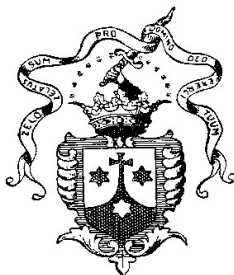


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PROVINCE NEWS

FOR THEY ARE THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, GOD'S CHOSEN POSSESSION!

1. The KG Province enriched itself further when the Lord chose two able men of the Order and granted them a place in His priesthood. They are **Fr Ronald Minin Furtado** and **Fr Jason Francis Coutinho** who were ordained on 11th of May and 12th May respectively. Fr Ronald chose the theme 'Witness to love, faithful in service' for his ordination which took place at his native parish Allanki, Honnavar presided by His Excellency Most Rev. Derek Fernandes, the Bishop of Belgaum. After the Ordination, a small felicitation was organized. On the next day was the ordination of Fr Jason at Carmelite Monastery, Margao. The theme chosen by him was 'Abide in my love.' His Grace Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrao, the Archbishop of Goa and Daman received Fr Jason into the ranks of clergy. The ceremonies were attended by their families and friends and a great number of priests concelebrated in the Eucharist.

2. The sacerdotal ordination of **Fr. Aaron Babusha Rodrigues** was held at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangalore on 22nd June 2022. Most Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha, the Bishop of Mangalore exercised his rightful duty in ordaining Dn Babusha in the presence of the faithful and over 80 priests representing most of

the communities of the province. After the mass, Fr Provincial wished the newly ordained priest and thanked the Bishop.

The newly ordained priests Frs. Ronald Furtado, Jason Coutinho and Babusha Rodrigues celebrated their thanksgiving mass on 23rd June 2022 at Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte, during the 6:00 PM Novena Mass, Fr Ronald preached a spirited homily on the occasion of the solemnity of St John the Baptist and Fr Babusha Rodrigues celebrated the mass in the company of Fr Jason and Fr Charles Serrao, the prior of St. Joseph's Monastery.

3. The Vicariate of Tanzania thanks God for the gift of a new priest **Fr. John Charles Muna OCD**. He was ordained to the sacerdotal priesthood on the 27th of July at Christ the King Parish, Kibaoni in the Catholic Diocese of Singida. The priestly ordination rite was conferred by His excellency, the Bishop of the Diocese of Singida Rt. Rev. Edward Mapunda. He is the 14th Discalced Carmelite priest to be ordained from the land of Tanzania.

4. On July 30, 2022, **Frs. Prosper Kaiza and George Masambu** were ordained priests at Mary's Parish, Ngudu in the Archdiocese of Mwanza. The priestly ordination rite was conferred by his Grace the Archbishop Most. Rev. Rensus Nkwande. The ordination mass was attended by their families and friends and a good number of priests who concelebrated at the Eucharist.

SOLO DIOS BASTA!

Five brothers of our province committed themselves to the Lord in the Carmelite Order for life through the pronouncement of the vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience. The brothers who professed their vows on 20th May are **Bros. Pranam Fernandes, Siltan Noronha, Anthony Stephen, Clifford Rodrigues and Santosh Menezes**. After seven years of deep discernment and 45 days of intense preparation during the second novitiate at Calicut, Kerala, they made the ultimate choice for Carmelite way of life. The solemn event was held at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte during the Eucharistic celebration at 3:30 PM. Provincial Superior Rev. Fr. George Santhumayor OCD presided over the Eucharistic celebration and received the brothers into the Order. Fr Lancy Lovis, the master of students, submitted the brothers to Fr Provincial. In the evening was the felicitation of these 5 gems with a cake and wishes.

OUR VOCATION IS SERVICE!

On the 9th of June 2022, 4 Carmelite Brothers, were ordained to the Order of Diaconate. The ordained Deacons were **Bros. Rakesh Parmar, Kiran Lobo, Melwin Lasrado and Nikesh D'Souza**. Rev. Fr. Ronald Serrao, the Rector of the Seminary, called out the candidates and presented them to His Excellency Most

Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha, the Bishop of Mangalore, who ordained them as Deacons during the solemn Eucharistic celebration.

A felicitation program was organised for the Carmelite Deacons in the Seminary premises. The felicitation program took a personal colour at the Monastery of St. Joseph's, Bikarnakatte. The graceful evening ended with the sharing of a fraternal meal.

SILVER BELLS RING IN THEIR PRIESTLY LIFE!

Frs. Cyprian Fernandes, Jerald Prakash D'Souza, Vincent D'Souza and Wilfred Pais thanked God on 23rd April for the gift of 25 fruitful years in the vineyard of the Lord as Carmelite Priests. The community of Sadbhavana along with the friars of Bengaluru region joined the jubilarians Frs. Jerald D'Souza and Cyprian Fernandes in praising the Lord through the Eucharistic banquet celebrated on 28th April. The Mass was presided by Fr. Jerald D'Souza. After the mass, all gathered at the quadrangle for the celebration which was compered by Fr Prakash D'Cunha. Fr George Santhumayor, Provincial raised the toast.

We thank God for these jubilarians and also remember their companions Frs. Wilfred Pais and Vincent D'Souza who are working in Tanzania and Canada respectively.

AMONG OUR FORMEES

COME AND SEE! On 19th June 2022 the Karnataka- Goa Province inaugurated the orientation Course at Avila Jyothi Mapusa. The Holy Eucharist was officiated by Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior George Santhumayor along with the Mapusa community. He acknowledged the formative team for accompanying these young minds and wished them well for the new academic year. After the Eucharistic celebration Fr. Provincial addressed the candidates and congratulated them for taking a bold step in their lives. This year, God has blessed our Province with 10 vocations.

HERE THEY COME! On the 1st of June, 8 brothers after completing their Initiation course joined Asha Deepa to pursue their PUC studies. The community arranged a colourful welcome and lunch to their parents and family members who escorted them. On June 9th the new academic year was inaugurated. Fr. Elias Dsouza presided over the community mass.

