On 1 May 2022, five of our novices made their first profession at Tapovana, Kushalnagar. Also on 20 July 2022, four young novices said YES to the Lord at Malisho, Tanzania.



Presently there are 6 novices at Tapovana and 8 novices at Malisho.



We also have brothers pursuing their ecclesiastical studies in Philosophy at Pushpashrama, Mysuru and Theology at Carmel Hill, Mangaluru, and Kola in Tanzania.



On 20 May 2022, five of our brothers made their solemn profession at Carmel Hill, Mangaluru.



This year, our province was blessed with 8 new priests, 4 in India, 1 in Canada and 3 in Tanzania. We were also blessed with 5 deacons this year.



Srs. Teresa Beatrice of Bunda Carmel and Therese Marie of Mangalore Carmel made their solemn vows to the Lord in the Garden of Carmel this year.



Our Junior Priests had a 5 day meet at Emmaus, Mapusa. The Junior sisters of the Cloistered Carmels of the Federation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel also had a month long Psycho-Spiritual Course at Sadbhavana, Bengaluru.

OCDS REGIONAL GATHERING

The OCDS Regional Gathering (Konkani) was held from 23-24 October at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Shanti Kiran, Mangaluru. 77 OCDS members from 8 Communities and 5 Spiritual Assistants participated in this meeting.



CALLED TO ETERNITY

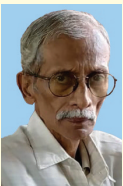
We bid adieu to the following members, who have served the Lord faithfully during their life.

Sr Teresa Margaret of the Incarnation,

hailing from Kerala passed away on 21 September 2022 at Bunda Carmel, Tanzania. She was 82 years old. She was an energetic, jovial and cheerful person; and was among the members who founded the Kurnool Carmel and the Carmel at Bunda, Tanzania.



Mr Joaquim Santan Rebello OCDS, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community, Margao, passed away on 31 January 2022 due to COVID. He deeply loved Carmel and its spirituality. He was fond of St. Teresa Los Andes and was a contributor to our magazine Springs of Living Water.



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“O sweet Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of Christmas.
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace
for which they sometimes seek so desperately
and which you alone can give to them.
Help them to know one another better,
and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty,
holiness and purity.
Awaken in their hearts
love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.
Join them all together in your love.
And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.”
— Saint John XXIII

THE DISCALCED CARMELITES
Karnataka Goa Province

**Wishes you a Joyful Christmas
and a Blessed New Year 2023**