A PAT OF THEIR BACKS! Our brothers of Asha Deepa, Madanthyar have completed their Pre-University studies with flying colours. Following are their results:

Arts

1. Daniel Mathias -86.66 % (First in the college in Arts)
2. Helston Lobo -83.33 %
3. Ajith Dsouza - 75.83 %
4. Murali 72.33 %

Commerce

1. Rheyann fernandes- 89.83%
2. Royston Dsouza - 88%
3. Clavin Dsouza - 86.16%
4. Maflon Mascarenhas -80.83%
5. Royson lobo - 76%

We congratulate our Brothers for their excellent performance in their studies and congratulate the formative community of Madanthyar for guiding and constantly motivating them.

THUS, THEY BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY! Eleven brothers have begun their postulancy at Carmelite Monastery, Margao: Bros. Royson Sunil Lobo, Rheyann Prem Fernandes, Clavin Jason D'Souza, Maflon Macarenhas, Ajith Premson D'Souza, Mark, Daniel Wilson Mathias, Helston Jeethan Lobo, Royston D'Souza, Brayann Lobo, Rayan D'Souza and Christopher Britto. The last two are from Mumbai and have joined us only this year, after their graduation and post-graduation, respectively.

The course was officially inaugurated on 16th of June, 2022. Rev. Fr George Santhumayor, OCD Provincial Superior presided over the Mass. After the homily, the Provincial symbolically handed over the Carmelite breviary and formally initiated the brothers into postulancy.

TO SMELL THE FRAGRANCE OF CARMEL, THEY GO... On July 19th, the vestition ceremony of the eight postulants was held at Malisho, Carmelite Novitiate community, Tanzania. Rev. Fr Praveen Frank OCD, the Regional Vicar presided over the rite of vestition and initiated them to the novitiate. Out of the 8 novices, four are from Tanzania, two from Malawi and one each from Zambia and Sri Lanka. Before the supper the outgoing novices welcomed the new novices with a wishing song.

MY JESUS MY LOVE, I RESOLVE TO BE YOURS

1. The first religious profession of five of our novices Bros. Fleming D'Souza, Lickson Figreda, Roystan Itoric D'Souza, Vijay Roysten Sequeira and Wilton Fernandes was celebrated May 1st at Tapovana. The novices made their simple

profession in the hands of Rev. Fr. George Santhumayor, the Provincial Superior in the presence of over 20 Carmelite priests. Fr Richard Menezes conducted the choir sung by philosophy brothers and also steered the felicitation programme after the Eucharistic celebration. He introduced the five professed brothers and felicitated their parents for offering their sons to the Carmelite Order.

Thus, with this event, the number of the religious in our province has increased by 5 digits. On the previous day 30th April, six postulants were inducted into the Novitiate.

2. Four young novices said YES to the Lord on 20th July 2022 through the religious profession in the vicariate of Tanzania. They are Bros. Joachim Ndiale, Philipo Charles Chacha, Nezalius Mushema Cleophage and Paul Augustine Mbwambo. The Profession rite mass was presided over by Rev. Fr Praveen Frank, Regional Vicar with other concelebrants.

LUMINA PANDIT:

1. A 5-day social exposure was arranged for the Philosophy Brothers of Pushpashrama from 9th May. Eighteen Philosophy brothers along with Fr. Richard Menezes participated in several mission-oriented activities such as classes on “Mission in Action” by Fr William and on POCSO by Dr. Aravind P.S. They also renovated the house of a widow Mrs Geetha and cleaned the compound outside Prerana. In hands with the Swach Bharath Abhiyan, they cleaned the whole school campus and roads of Mudalamuchikere village. They also paid a special court visit and were specially permitted to see all the sections of the court and ask queries. Their camp also included a visit to the Brahma Kumari Vishwa Vidhyalaya, Jagalur.

2. The Theology brothers had a mission exposure camp for two weeks. 8 brothers were divided into 2 groups. The first group went for Sindagi, Bijapur from 1st to 15th of April. They spent their time staying in the houses of the locals and participating in their daily events. The second batch left for Huvina Hadagali, Bellary from 24th of April to 9th of May where they participated in various social works and in rural camps. The mission exposure was really enriching said the brothers.

WELL, BEGUN HALF DONE! The new academic year for theological studies was inaugurated at St. Joseph’s Monastery on 1st June during the Eucharistic celebration at 7 PM. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Charles Serrao, Superior and the homily was preached by Fr Lancy Lovis, the master of students. The total number of brothers this year count to 22 with 5 in the first year, 7 in the second year, 5 in the third and fourth year respectively.

LIGHTENED BY THE LIGHT WE GO! After a gap of couple of years, the St. Joseph's Seminary initiated Sunday ministry on the 12th of June 2022. Brothers were assigned to various parishes in Mangalore and various institutes such as old age homes, orphanages etc.

SPIRITUALITY INSTITUTES

'They set sail' - Dhyavanava, Mysore: The Holistic course in spirituality was inaugurated on the 3rd of July with the Solemn Eucharistic celebration at 11.30 am presided over by Msgr. Alfred Mendonca, the VG of the Diocese of Mysore along with other concelebrants. This was followed by lunch, which included varieties of dishes spread over the table. Presently there are 35 sisters for the course.

Dhyanashram, Rajodi:

Welcoming their lovely presence: On 17th May, the community delightfully welcomed Fr. Peter Pereira as a new member and on 9th June, Provincial Superior Rev. Fr. George Santhumayor paid a fraternal visit to the community.

Key events of Ryshivana, Mangalore:

a. **Animal Husbandry:** Besides, the already existing piggery, Ryshivana added few cages for the Rabbits. A male calf was donated by the Kotekar Nuns, so now altogether three roam the campus.

b. **Eco-friendly Way of the Cross:** The beautiful Yoga Garden is the annual venue for the Stations of the Cross. The aroma from the herbal garden attracts even the not so young in a spirit of true penance!

c. **A Tedious Hunt for Cooks:** Miss Teresa and Miss Meena, the long serving cooks decided to bid good bye to Ryshivana. It took quite a while before suitable replacements were done.

d. **Convocation Day:** The annual Convocation celebration was held on 14th March. After the Solemn Eucharist, Fr. Provincial delivered the Convocation address and distributed the certificates.

e. **A New Book on the Shelf:** Fr. Deep Fernandes, the Councillor in charge of Spirituality, released the book "A Path to Happiness: Gautama Buddha and Friar John of the Cross," written by Fr. Wilfred Rodrigues.

f. **Annual Sight Seeing:** The community travelled to Gulbarga and also saw historical sites like Aihole, Pattadakallu, Bijapur, etc for their annual sightseeing programme. Introduction to the eclipsed roots of Carmel in Bijapur by Fr. Joe Tauro was worth the trip.

g. **Open to the Lay Apostolate:** The institute is much sought after by the laity for their retreats and seminars. Jesus Youth, Gentlemen Sodality, St. Aloysius

Team, Vincent D' Paul Society are just a few to be named among the many. Swami Natarajanand of Ramakrishna Mission from Varanasi paid a friendly visit to Ryshivana.

h. **Water venture:** The long-standing dream project of a secure water source for our compound was taken up. Though the work of sinking an open well with rings, started right earnest under the able leadership of Fr. Joseph D'Souza, it had to be halted on account of the incessant rains!

Divine Springs, Xellim:

a. In the month of **April**, retreats were conducted for the Goa Diocesan theologians, Belgaum diocese deacons, sisters of different congregations. Fr. Denis Misquith arrived at Divine Springs as a new member of the community.

b. Divine Springs was busy with retreats for the entire month of **May** for religious, Priests and laity. The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima was celebrated on May 13.

c. In **June**, few sisters and lay people came for quiet time and some personal guidance. The children of St. Mary's School, Chinchinim, spent some time receiving input sessions on value education.

Dhyana Sadhana, Mysore:

a. **Spreading wisdom:** Dhyana Sadhana organized Seven-week psycho-spiritual Integration and Inner healing course and the response was overwhelming. Almost 90 religious participated in the course. Two weeks Administration and legal course was organised in the month of June with the collaboration of Rev. Dr. Clifford Ignatius D'Souza. There were almost 80 participants from various congregations. On 15th July, the eight-month certificate course in Holistic Spirituality was initiated for the 19th batch. There are around 30 residential and 13 CSST day scholars for the selected courses.

b. **A well needed face lift:** A Lot of renovation has taken place such as the library roof has been redone, wash rooms, plumbing work is completed and external painting of the whole building is done. New water softener is installed.

WORKS OF CHARITY

Prerana Social Welfare Centre, Jagalur: *"Whatever you did to them, you did to me":*

a. On 14th May, scholarship for a MBBS student Miss Akshatha H.M. who is the daughter of daily wage labourers and on 1st June scholarships for poor girl students of Jagalur, Hadagali and Koteswar were given by the centre.

b. Clothes collected from different places were distributed to the poor families of Devikere village on 28th May.

c. On 6th June, the centre sponsored the education of five brothers of Asha Deepa, Madanthyar.

d. On 8th June, books were distributed for free for 6 needy students of Jagalur.

e. On 21st June, the centre organised world Yoga Day with the collaboration of Yoga and naturopathy government hospital which witnessed the participation of over 400 people.

f. On 9th July, 'Garbha Sanskara' awareness camp for pregnant women and future mothers of Mallapura village was organised by the centre for which over 80 people participated.

In response to all the good deeds that flow from this centre to the people of Jagalur without considering their religion, caste and politics, the community gladly received a new vehicle 'Cruiser Trax' sponsored by LIC Golden foundation arrived to on 6th May in gratitude.

Dhyana Jyothi Trust, Bengaluru: *Extending the merciful hand of God:*

On April 25th, Dhyana Jyothi Trust, distributed scholarships to the children of differently abled parents under the banner Carmel Vision for Future. 39 Children of thirty visually impaired parents were provided scholarships in Bengaluru. This year around Rs 10 lakhs were given in scholarships.

CARMELITE PARISHES

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HEGDE NAGAR:

Educating the young minds: The annual catechism day was celebrated at St. Mary's church Hegde Nagar, Bangalore on 13th of March 2022. The solemn eucharistic celebration was celebrated by parish priest Fr. Boniface D' Souza. After the mass, a short program was conducted by parish youth. Parents of the children were also present for the program.

Seeking Marian virtues: The solemn blessing and inauguration of the grotto of Mother Mary was inaugurated by our Provincial Fr George Santhumayor on the 17th of April 2022. He celebrated the mass at 7:00A.M after which the grotto was inaugurated. Fr. Provincial also thanked the donor who helped to build the grotto.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, VIJAYANAGAR

May: On May 1st, the workers day was celebrated and the Diocesan Catholic association for Laity was newly formed. Around 25 members were registered. On the next day, house blessing commenced after the long gap of two years. On 8th

i.e., the vocation Sunday, the SVP association supported 8 families with grocery and educational help was given to 9 children. On 13th, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima was celebrated with creative Rosary along with Children and on 15th the youth celebrated the World Family Day by collecting good clothes for poor families.

June: On 5th June, the inaugural ceremony of the catechism for the year 2022 was celebrated and on the same day, the Diocesan Women association was newly formed. On 19th, the World Father's Day was celebrated and on 23rd, the Triduum for the celebration of the feast of St. John the Baptist began with the flag hoisting. On 25th, Fr. John Pinto, the superior of Kushalnagara, blessed the newly constructed staircase, furnished hall, bath rooms, windows glasses etc. On 26th the parish Feast of St. John the Baptist church was celebrated with the con-celebration of 11 priests. The feast involved the car procession and charismatic healing service.

July: On 3rd, the parish organized hobbies day and the children beautifully exhibited their talents and interests.

STELLA MARIS COMMUNITY AND ST. SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH, HONNAVAR

He is alive! On April 16th and 17th, Easter was celebrated in grand manner at St. Sebastian Church, Matadakeri. Fr. Peter D'sa was the main celebrant for the solemn Eucharist. After the Holy Eucharist, vehicles were blessed. In view of Easter festival, Cricket Match was organized between Parish Youth and Men.

Ordinations at Matadakeri: Three OFM cap deacons were ordained as priests on April 22nd 2022, by Rt. Rev. Dr. Derek Fernandes, the Apostolic Administrator of Karwar Diocese at Stella Maris, Carmelite Monastery, Matadakeri. One deacon was from Matadakeri Parish, others two were from Koppa, Chikmagalur Diocese and Yellapur, Karwar Diocese. Around 80 priests attended the Ordination ceremony. After the ceremony, Felicitation programme was organized. OFM Cap Provincial thanked and appreciated the Parish Community and Stella Maris Community for the beautiful arrangement and Organization of the Programme and the cooperation.

His merciful gaze is all we need! The Divine Mercy feast was celebrated on April 24th with the adoration conducted by Fr. Suresh Saldanha. Fr. Nelson D'Souza OFM Cap, the newly ordained priest from Matadakeri Church, celebrated the festal mass. After the Eucharist, felicitation programme was organized for Newly Ordained Priest, Fr. Nelson D'Souza.

Holding the beads, grasping her hands: A month's Rosary and Prayers of the Church were organized and conducted by St. Monica Women Association every

day. The Rosary prayers were distributed to the wards every day and after the prayers sweets were distributed to the people. On June 9th, foundation Stone for the construction of the new grotto and the cross was blessed by Fr. Peter D'Sa near National Highway Road, Matadakeri.

Praise and worship with exalted spirits!

29th April 2022: Charismatic Retreat was organized from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Stella Maris Carmelite Monastery ground, Matadakeri on April 29th 2022. Rev. Fr. Franklin D'Souza, from Shimoga Diocese preached a beautiful retreat. Fr. Juze Anton D'Souza kept the congregation lively and active through his action songs and praise and worship. Around 580 people participated in the retreat.

20th May 2022: Stella Maris Carmelite Fathers, Matadakeri organized one day Charismatic Retreat especially for children and students. Rev. Fr. Roman Pinto from Shimoga Diocese preached and prayed specially for all the children and students. There were 380 participants.

17th June 2022: A day's charismatic retreat was organized and Rev. Fr. Bonaventure from Karwar Diocese preached a beautifully on the importance of family life and special prayers and inner healing was conducted for families with the assistance of Fr. Juze Anton D'Souza and Mr. Alban Fernandes.

15th July 2022: A day's charismatic retreat was organized and Fr. Salvador Rodrigues preached a beautiful sermon on the importance of Scapular and Mother Mary in our families. Fr. Cyprian D'Silva, Karwar Diocesan Priest and Fr. Juze kept the congregation lively with their prayer songs with the music by Mr. Christenv Fernandes. Around 580 people participated in the retreat. After the Festal Eucharist, all the participants were given the blessed Scapular.

Infant Mary Church, Bajjodi

On the path of light and love: The Sunday Catechism Year 2022-23 was inaugurated on June 5th with the Enthronement of the Bible. All the teachers and one representative from each class came in procession to the Altar. During the Holy Mass, the Catechism teachers were called to renew the vows and commit themselves to the ministry of teaching Catechism. Fr. Ivan D'Souza introduced the teachers and wished them all the best. The liturgy was coordinated by the Catechism Coordinator Mrs. Janet D'Souza and Catechism Teachers.

Tenth & PUC Toppers honoured at Infant Mary Parish, Bajjodi: A short felicitation programme was conducted on Sunday, July 17th for 10th & PUC toppers after the 9.15am Mass. The toppers were honoured with a Memento, Cash and bouquet. The other successful students were honoured with a gift and bouquet by Fr. Deep Fernandes.

Laudato Si Sunday: ICYM Bajjodi unit and Commission for Ecology organized Laudato Si Day on July 10th in the church premises. Parish Priest Fr. Ivan D'Souza presided as the Chief Guest. The youth & Children planted 35 saplings in the pots.

Ludo Championship for Altar Servers held: Ludo Championship for Altar Servers was organized on the 16th of July. The tournament was inaugurated by Fr. Ivan Dsouza, Parish Priest Bajjodi and the event was managed by Animators.

Our Lady of Fatima chapel, Xellim:

A toast to our heroes! On 24th July, Grandparents' and Senior Citizens Day was celebrated. Fr. Praveen Pinto celebrated mass. He also sang a song composed specially for the grandparents. The catechism children and catechists prepared lovely cards for the grandparents and senior citizens. The youth personally visited the homes of those grandparents who were sick to distribute cards and roses. They also distributed fruit plants for 100 parishioners. The plants were sponsored by Polem punch Anup. The theme was 'green concept' and 'stop global warming'. The celebration ended with snacks distributed by the confraria community for the entire parishioners.

CARMELITE MONASTERIES

Carmelite Monastery, Margao

Divine Mercy of God, so forgiving and healing! The Divine Mercy Movement in the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman has been entrusted to the Carmelites since five years. So far 137 Divine Mercy Groups in Parishes / Chapels all over Goa have been established. On 21 April, 2022, Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrão, the Archbishop-Patriarch of Goa and Daman, approved the guidelines and released them during a solemn Eucharistic celebration on 24th April at the Carmelite Monastery, Margao. Representatives from many groups participated in the celebration.

On 25 April, 2022, he appointed the Executive Committee comprising the following members: Fr. Silvestre D'Souza OCD (President) and Br. John Malvino Alfonso (Executive Secretary-cum-Treasurer), Fr. Manuel Gomes (South Goa) and Fr. Freddy Lobo (North Goa) and three lay persons: Ms. Natalia Neri Pereira (North Zone); Ms. Shamin Pereira (Central Zone) and Mr. Jose Dias (South Zone).

Br. Malvino is currently introducing and explaining the new guidelines to the Core-committees in the parishes which is evoking a good response.

The Encyclical of Pope John Paul II, "*Dives in Misericordia*" which was translated by Br. Malvino during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, has been revised and published by the Divine Mercy Movement as "*Kaklutichi Girestkai*." Two other books on various aspects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Corporal and

Spiritual Works of Mercy, as aids for spiritual reading in the Groups are being prepared.

To Jesus, through Mary! The faithful devotedly recited the rosary led by the Secular Carmelites and Legion of Mary every day during the month of May, before all the Masses. There were two special celebrations on 13th, the commemoration of Our Lady of Fatima and on 31st, the Feast of the Visitation and closure of the month, with participation of children, led by the Catechists.

Let the little children come to me! After conducting the Catechism classes on line for nearly two years, we resumed regular activities at the monastery on 12 June, 2022. Over 250 children have enrolled from classes 1 – IX. It was a joy to see so many children at the Monastery once again. They have a special mass at 9.30 am.

“Cor unum et anima una” The CRI – Goa Unit, has a new Executive Committee and Fr. Silvestre D’Souza has been elected the Vice-President. The last Executive Committee were given an extension of two years, due to the pandemic. The new Executive Committee was installed by the Archbishop of Goa, during the General Body meeting of the CRI, at the Pastoral Institute, Old Goa on 24 July, 2022.

St. Joseph’s Monastery, Mangalore

God bless the generous givers:

Benefactors’ day was celebrated on the 13th of June with the Novena mass at 6:00 pm. The community organized this event to collectively thank the benefactors and the well-wishers of the Monastery and Infant Jesus shrine who help them in various capacities. After the mass, there was a small celebratory event with games, songs and two skits by the OCDS and the brothers. Over 250 friends gathered for this event and all were provided with a festal dinner.

Carmel Nivas, Londa

Glorious St Joseph, we revere you: The Annual feast of St Joseph was celebrated at the substation at Ramnagar on May 1st. Fr Rathan Almeida was the main celebrant. He spoke on the dignity of labour and the exemplary life of St Joseph. On the same evening Bro Loy Crasta, the regent was accorded a meaningful adieu as he proceeded for his theological studies.

Another milestone: Rev Fr Melvin D’Cunha, Provincial Councilor in charge of apostolate and social works paid a maiden visit on May 14th to Carmel Nivas as well as Mount Carmel School. During the visit, he also inaugurated the lights of the school and the parking facility for the buses. We thank Fr John Corta and Rev

Fr Luis Aristogui Gamboa of Obra Maxima and Fr Rudolph Dsouza OCD for going out of their way to support us.

Here we go: After a brief but relaxing holiday, the school reopened on May 22nd. The children were welcomed very creatively by opening the school gate by the Principal and the correspondent. Indeed, they were very excited to start anew. On June 1st, the little children were welcomed to Mount Carmel School as they started a long journey of learning. The children and parents were thrilled at the originality of the teachers.

With Green Soldiers: International Environment Day was observed along with the green soldiers belonging to the Jagalpet zone on 9th June at Mount Carmel School. The students were given a pep talk on the importance of protecting nature. The students not only planted the saplings but were also inspired to take care of them in the days to come.

Healthy Soul in a Healthy Body: International Yoga Day was observed at Mount Carmel school on June 21st. On the occasion, the students contorted their bodies to various asanas.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CANADA

Taste and see! On April 16th and 30th, 67 children received the sacrament of First Eucharist at St. Thomas More Parish. On June 2nd, 78 children were administered the sacrament of confirmation by Rev. William Mc Grattan, Bishop of the diocese of Calgary.

Farewell and welcome: 16th of July was a day of mixed emotions for the Mount Carmel spirituality center at Edmonton. On this day as we celebrated the Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel, Fr. Roshan Dsouza took charge as the new superior and Fr. Mario Fernandes the previous superior was given a grand farewell. 350 people participated in the event. During the mass, scapulars were blessed and distributed. Rev. Fr. Jerald Dsouza, the Delegate Provincial preached a wonderful homily. After the mass, all gathered in the cafeteria to thank Fr. Mario Fernandes and welcome Fr. Roshan Dsouza. Deacon Frank Sharma coordinated the whole program wonderfully.

Stampede breakfast: The Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas More Parish organized the stampede breakfast on the 17th of July 2022, as the part of Calgary stampede after the 8.30 am mass. 250 people enjoyed the pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, fruits, juices and coffee.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Provincial visit to the Rainbow nation: Fr George Santhumayor, Provincial Superior visited South Africa from 27 May to 08 June 2022. He visited Benoni and Cape Town Communities and also the cloistered nuns. During his visit, a couple of properties were studied in view of buying one for our new monastery at Cape Town. One property is finalized and negotiations are going on for a final deal.

TIDINGS FROM CLOISTERED CARMELS

Mangalore Carmel: On 11th April, Sr. Shermila A.C. joined for the “Come and See” programme and on 21st April, Miss Mary Matilda joined us as a postulant. On 9th May, the community bid goodbye with heavy hearts to Sr. Maria Benedicta of the cross along with Sr. Jacintha as she took flight to Raipur Carmel in view of helping them for one year.

Bangalore Carmel:

a. **The Golden delight:** On the 16th of May, the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Anne Therese of the Holy Face and Sr. Mary Aloysia of the Blessed Trinity was celebrated. 14 family members came to share their joy and gratitude to God. Many friends and benefactors of the community were also present for the Thanksgiving mass. Archbishop Peter Machado, Provincial Fr. George Santhumayor and 7 other Carmelite Fathers joined for the celebration.

b. On July 16th, the community had the joy of celebrating Our Lady’s feast with Provincial Fr George Santhumayor along with Frs. Vinod Lobo and Fr. Kevin Fernandes.

c. The community also had a retreat from 1st -8th of July 2022.

Mysuru Carmel: On 16th July 2022 the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was solemnised with the presence of the Bishop of Mysore Rev. Dr. K. A. William and the newly elected Episcopal Vicar for Religious Rev. Fr. Dominic vas OCD. Nearly two hundred and fifty people gathered to enhance the joy of the celebration.

Baroda Carmel:

The Bride of Christ: On 24th June 2022 the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Sr. Suman Maria of the Blessed Trinity professed the evangelical vows for life. After pronouncing the vows, the main celebrant, the spiritual director of the novices, in his homily gave a wonderful explanation of the vows and of how wonderful it was to place the vows in the Sacred Heart there to be kept forever. The family of Sr. Suman had never witnessed a profession were thrilled to see their dear sister in her mantle, crowned with a crown of white roses.

Flos Carmeli! The community of Prem Jyot had the joy of celebrating the solemnity with a great number of people in the newly enlarged chapel. The nine days of Novena for the feast was based on the theme 'Mary waiting on God the Father and realizing her vision of being handmaid of the Lord and then waiting on him for her mission to manifest JESUS to the world.' The festal Eucharist was celebrated by Definitor General Rev. Fr. Pius James D'Souza who preached a thought-provoking homily. After the mass, all the faithful were given individual packets with snacks to celebrate the occasion.

Bunda Carmel

In your love I commend myself: Sr. Teresa Beatrice is the second Tanzanian to make her Solemn Profession at Bunda Cloistered Carmel on 23rd July. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. Aureus Mwinuka, the first councillor of the Vicariate and Fr. Edwin Mushi animated the liturgy and solemn profession rite. She hails from Dodoma, the Capital city of Tanzania, being the 8th child among 9 children. After finishing her university education, she joined the Order of Carmel in 2014 and in 2017 made her First Profession.

SECULAR CARMEL: OCDS

New OCDS Provincial Council of the Karnataka-Goa Province

The newly elected Provincial Council of the OCDS of the Karnataka- Goa Province which took place on 10th July at Carmel Hill, Bikarnakatte are as follows:

- President: Mr Sebastian Mendes (Our Lady of Mt Carmel Community, Margao).
- 1st Councillor: Mrs Dr Laveena D'Mello (St Teresa of Avila Community, Bikarnakatte, Mangaluru).
- 2nd Councillor: Mrs Jessy Pinto (St Joseph's Community, Mira Road, Mumbai).
- 3rd Councillor: Mrs Maria Christina (Little Flower Community, Mysore).
- 2 Nominated Councillors: Mrs Anitha Shaini (St Elizabeth of the Trinity Community, Mira Road, Mumbai); Mr Roy Rodrigues (St Therese of Child Jesus Community, Lar, Margao).

We congratulate all the elected as well as nominated members of the new OCDS Provincial Council and accompany them through our prayers.

OCDS- Margao

1. St. Therese of the Child Jesus Community (Lar de Sta Terezinha, Pajifond, Margao): On 17 June, the Provincial Rev. Fr. George Santhumayor, presided over the Eucharist and admitted Sinthu Saumika K Crasta to the Temporary Promise

and Mrs. Victoria Tereza A Burman into Initial Formation – I, with the vestition of the Scapular. 5 new aspirants Aleeta D’Souza, Conrad Mendes, Concy Mendes, Joyce Fernandes and Edel Nair were welcomed. On 17th July, 6 new candidates joined the “come and see” programme during the Fraternity meeting.

2. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community (Carmelite Monastery, Malbhat, Margao): On 24th July, Fr. Deep Fernandes, Delegate Provincial of the Secular Carmel admitted five members to the Temporary Promise: Mrs. Anne Dias, Mrs. Cheryl Fernandes, Mrs. Elsa Fernandes, Mr. Mathil Jane and Mrs. Sophie Viegas. Mrs. Anna Da Costa and Mrs. Inez Fernandes Initial Formation and were vested with the Scapular and 5 aspirants Miss Ashreena Mendes, Miss Diela Dias, Mr. Gleeson Ozario, Mrs. Gracy Corte, Mrs. Nalini Figueireido were registered for the “come and see” programme.

OCDS – Mapusa

The long-standing dream of having the Order of the Secular Carmel (OCDS) was realized on 19th June 2022. After the completion of the *Come and see* programme, 14 members entered into the Aspirancy i.e., first stage of formation. The Inaugural mass was celebrated by Provincial Superior Rev. Fr. George Santhumayor along with the community of Mapusa. He handed the Carmelite Emblems to the OCDS Members and wished them every success as they begin their journey in Carmel. We also congratulate Fr Macson Dabre, the Spiritual Assistant of the OCDS for his strenuous efforts in establishing the OCDS community at Mapusa, Goa.

OCDS - Ranipura

On June 15, 2022 twelve Secular Carmelite Aspirants of St. John of Cross community of Ryshivana, Ranipura entered into the Initial Formation I (novitiate). After sufficient instruction and preparation like the 12 disciples they were officially received by their Spiritual Assistant Fr. Wilfred Rodrigues OCD during a short but meaningful Vestition Ceremony. The entire community of Ryshivana Friars was present supporting them through their prayers.

OCDS at Bajjodi

On 17th of July, 2022, eight members of the Infant Mary community Lucy Crasta, Theresa D’Cunha, Celine Dsouza, Monica Dsouza, Margaret Gama, Hilda Monis, Leena Cornelio and Tina Dsouza made their temporary promises in the presence of Fr. Deep Fernandes, OCD, Delegate Provincial of OCDS and Fr. Ivan Dsouza, Spiritual Assistant of OCDS Bajjodi Unit. Cultural event followed the Mass. The OCDS members exhibited their talents with a Joke and a skit. The 8 members cut

the cake as they were congratulated by the other community members with a meaningful wishing song.

The Province rejoices in witnessing our lay brethren living the charism of the Order of Carmel and prays that through them the essence of Carmel may spread abundantly.

TO YOU WE BOW, OUR QUEEN, SISTER AND MOTHER!

Celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in various communities

1. Sadbhavana, Bangalore: The Sadbhavana community celebrated the solemnity of our Lady of Mount Carmel on 17th July with the benefactors and well-wishers of the Province. The mass was presided over by Fr. George Santhumayor and the preacher was Fr Regan D'Souza. After the mass, scapulars were distributed followed by festal meal.

2. St. Joseph's Monastery, Mangalore: The celebrant for the mass was Fr J. B. Saldanha, the Parish Priest of Bejai. The mass was celebrated on 16th of July at 6:00 PM which witnessed the gathering of a great multitude of people. After the mass, the fraternal festive meal was shared with the religious, priests and deacons of our diocese.

3. Dhyanavana, Mysore: The Eucharistic celebration was solemnized by Rev. Fr. Dominic Vas who also preached a meaningful homily. The sisters prepared a very meaningful liturgy. There was also an inspiring prayer service organized on the previous day and an entertaining stage program to wish the fathers.

4. Prerana Social Welfare centre, Jagalur: On 17th, Mount Carmel feast was celebrated in the Jagalur mission station. On this day, recollection and meeting was held here for the CRI of Little Flower Zone. Fr. Vishan gave a recollection talk on Consecrated life and evangelization. Fr. Ronald celebrated the Mass and Fr. William preached.

4. Divya Sadan-Carmel Niketan Geddalhalli: 31 Religious Congregations gathered at Divya Sadan on Sunday July 17, 2022. Fr Vijay D'Costa animated the prayer service and blessed the Scapulars. Fr Elias Daniel served the sumptuous monastic meal blessed by the new Parish Priest of Byrathi. Those who were present enjoyed the Carmelite hospitality and fraternity.

5. Hegdenagar, Bangalore: The solemn feast was on the 17th of July. Fr. Wilfred Frank was main celebrant of the mass. A large number of people were present for

all services in English, Kannada and Tamil languages. For the first time scapulars were distributed for all the devotees.

6. Asha Deepa, Madanthyar: Fr Joseph Cardoza, the dean of the Belthangady Deanery presided over the Eucharist and Fr Prakash Culaco, OFM Cap. preached an inspiring homily. A good number of Diocesan priests participated in the festal celebration. Fr Basil Vas the parish priest, spoke highly of the Carmelite friars and acknowledged them for their generous service in the parish.

7. Vijayanagar, Bengaluru: On 16th, the solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated with the distribution of scapulars and cakes.

8. Benoni, South Africa: On 16th July the feast was celebrated on a grand scale at Benoni. Every year this feast brings together people from different parishes to honour Mother Mary. The three days liturgy was animated by Our Lady of Loreto Parish, Kempton Park, St Joseph's Actonville, and Our Home Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. On July 17, festival continued, bringing people together for a fun fair. Over 2000 people came together at Benoni, Carmel Parish for this family fun day. There were varieties of food stalls, fun games, kiddies' corner, and other entertainment.

9. St. Thomas More Parish, Canada: The feast was celebrated on the 15th of July. The feast was preceded with 9 days of novena. Rev. Fr. Jerald Dsouza was the main celebrant and Fr. Rajesh Dsouza preached an inspiring sermon. 250 people participated in the festal mass. At the end of the mass scapulars were blessed and distributed. The joy of the feast was shared with all by cutting the cake and enjoying the potluck.

10. St Edmond's Parish in North Vancouver, Canada: The church was filled with faithful, including the Secular Carmel brethren on the 16th of July. Very Rev. Gary Franken, the Vicar General presided over the Eucharistic celebration. The Knights of Columbus with their official outfit accompanied the priests in the beginning and in the end of the mass. The celebration ended up with lunch for all attendees sponsored by OCDS and Catholic Women league.

11. Stella Maris, Matadakeri: The Solemnity was celebrated on the 17th of July. The Solemn Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Ronald Canute Tauro OCD. Fr. Peter D'Sa blessed the Holy Scapular and these were distributed to the faithful. After the Mass, festal breakfast was arranged for the people which was sponsored and prepared by 'Flos Carmeli' OCDS community members of St. Sebastian Church and some other donors of our Church.

12. Carmel Ashram, Koteswar: In preparation to the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the triduum was celebrated with the retreat preached by Bro.

Prakash D'Souza from Bandra Mumbai. The triduum was followed by the celebration on 16th of July at 5pm. Fr. Roshan Menezes OFM Cap, Episcopal Vicar of Religious of Udupi Diocese presided over the Eucharist and preached a soulful homily. The donors were honoured before the Eucharist and a meal was served to all the faithful towards the end. Scapulars were distributed to all the faithful. The Carmelite Family, members of the Secular Order and the Parishioners of Koteswar helped in the arrangements for all four days.

13. Avila Jyothi, Mapusa: The Solemnity was celebrated on the 17th of July at Avila Jyothi Community. The solemn mass celebrated by Fr. Fantino Pereira. Fr. Ivo Dias broke the Word of God. After the mass, scapulars were distributed to the faithful and a new grotto dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel was blessed by Fr. Ivo. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Jaffer and family for sponsoring the grotto. The architects Mr. Tyron and his wife Mrs. Joyce were felicitated with a bouquet of flowers and the role of Sr. Carmen Dabre in finding a benefactor for the project was acknowledged.

14. Carmel Bhavan, Huvina Hadagali: The feast was celebrated at Carmel Bhavan, Huvina Hadagali mission on 17th July. The faithful enthusiastically contributed towards the celebration of the feast by decorating our Lady's statue and the altar with colourful flowers and contributing for the festal meal. Fr Henry Moras with community, nuns from the nearby convent and 80 faithful. Fr Anil Prashanth preached the homily. After the Communion, the Holy Scapulars were blessed and distributed. A piece of cake was served to all and thereafter all the people gathered for the agape at Carmel Bhavan Hall.

15. Ryshivana, Mangalore: The Feast was solemnized at Ryshivana Ranipura on July 16, 2022 for the first time in its 16-year history. Around 225 people were present including priests and religious. Fr. Archibald Gonsalves presided over the Mass at which Fr. Wilfred Rodrigues OCD preached the homily. The OCDS community took an active part in the arrangements as well as in the Liturgy. While refreshments were served to all, around 150 invitees joined us for the dinner.

16. Carmelite Monastery, Margao: The feast was celebrated on 16th of July, 2022. The English Mass in the morning presided over by Fr. Savio Fernandes, Director of the Diocesan Centre for Youth and Fr. Romeo Monteiro, the Chancellor of the Archdiocese was the main celebrant at the festal mass in the evening. The theme was: *Mary, woman of the Eucharist*. During the Mass the Secular Carmelites with the Definitive Promise renewed their commitment.

During the novenas, reflections on all the Sacraments one by one and the Pastoral Theme: *Follow me*, were offered to the faithful. Fr. Anthony D'Souza led the

brothers (postulants) in prayerfully chanting the evening prayer every day along with the people.

17. Carmelite get together, Mysore: On July 17th, the Mysore diocese region had the Carmelite family get-together at Flos Carmeli Convent (CCR Sisters) on the occasion of the feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. The Concelebrated Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Dominic Vas and Fr. John Sequeira preached a meaningful homily. Later our philosophy brothers, under the leadership of Fr. Richard Menezes organized interesting games. The winners were awarded the prizes. The program concluded with a grand agape sponsored by Flos Carmeli CCR Sisters. Around 100 Carmelite priests, sisters and brothers participated in the celebrations.

18. Carmel Nivas, Londa: The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was celebrated with gaiety and piety. On July 15th the school children honored Mary and thanked her for the protection and care during the past years. The event was marked with a prayer service and cultural programme. On 17th, the feast was solemnized at the Parish and the substations. At Holy Family Church, the liturgy was animated by OCDS. At noon, the sisters and members of the OCDS came together for agape.

SIGNIFICANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Ranjan D'Sa has been appointed as the Spiritual Adviser for the Catholic Women's League (CWL) for the Diocese of Hamilton for five years. This appointment is in addition to the election to the Presbytery Council as a representative of all the religious of the diocese made on 4th June 2022.

Fr Sunil Rodrigues has 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 he is awarded with licentiate in Philosophy from Lateran University, Rome.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Arrival of our Friars

- April 19 – Fr Jerome Mascarenhas from Canada
- April 23 – Frs Raymond Santhanaz and Roshan Pinto from Tanzania
- April 24 – Fr Viay Martin from Canada.
- April 28 – Frs. Ivan Monteiro and Ronald Sequeira from Denver
- April 30 – Frs. Mark Furtado and Noel D'Cunha from Rome, Italy.
- June 13 – Fr Canute Tauro from Manila.

- June 30 – Fr Pius James D’Souza from Rome
- July 01 – Fr Stany Rodrigues from Tanzania
- July 28 – Fr Marie Joseph from Cape Town, South Africa

Departure of our Friars:

- May 21 – Fr Rudolf D’Souza to Canada.
- May 27 – Fr Ivan Monteiro to Denver.
- May 29 – Fr Ronald Sequeira to Denver.
- June 15 – Fr Mark Furtado to Rome.
- June 23 – Frs. Raymond and Roshan to Tanzania
- July 06 – Fr Noel D’Cunha to Rome.
- August 07 – Fr Jerome Mascarenhas to Canada.
- August 25 – Fr Pius James D’Souza to Rome.

TRANSFERS

- Fr Anil Prashanth Lobo – Carmel Bhavan, Huvina Hadagali, Bellary.
- Fr Ronald Furtado – Prerana, Jagalur, Davangere.
- Fr Jason Coutinho – Avila Jyothi, Mapusa, Goa.
- Fr Aaron Babusha Rodrigues – Asha Deepa, Madanthyar, Mangalore.
- Fr. Kevin Fernandes – Carmelite Monastery, Margao; Fr Sunil D’Souza – Krista Shanti Dham, Mira Road, Mumbai. Both of them are waiting for their visa to go to Canada.

DAYS TO BE REMEMBERED

- ✚ August 16 to September 11 – Provincial’s Visit to Europe.
- ✚ September 03, 2022 – Priestly Ordination of Dn. Frank Sharma, Canada.
- ✚ September 19-22, 2022 – Junior Priests’ meeting, Emmaus, Mapusa.
- ✚ September 27, 2022 – Inauguration of Kadaganchi Monastery.
- ✚ October 01, 2022 – Solemn Profession, Mangalore Carmel.
- ✚ October 05, 2022 – Diaconate of Br Naveen Lobo, Infant Jesus Shrine, Mangalore.
- ✚ October 07-08 – Pastoral Visitation, Bengaluru Carmel.
- ✚ October 09-15, 2022 – Superior General’s fraternal visit to our Province.
- ✚ October 10, 2022 – Meeting: Cloistered Carmel Sisters with the General, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru.
- ✚ October 14, 2022 – Superiors Meeting, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru.
- ✚ October 14, 2022 – Solemnity of St Teresa of Avila, Patroness of the Province, Sadbhavana.

- ✚ October 15-16, 2022 – Provincial Council, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru.
- ✚ October 19 to November 20, 2022 – Course for Cloistered Carmel Nuns, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru.
- ✚ October 23-24, 2022 – OCDS Congress (Konkani Group), Pastoral Centre, Bajjodi, Mangalore.
- ✚ November 21-23, 2022 – Plenary Council, Ryshivana, Mangalore.
- ✚ November 26-27, 2022 – Regional Congress of OCDS, Lar, Margao.

PROVINCIAL'S ENGAGEMENTS

August: 01-15 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 16 August to September 11 – Pastoral and fraternal Visitation in Europe.

September: 12-18 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 19- Mangalore; 20 – Young Priests' meeting, Emmaus; 21-22 – Mangalore; 23-26 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru; 27 – Inauguration and Blessing of Kadaganchi Monastery. 29-30 – Sadbhavana, Bengaluru.

October: 01 – Solemn Profession at Mangalore Carmel; 02-04– Mangalore; 05 – Diaconate at Carmel Hill; 07-08 – Pastoral Visitation, Bengaluru Carmel. 09-15 – General's visit; 15-16 – Provincial Council, Sadbhavana, Bengaluru;

Thanking you

Fraternally yours in Carmel

Rev. Fr. George Santhumayor, OCD
Provincial Superior